



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your son or daughter has volunteered to participate in the outdoor education program at Calvin Crest as a cabin leader. The Outdoor School program includes learning about the outdoors, social growth, and personal maturing. There are at least five hours of class time each full day of participation and additional learning is integrated throughout the program.

Education is the result of various learning experiences. We feel your son or daughter can obtain valuable leadership and educational experience while living with and observing elementary students during their week here. The cabin leader's responsibility will be to provide leadership to a small group of students (approximately 7 students) for most of each 24 hour day, and to assist the classroom teachers. Cabin leaders will be under the direct supervision of qualified staff at all times. Cabin leaders will not be responsible for the educational program, however, if they have special talents in a particular area, they may assist. Teachers and Calvin Crest staff will be responsible for the educational program.

Calvin Crest is located approximately one hour north of Fresno and Madera (20 minutes north of Oakhurst), east of Highway 41 at 5,000 feet elevation. There are housing, dining, and recreational facilities on site. Each cabin is heated and equipped with bunk beds and mattresses. Bathrooms have private restroom and shower stalls and plenty of sinks. There are approximately 25 Calvin Crest staff living on site.

Oakhurst is equipped with 12-hour/day medical services. In the event your son or daughter becomes ill or is injured and needs medical attention, we will make every effort to contact you as soon as possible. If there is an emergency at home and you need to visit or call, please notify Calvin Crest (559.683.4450) and the school. We will do what we can to make the necessary arrangements to meet the need of the situation.

Cabin leader participation is on a voluntary basis. They will be furnished room, board, and transportation to and from Calvin Crest. Cabins are equipped with beds and mattresses, but cabin leaders must furnish either bedding or a sleeping bag and pillow. Please see our suggested clothing and equipment list and note that we will be spending the majority of the time outside in sun, rain, or snow. Please watch weather forecasts on television and check the weather link on our website (www.calvincrest.com) for current forecasts.

Should you choose, you may write to your son or daughter while they are here. It takes 3-4 days for mail to reach Calvin Crest, and mail that arrives on Friday does not come before schools depart. Letters mailed Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday will most likely reach your son or daughter while (s)he is at Calvin Crest. We recommend enquiring at the post office as to delivery time for any mail you send. Should mail come after your child leaves Calvin Crest, we will do our best to return to sender. Please address mail to your students this way:

Calvin Crest Conferences
(Your student's name), (School name)
45800 Calvin Crest Road
Oakhurst, CA 93644

Calvin Crest has a small store where candy, sodas, t-shirts, and other items can be purchased. Cabin leaders will have access to the store each full day of their stay here. Please see the website for a current price list.

This experience has proven to be rewarding to our cabin leaders. Please fill out the necessary paperwork given to you by the attending school. If you have any questions, please contact the elementary school your son or daughter is volunteering with or me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Christina Melahn
Outdoor School Director

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