

Calvin Crest Outdoor School

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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the Calvin Crest Outdoor Education program. Your son or daughter has volunteered to participate in this activity as a cabin leader. Many elementary schools have participated in this outdoor science and conservation program for sixth grade students. This is a program in which the teacher and class go out-of-doors for a week to study the environment in its natural setting. The location of Calvin Crest is in the Sierra National Forest, midway between the southern border of Yosemite National Park and Bass Lake, at an elevation of 5,000 feet.

We have well equipped facilities, including winterized cabins, outdoor amphitheater, recreation areas, a lake, climbing wall, dining hall, kitchen, lounge and infirmary.

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.

Cabin leader participation is on a voluntary basis. They will be furnished board, room, and transportation to and from Calvin Crest. Beds and mattresses are furnished, but cabin leaders must furnish either bedding or a sleeping bag and pillow.

This experience has proven to be rewarding to our cabin leaders. Would you and your son or daughter please complete the attached forms and return them to the attending school's administration? Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to contact me at (559) 683-4450 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joel Gist
Outdoor Education Director
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