

Dear Chi Rho Campers and Families:

“R U Ready 4 A Gr8 Week?” It is just around the corner...Chi Rho Camp at the beautiful Community of the Great Commission will soon begin and I hope you are getting excited. So much fun awaits you, along with new friends and growing closer to God! Let me introduce myself – I am Janet Chapman, and I am pastor of First Christian Church of Selma. I am really looking forward to meeting you or getting reacquainted. I was last summer’s Keynote Speaker at Chi Rho Camp and am thrilled about returning this year as your Director. If you’ve been to camp before, you know what an incredible experience it is, but if you have not, I wanted to give you a glimpse of what to expect.

First of all, our theme this year is “Technicolor Stories: Tales in Biblical Proportions” and our keynote speaker will be Robert Shively, an exciting guy who will keep you on the edge of your seat. We are going to travel to the Promised Land, explore where God when bad stuff happens, look at what it means to love God and others, review the call of the disciples, and how to feed Christ’s sheep. Every morning we will have time to gather in small groups for Bible study and learning activities guided by our awesome counselors. In the afternoons, we will do such activities as swimming, basketball, volleyball, cards, and way cool crafts! At night we will have campfires, and sing under the stars. After dinner, we will have special all-camp activities. One of these will be “Christmas in the Summer” (yes, you read that right!). In order to get in the “Spirit” of the season, you may want to bring a few of your Christmas decorations or clothes for that special day, (nothing really big or valuable, please). Then, at the end of the week, we will have a “Talent/No Talent Show”. If you have a special talent, come prepared to share it. Or you may want to be involved in one of the skits that night. We will enjoy the luxuries of cabins with indoor bathrooms and spectacular meals in the new dining hall (just ask someone over 40 about what they used to have in the “olden” days).

Please read carefully the list of other things that you should, and should not bring to camp. I would like to emphasize a couple things - Please bring two pairs of closed-toe shoes, suitable for running and playing games. Flip-flops/sandals will only be allowed to/from swimming due to the potential for foot injuries. Be sure to bring a flashlight for returning to your cabin after our evening activities. **Please also bring a white tee shirt, bandana, or socks for tye-dye and mark it with your name or initials.** Please keep in mind that, although our camp ends on the Fourth of July, there will be no fireworks allowed due to the dryness of the mountain top.

God is calling us to a great week at camp! I look forward to meeting you all on Sunday, June 28, and in the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call me at the church phone number – 559-896-2691.

Peace,

Pastor Janet Chapman

CCNC-N SUMMER CAMP 2008

Staff Registration

(Please print; all information is required)

Legal Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Maiden _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Mailing address (if different than above) _____ Work Phone _____

Gender (circle one) M / F Age _____ Date of Birth _____ T-shirt size _____

Email _____ Occupation _____

Home Church _____ City _____

The camp at which you would like to serve: _____ Junior (completed grades 3, 4, 5) July 13 - 19
_____ Chi Rho (completed grades 6, 7, 8) June 29 – July 5
_____ CYF (completed grades 9, 10, 11, 12) July 6 – July 12

Special talents (1 check to indicate experience, 2 checks to indicate ability to lead)

Story telling	Game Leader	Drama	First Aid
Discussion Leader	Sports	Nature	Dance
Water safety	Crafts	Worship	Music

Other _____

Describe your previous leadership at camp and/or other youth programs. (Use reverse side, if necessary)

How do you plan to contribute to the faith journey of those involved in this Christian camp? (Use reverse side, if necessary)

The information above will be used to perform criminal background checks for every camp staff applicant. It is the policy of the regional church of N. California/Nevada to provide the safest environment for all campers and staff members. This information will be kept strictly confidential. Please read carefully and sign the following statement.

I have never been terminated from any employment or volunteer activity because I attempted or actually engaged in sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation or misconduct; physical abuse; child abuse; or drug or alcohol – related activities. I have never terminated any employment or volunteer activity to avoid facing charges of any conduct named above. I have never been accused of those activities. If I have been I have explained fully on an attached page.

While at camp, I will not offend or discriminate against or let anyone else offend or discriminate against any person because of race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender or age.

I have reviewed the policies of the regional camping program. I will abide by them as well as require the youth and adults with whom I work to abide by them. I hereby give consent for the Christian Church (DOC) of Northern California – Nevada to perform a criminal background search with the information provided on this application. I authorize any person or agency to respond to such request for background information.

I agree to hold harmless the Members, Directors, Officers, Employees, and Volunteers of the Christian Church (DOC) of Northern California-Nevada from any and all damages I may suffer as a result of said background search.

I declare all of the above to be true under penalty of perjury this _____ day of _____, 2____, at _____, California.

Please mail completed form Registration (pages 1-4) to: CCNC-N, 9260 Alcosta Blvd., C-18, San Ramon, CA 94583-4143

Signed _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Phone/Email References:

1. Name-Pastor _____ Phone _____ Email _____

2. _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Camp Counselor Covenant 2008
Christian Church of Northern California—Nevada

While at camp, all campers and staff, youth and adults, agree to live by the camp covenant:

In order to help create an environment in which faith may be deepened and Christian community experienced ...

I agree to be an authentic adult...
by setting an example of a Christian life style.

I agree to be physically and emotionally "present"...
by being enthusiastic about participating in all of camp.

I agree to be a good listener...
by understanding that it is more important that campers be heard and understood than it is for me to speak "words of wisdom."

I agree to be part of the "team"...
by pulling my share of the load.

I agree to be a servant leader...
by supporting the director(s), other staff, and the campers.

I agree to be "shock proof"...
by maintaining my "cool" and my sense of humor.
I will be firm when necessary, but will not embarrass
or belittle campers in front of others.

I agree to be "human"...
by being able to acknowledge my mistakes and accept the consequences;
by knowing my limits and accepting help from my fellow staff.
I will try to learn from others and allow campers
to learn from each other and from me.

I agree to be clear, open and honest in my communication...
in order to be a model for campers

I agree to model safe touch and appropriate behavior...
with campers and other staff.
When I am in doubt about appropriateness of behavior,
I will seek the counsel of my director(s).

I agree to be a mandated reporter...
by reporting all incidents of witnessed or verbally-shared abuse.

I agree to act responsibly...
by adhering to all of the rules, policies, and procedures of the camping program
of the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada.

I have read and agree to abide by the Camp Counselor's Covenant and the Policy for Off-Season Counselor/Camper
Contact I understand that serious violation of this covenant may result in my going home.

Counselor's signature _____ Date _____

Note: Smoking: 1) is unhealthy, 2) interrupts camp community by isolating individuals, and 3) represents a serious fire danger at C.G.C. Therefore, the Outdoor Ministries committee has decided that **all regional youth camps at CGC will be smoke-free for all campers and staff (regardless of age).**

Adult Medical Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Gender (circle one): M / F Camp (circle one): Junior / Chi Rho / CYF

The following information is required to ensure that your individual needs are met while attending camp. Information is confidential and will be made available only to those people who are directly responsible for your well being. In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the emergency contact. No person will be allowed to attend camp without a completed and signed copy of this form.

MEDICAL HISTORY: Have you been subject to any of the following? Please check all that apply.

	In past year	More than 1 year ago		In past year	More than 1 year ago
Diabetes			Hyperactivity		
Epilepsy			Convulsions		
Heart disease			Fainting spells		
Rheumatic fever			Tires easily		
Chicken pox			Nosebleeds		
Rubella			Eye/ear problems		
Mumps			Fractures		
Whooping cough			Muscle sprains		
Scarlet fever			Depression		
Hepatitis			Other (specify)		
Encephalitis					
Emotional problems					

Do you have any allergies? _____

Are your immunizations up to date? _____ Date of last tetanus booster: _____ Date of last DPT booster: _____
(Tetanus booster should be within last 10 years.)

Usual source of care: Physician _____ Phone no. _____
 Dentist _____ Phone no. _____
 Eye Doctor _____ Phone no. _____
 Glasses? _____ Contact Lenses? _____

Health Insurance Carrier and no.: _____

Are you currently under care of a physician? _____ Counselor? _____ If yes, please give additional information: _____

Do you have any special dietary needs? (Please specify food allergies, if vegetarian, etc.) _____

Is there additional information, which would be of help in promoting your welfare while at camp? _____

Are there activities that you should not participate in while at camp? Yes No If so, please explain _____

Information about Youth Camp at the Community of the Great Commission

Keep this page to help you plan for camp.

At the Community of the Great Commission, campers enjoy swimming, hiking, crafts, games, fun activities, and campfires under the stars. Worship, singing, Bible study, group discussions, and time for personal devotion enrich campers' lives throughout the week. Compared to other camps, CGC is small. Our focus is on building relationships with each other and with God. Camp staff members are chosen for their spiritual maturity and their commitment to outdoor youth ministry. They are adults who are themselves on a faith journey, and their desire is to encourage others to grow in faith. For the safety of all campers, each adult submits to a criminal background check. Additional forms and information about camp can be found on the regional church website at www.ccncn.org.

Location

CGC is located at 4,000 feet on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains, 25 miles east of Auburn. Although cooler than the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valleys, summer temperatures are still quite warm. Campers sleep in cabins that have wooden bunk beds with mattresses. Each cabin has a toilet and a shower. The camp has a beautiful swimming pool, trails for hiking, program buildings, athletic facilities and a brand new dining hall.

Medical Care & Emergencies

Medical care is provided by a Camp Health Supervisor who is certified in First Aid and CPR. The nearest hospital to camp is in Auburn. In case of emergency there are paramedic units located in Foresthill, about seven miles away. The camp phones are for emergencies and camp business only. If there is an emergency and you need to contact someone at camp, the camp phone number is: **530-367-2370** (the camp business line).

Mail at Camp

Campers (and counselors!) love to receive mail. Address letters and postcards to: Camper's Name, Community of the Great Commission, 30303 Chicken Hawk Road, Foresthill, CA 95631. Please be sure your mail has the correct postage. Remember, letters and postcards must be no smaller than 5 x 3 ½ inches. For items sent overnight or by FedEx, please sign the waiver so that it may be delivered without a signature. Do not send packages with food or other items inappropriate for camp (see below).

Arrival/Departure

The development of a special camp "community" begins the moment campers arrive at CGC. Campers who arrive late or leave early disrupt that development. All campers must arrive on time and stay through the end of camp. Chi Rho and CYF camps begin on **Sunday at 3:00 p.m.** while Junior camp begins on **Monday at 3:00 p.m.** All camps end on **Saturday at 11:00 a.m.** Camp staff members arrive one day before camp begins at a time determined by the camp director. The extra time is used to begin working together and to prepare for the campers' arrival.

Directions to CGC

Take I-80 East to Auburn. Just east of Auburn, take the Foresthill (Auburn Ravine Rd.) exit. Turn right, crossing the American River on California's highest bridge. Continue up the mountain through Foresthill. Approximately four miles past Foresthill, where you'll see the Baker Ranch Bar (on the left), turn right onto Michigan Bluff Road. Follow this steep winding road until you see the signs for the Community of the Great Commission. Travel time from Auburn is 45 minutes.

What to bring to camp

- ✓ Sleeping bag & pillow
- ✓ Clothes (keep in mind the warm weather at CGC and also the red dirt!)
- ✓ Appropriate swimwear
- ✓ Extra socks (they get dirty fast!)
- ✓ Long pants & long-sleeved shirt/sweatshirt for evenings
- ✓ Closed-toed shoes
- ✓ Sun block
- ✓ Bug spray
- ✓ Towel (for showers & swimming)
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ **Bible**
- ✓ Money for offering
- ✓ Resources for cabin games or devotionals
- ✓ Other supplies for camp activities (for workshops, singing, worship, etc.)
- ✓ Any other items indicated by the camp director in a director's letter sent out before camp begins

