

Dear Registering Parent or Guardian:

We are excited that you are registering a student to go to **Hume Lake summer camp** with Crossroads Student Ministries. Each year God does amazing work in students' lives as they go away to camp, and it is our goal to provide an environment within our student ministry that will challenge them and encourage growth in their life after camp. We want you to understand that going to camp is a major undertaking for our ministry each year, and as we grow it becomes more involved. We want you to understand the all of the **guidelines and deadlines** as you register.

THIS LETTER is how you register. An official registration form is attached at the bottom, as well as a copy of the commitment on the back of this form. The theme this year has not yet been released, but as we receive details we'll pass them on to you. We are going to camp the week of 7/18/10 through 7/24/10. A \$75 deposit check, made out to Crossroads, will reserve one of the spots for Ponderosa (those entering 9th-13th grades) or Meadow Ranch (those entering 6th-8th grades). Our registrar this year is Heather Mahoney— **all registrations and payments must go ONLY TO HER.** Please do not give money to anyone else or leave it on someone's desk.

Last year, we had a fireworks booth and so we were able to pay for buses and a portion of each student's cost for camp. We were not picked in the lottery in this year for a fireworks booth so our plan this year is slightly different. Hume Lake kept camp costs the same this year, in order to help families in this tough economy. We have to slightly raise the cost of camp this year in order to cover costs for transportation. We will be taking individual vehicles (vans and SUVs and covered wagons) to camp this year rather than taking charter buses. In light of that, **this year, the cost per student to go to camp will be \$450.** That's an increase of only \$25 from last year. That's less than 2 movie tickets! In addition to keeping camp costs the same, starting this summer students will also now receive a T-shirt, a DVD, and a camp photo for FREE. We recognize that regardless of the little goodies, we're still asking for the better part of \$500 for a week at camp. But we've looked at other camps, and none compare with Hume. They don't have the caliber of speakers, staffing, games, entertainment, or time spent with students. So while it is expensive, we think it's worth the investment. We're also giving you this letter far in advance. You have the option of making \$90/month payments towards your student's spot at camp, should you desire. We'll also have a few different fundraisers, outlined below.

Later this month we'll send our contracts to Hume for the spots we have for our week, and we'll front several thousand dollars in deposits for the spots. When a student commits to attend Hume by registering for one of the limited number of spots it excludes the chance of others signing up to go, so please be sure that your student is going to attend when you register them. The \$75 deposit is non-refundable because we need to be fulfill our promise to Hume Lake, and so we ask that if you register, you fulfill your promise to us. As time goes by and camp approaches it inevitably becomes more difficult for families to come up with the money for camp. Consequently, the deposit you submitted is **non-transferable and non-refundable. In addition, please note that all fundraised money is applicable only to paying for a student to get to camp and is non-transferable and non-refundable.** We appreciate your understanding attitude as we face the administrative work ahead of us! Again, a copy of the financial agreement is on the reverse side of this letter.

We strongly encourage you to make smaller, regular payments to your camp registrar only (Heather Mahoney), as this will benefit us all. Our goal is to have everyone half-paid by **June 13th**. Two important fundraisers for your student to plan for are the **car washes on May 8th and June 5th**. If a student sells the minimum 20 pre-sale tickets and comes to wash cars, the entire minimum of \$100 goes to their account, and they can sell way beyond the minimum. One student in the past paid their entire way to camp through fundraisers like the car wash! When students receive their tickets for the carwash they will sign an agreement for the return of tickets and/or money. We have 4 fundraisers currently scheduled for students to take part in, and one or two others that we are looking into. We will let students know the details of these as early as we can through announcements at youth group, flyers, and our website (csmisforlovers.org). We ask you to please be aware of all of these as we are trying to do all that we can to offer opportunities for students to raise the money for camp instead of just asking mom or dad. **Please concentrate on selling fundraiser stuff outside our church body** to avoid a selling frenzy, and do not sell on Sunday mornings at church.

In late June we will send you a packet of information with Hume release forms, packing instructions, the 'don't bring list', addresses so you can write to your student, luggage tags and loading day information. For more information about Hume Lake Camps please check out their website at humelake.org

If you have questions, please contact **Heather Mahoney** at heather@crossroadsgrace.org or at **275-2202**.
P.S. REGISTRATION IS ONLY THROUGH HEATHER MAHONEY AT CHURCH, OR THROUGH THE MAIL TO: Heather Mahoney, 1711 Pagola Ave, Manteca, 95337.

Remove and send this portion with your deposit

**Registration for 2010 Hume Lake Summer Camp through Crossroads
Ponderosa/Meadow Ranch (circle one)**

Name _____ Age _____ Parent's name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Grade entering in fall 2010 _____ Male _____ Female _____
Email address (parent's email preferably) _____

The total cost is \$450 per camper and is due in full by Sunday July 4th, (half-paid by June 13th), or the spot may be given to someone else. The \$75 deposit (non-refundable and non-transferable) is included in the price and is necessary to secure a spot. By signing up and paying the deposit you should be aware that you are committing to the spot, and that the balance must be paid by you even if you decide to not go (if we cannot fill the spot with someone else able to pay).

I understand the financial agreement and have read the above. _____
(Signature of parent or guardian)

Email of Parent/Guardian _____

Email of Student _____

This is a copy of the agreement at the bottom of the info sheet for you to keep

Ponderosa/Meadow Ranch (circle one)

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