



Ponderosa Frequently Asked Questions:

What grades attend Ponderosa high school camp?

- Those students entering grades 9-12 in fall of 2021.

What happens if COVID restrictions won't allow for camp to be run this year?

- If Hume Lake cannot run camp, we will reimburse each of you for your camp fees.
- Note: If Hume Lake is running camp, but you decide not to send your child, you will forfeit your payment.

Who are the counselors?

- The counselors are staff and volunteers from Calvary Church who have gone through a background check through Calvary and Hume Lake. We have spots for 50 kids and 8 counselors to join us this summer!

How many students are with each counselor?

- There are between 8 and 12 students with each counselor. They will stay with the other High schoolers that register through Calvary.

Where will my high schooler be sleeping?

- Your high schooler will be staying in the dorm-like cabins on site. They will be rooming with other students who registered with Calvary.

What if my child has dietary restrictions?

- Hume Lake can accommodate most dietary restrictions. They have a special meal plan for those who need a gluten free option. There is a salad bar in addition to each entree daily in case your child would prefer that. If you have a specific dietary concern, please contact Markel Croston for more information.

What if my child has a medication that he/she takes daily?

- Hume Lake has a full-time nurse on site to ensure that all the student's medical needs are met. If your student has daily medication, the on-site nurse will ensure that it's distributed.

What is the cell phone/iPad policy?

- In order to help your student to fully engage at Hume, there are no cell phones, iPads, Kindle Fires or any other devices allowed on the bus or at camp. If there is an emergency, you can contact Hume directly or Markel Croston, our youth director.

Can my student call me?

- Hume Lake does allow students to call home on one of the Meadow Ranch pay phones if they'd like to during the week. Though this is possible, please don't expect a call as your student has so many fun opportunities throughout the day.

Are there other students at camp?

- Yes! One of the highlights for our students is the chance to make friends with other campers from all over California. We usually see between 8 and 10 other church groups attending during our week at camp.

Does my child drive to Hume Lake?

- No. We will transport your child to and from Hume Lake in a charter bus. We will meet in the Calvary parking lot at 8:15AM on July 18 and will return to Calvary around 3:30PM on July 24th.

Are there other camp costs that I need to be aware of?

- Though all of the main camp activities and meals are provided for your student, there are many other opportunities to spend money while at camp. Your student will need to pay to rent kayaks or stand up paddle boards (\$10 for the afternoon). They will also need to purchase the ropes course or paint ball course for \$20. Hume Lake has camp infamous milkshakes that your kids will love! In addition, they can purchase an assortment of snacks, treats, camp swag and other items. Most students bring between \$80 and \$120 depending on what activities they're hoping to participate in.

What are the activities at Ponderosa?

- Some activities that your child can enjoy are: archery tag, swimming, zip-lining, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, swinging on a giant swing, high ropes course, and paint balling. They'll also enjoy singing worship songs, watching amazing skits about the Bible performed by the Hume staff and hear morning and evening devotionals. We almost forgot to mention: roller skating, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, the blob, the ring of fun, a skate park, rock jumping, rock sliding, and paint ball.

Why would my high schooler want to attend Ponderosa?

- Because it has been deemed as the "best week of my life" by Calvary students every year!

I love it! I'm IN! How do I register?

- Go to calvarypalisades.org/home on February 10th at 10AM to secure your spot!
We expect the High School spots to go very quickly so please be ready right at 10AM!

If you have other questions, please contact Markel Croston at mcroston@calvarypalisades.org