

## FAMILY CAMP 2023 General Information and Orientation

Campus by the Sea is a place to come away, meet God and be renewed. CBS provides a setting that is free from many of the mainland distractions. It is a place to appreciate nature and a simple lifestyle. An understanding of the following information and guidelines will make your stay at CBS a more enjoyable one.

## Facilities:

- **Cabins:** You will be assigned to a cabin or tent upon your arrival at camp. Because there is no electricity in the cabins you may want to consider bringing a battery operated lantern. Please no food in cabins! Wild animals WILL enter buildings to find snacks. Fines will be charged for any defacement of CBS buildings or equipment.
- Bedding: Please note: CBS DOES NOT SUPPLY PILLOWS, BLANKETS, SHEETS, OR SLEEPING BAGS. Bringing your own sleeping bag is recommended. Graco pack-n-play porta-cribs are available for babies, but you will need to bring bedding for them.
- **Bathrooms:** The bathrooms are centrally located in the bath pavilion with hot showers, sinks, toilets and electricity. Please bring your own towels.
- Water: CBS is located on a desert island where water is considered a precious resource; all campers are asked to conserve water as much as possible.

## Recreation:

- Waterfront: We offer swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling, inner tubes and boogie boards at the waterfront. On a sign-up basis, water tubing is available depending on sea conditions.
- Swimming: Swimming is allowed only at the stated times when lifeguards are on duty. Jumping or diving from the pier is not permitted. No SCUBA diving or spear fishing is allowed at CBS. Parents are expected to assist in supervision of minor children in and around the water.
- **Games:** We also offer basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, gaga ball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, hiking and campfires. Skateboards, roller-blades and mountain bikes are <u>not</u> permitted at CBS, or on trails. Please do not bring these items with you.
- **Hiking**: There are a few local hiking trails within the canyon of CBS and a more strenuous trail that goes beyond the camp property. Hiking outside of camp requires checking out at the camp office and hiking with a partner. Please no hiking or rock climbing on cliffs; no hiking to Avalon.

<u>Clothing</u>: Remember you will have to carry everything you bring—so pack light! Informal clothes such as T-shirts, jeans and shorts are ideal. Modest swimming suits, cover-ups, beach towels, water shoes (CBS has a rocky beach), hiking shoes, a warm jacket, bath towels and personal items are also recommended. On the last evening of camp, there will be an opportunity to dress up a bit and celebrate together at our "banquet". There are no camper laundry facilities at CBS.

<u>Miscellaneous Items</u>: A flashlight and sunscreen are essential!! If you plan to fish, please bring your own equipment and valid California fishing license if over 16. CBS does provide bait and has drop lines to loan out.

<u>What Not to Bring</u>: Computers, pagers, CD players, TVs, radios, Bluetooth speakers, boom boxes, MP3 players, video drones or other electrical gadgets. Your week at camp is for you to get away from the distractions of everyday life! There is no cell service or Wi-Fi available to guests in camp.

<u>Camp Store</u>: The store is open in the afternoons. We offer our family campers the ability to put purchases on account. The store balance is paid on the last day of camp with either check, cash or credit/debit card.

**Special Diets**: Our food service team is ready to serve those with special dietary needs or food allergies. We can easily accommodate those with allergies to nuts, gluten and dairy. Other issues? Call or email camp in advance of your arrival, and we will assist you in any way we can. Those with complex dietary issues may want to bring extra foods to supplement. A camper fridge and microwave are available for those who have particular needs.

**Opportunity To Serve**: At CBS we serve meals cafeteria style. Your household may be assigned to a meal to assist with washing dishes and resetting tables. OTS provides an atmosphere of service and family teamwork.

<u>Communication</u>: Cell phones do not work in camp. There is a courtesy phone located on the backside of the Main Deck and near the Lighthouse Seminar Room for a complimentary 5 minute call. There are no computer, Wi-Fi, e-mail, modem services or internet access available for camper use.

The camp address is: Your Name, Campus by the Sea, P. O. Box 466, Avalon, CA 90704. The phone number is (310) 510-0015. Phone is answered 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., otherwise leave a message.

**Fire Hazards:** Absolutely no smoking is allowed in camp except at the campfire ring at the beach due to the fire danger and the isolation of camp. Due to fire danger, only battery operated lanterns are permitted at CBS. All cabins are supplied with a fire extinguisher, a \$150 fine will be charged to anyone who wrongfully discharges one.

<u>Alcohol and Drug Use</u>: Use of alcohol, marijuana or any non-prescription drug will be cause for automatic dismissal from camp.

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