



# jh78 parent update

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## **SUMMER CAMPS Sign Up NOW** By Stephen Byrne

The time has come upon us yet again for summer camp, the event that many students dream of, mark on their calendars, and count down the days to. It is an exciting time for Junior High; even small group leaders look forward to these trips. During these expeditions students will spend time developing and growing relationships with friends, leaders, and God through exciting trips to either Camp Sugarpine for incoming 7th graders, or Adventure Whitewater for incoming 8th graders. Camp Sugarpine, located in the Sierra National Forest near Yosemite, is a great way for new Junior Highers to connect through tons of activities such as swimming, hiking, kayaking, basketball, frisbee golf, volleyball, and MORE. Incoming 8th graders will get the opportunity to experience Adventure White Water, the journey of a lifetime at the Klamath River near the California-Oregon border. This 8-day trip will treat

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## **A Parent's Guide to Youth Ministry** by Travis Jenkins

If you are a parent of a teenager then I hope these ideas help you realize the potential you have to impact the youth ministry at your local church. For too long, we as youth ministries have willingly taken over the responsibility of disciplining your teenagers. In time, we have come to realize our mistake and desperately desire to help equip you to fulfill your God-given responsibility and privilege. There are some key things that we want you to know about youth ministry that will be beneficial both for you and us.

### **1. We want to be on your team.**

We realize that students spend way more time with you than they do at the church. Because of that, we want to be in a position where we can help equip and train you to be the most effective parent and disciple-maker you can be. That is why we also want you to be involved using the gifts and skill sets God gave you within the context of the youth ministry. Your qualifications as a parent enhance our scope as a ministry.

### **2. We actually have a strategy.**

We don't plan stuff just to plan stuff. A youth ministry should have a specific strategy, purpose, mission, vision, or some other related lingo in which they operate. We have a specific audience, goal, and path in which to achieve that goal. That goal is often related to leading students toward becoming fully devoted followers of Christ, and the path is typically related to the specific programs and philosophies of the youth ministry. I don't want to say that youth ministry is just like running a business, but in one way it is.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 6/13-6/14—Promotion Weekend**
- 6/16—TNL**
- 6/19-20—All Nighter**
- 6/23—TNL**
- 6/30—LNT (Late Night Tuesdays)**
- 7/7—TNL**
- 7/7—Parent Meeting: Sugarpine**
- 7/12—Parent Meeting: Whitewater**
- 7/14—TNL**
- 7/19-7/25—Camp Sugarpine**
- 7/19-7/26—Camp Whitewater**
- 7/28—LNT (Late Night Tuesdays)**
- 7/29—TNL Beach Day 12-3 PM**
- 8/4—TNL**
- 8/5—TNL Beach Day 12-3 PM**
- 8/11—LNT (Late Night Tuesdays)**
- 8/12—TNL Beach Day 12-3 PM**
- 8/18—TNL**
- 8/19—TNL Beach Day 12-3 PM**
- 8/25—Beach TNL**
- 8/28-8/29—All Night Summer Finale**

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**JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKEND SERVICE IN THE JR. HIGH ROOM**  
**SATURDAY @ 5:40 PM**  
**SUNDAY @ 9:00 AM, 10:50 AM, AND 6:00 PM**

- PLAY GAMES
- WORSHIP
- LEARN FROM THE WORD



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## **CAMP, continued from front**

students to 5 days on the river, 3 days of white-water rafting, 1 incredible day at Clear Creek, and 4 nights of digging into God's Word. This adventure is an unbelievably awesome way to grow as a Christian as well as spend some quality time with leaders and friends. The cost of each camp is \$399, but don't let money be an issue. Scholarships for students as well as other fund-raising opportunities are available. Check out the North Coast Junior website at [www.jh78.com](http://www.jh78.com) for info about cost, a what-to-bring list, and medical release forms. Hope to see you there

## **FROM THE BIBLE**

### **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## **YOUTH, continued from front**

**3. Let us know when we do right...and politely let us know when we do wrong.**

Everyone likes to get encouraged for doing something right. In the same way, let your youth minister know when they did something right. We also need to know when we fall a little short; just don't do it in a way that causes anger or a confrontation. Constructive criticism never hurt anybody...when done with a loving attitude.

**4. Be an advocate for the youth ministry because we want to be an advocate for you.**

When criticism comes from an outside source that doesn't really understand the situation, it is great to have someone on our side. That is where you come in. If you have invested in the youth ministry and are in line with the vision, then you can serve as a cheerleader for what we're all doing. If parents are on board, then we can usually convince the stubborn criticsizers of the importance and value of the ministry. Also, we don't want to take away the value that your family has over the youth ministry. We want to encourage you and help build up your family. If your teenagers complain to us about how weird or mean you are, we know that you have a bigger picture in mind than just making your teenager think you are cool. We want to be an advocate for the importance of you as a parent in the life of your teen.

There is probably a ton of stuff that your local youth minister would like you to know, but maybe they are a little intimidated to let you know. I hope these few things help you to realize the value you can be to youth ministry and to encourage you to seek out what else your local youth minister would like you to know. And, if you're a youth minister and you're reading this, then make sure you let your parents know just how great a resource they are.



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