

Sunnyvale Presbyterian All-Church Camp September 4 – 7, 2009

Greetings!

All-Church Camp will soon be here! Our speaker, the Rev. Dr. Heidi Husted Armstrong, has ministered in West Coast churches for more than two decades, most recently as senior pastor for ten years at the 1200-member Columbia Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, Washington. She is passionate about connecting Scripture's ancient texts in practical ways to modern life, and hopes to inspire followers of Jesus to live the Gospel in the word and deed, and to help communities of faith build relationships, welcome diversity and strive for unity in Christ. For this weekend, she has chosen the theme "BE the Church!" This weekend at Redwood Glen promises to challenge and inspire while we enjoy fellowship with one another.

As usual, All Church Camp will also feature activities for all ages and interests. Children will find lots of fun surprises during their morning program. Our music team will lead us in worshiping God in song. The weekend will also feature many sporting activities, from hiking, cycling, swimming, to archery, and softball. You can also enjoy a campfire, crafts, reading, napping and an ice cream social, among other activities. Don't forget to strut your stuff at the All-Camp Talent Show on Sunday night!

If you are a **FIRST-TIME CAMPER AT ALL-CHURCH CAMP**, be sure to attend the **New Camper's Breakfast** provided for you free of charge on **Saturday morning** at the picnic tables. More information just for the **first time camper** is included in their packets.

The complete Pre-Camp All Church Camp Packet includes:

- * General Camp Information
- * List of suggested items to bring
- * Letter to parents of junior and senior high school students
- * Directions to Redwood Glen
- * New Camper Information
- * Emergency form for guests who are minors (*due before camp starts*)
- * Weekend-at-a-glance draft schedule
- * Emergency Medical Procedures letter

Meals

No meals are available for Friday dinner or Monday lunch through Redwood Glen, even for those who have purchased meals; please provide these meals on your own.

Check-in Time

Check-In at Redwood Glen starts Friday, September 4 at 3:00 PM. We will be in front of Shepherd Lodge (located near the camp entrance) handing out packets and helping you find your site from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. If you plan to arrive after 6:00 PM on Friday, you may pick up your packet from the box of packets in front of Shepherd Lodge when you arrive. If you do arrive late, please observe the 11:00 PM All-Quiet rule for All-Church Camp.

Packets

You will receive your Check-In Packet when you arrive at All Church Camp. It will contain name tags, meal tickets, the camp schedule, and a camp map.

Volunteers Needed

One thing that makes All Church Camp extraordinary is that so many people pitch in to make camp a success. A little help from everyone makes the job of serving nearly 400 people easy! We are still looking for a **Speaker Video Operator**; if you can help with this job, please contact Bob Stoddard at (408) 733-7612. ALSO: We are looking for 4-6 friendly, energetic people who can serve at Check-In as guides for new campers to help them find their campsites, introduce them to their neighbors, and generally help them to feel welcome and connected. **New Camper Guides** need to be available at All Church Camp Check-In by 4:00 PM on Friday. If you can help, please contact New Camper Coordinator Marsha Dyslin at 408-873-1811 or Marsha-Dyslin@pacbell.net, or New Camper Assistant Valerie Weirauch at 408-390-2258 or valyrock@gmail.com.

Think Green

Please help us and Redwood Glen by bringing reusable containers instead of using disposables (*i.e.* bring a mug for the morning hot drinks instead of using the disposable cups), as well as using environmentally friendly materials and recycling whenever possible. Many thanks!

Conserve Water!

We are always the largest group each year at Redwood Glen, and tend to put a strain on the camp's septic system. You can help by making showers as short as possible (3 minutes maximum), by using the Port-A-Potties instead of flush toilets, and when possible by "sharing" flushes of flush toilets, especially during peak usage times (you all know that rhyme, right?). These small but important steps will ensure that we are good stewards of our time at Redwood Glen. Many thanks!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We look forward to seeing all of you at Camp!

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