



Dear NYI Leader & Pastor,

It is time to start gearing up for another exciting week at Teen Camp. Over the past several years, we have seen God's faithfulness to move in the lives of our students in extortinary ways. We are seeing more significant research come out of the pandemic classifying the loneliness and hunger for authentic relationships in our youth. We believe that void needs to be filled first with a relationship with Christ and likeminded peers. So, please, get your teens to camp this summer! The spiritual reward for your students and your church will be priceless.

This year's theme is "And Yet..." and camp will be held July 15-19, 2024 at Bonita Park. The cost is \$230 per student and \$185 for adult counselors. Registration will begin at 3pm on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

As always, the Point Loma Praise Band will be leading worship for us. Our theme scripture for the week will come from Romans 15:13. The theme is designed to help students reflect on the hope we have in Jesus Christ and yet possessing gratitude. This year's speaker is Eden Avalos, who currently serves as associate pastor at Frankfort First Church of the Nazarene in Frankfort, Indiana.

On the website, you will find student registration forms, counselor application forms, a promotional graphics for your church and a Bonita Park Participant Acknowledgment & Assumption of Risk, & Release & Wavier of Liability Form that each student and counselor must fill out these forms and turn them in. You will also find a **pre-registration form**. This form along with each counselor's application form should send in for pre-registration. Please send in your pre-registration information no later than July 1, 2024. We are asking that all money be brought via a **church check made out to NM NYI**. Each church will need to bring all BP liability forms and individual camper's registration form with them at the time of registration on the Monday of Teen Camp, along with a church issued check to pay all the registration fees. The last thing you will find in this packet is a sample parent letter. You can use this to give applicable information to your students' parents about camp and what they will need to bring pertaining to your local church. We also have made a Counselor Handbook available.

**For Counselors** specifically, besides our form, the District is requiring that you go through the NazSafe Training and provide a background check. This must take place before camp begins with an associated cost of \$43 that you or your Church must cover. Please go to <https://www.nmnaz.com/?subpages/nmsafe.shtml> to begin and complete this process, where you can fill them out online and have your pastor submit a pastoral reference as well. This process must be completed every two years. If you have completed the process before, please check to see when your renewal is due.

As you can tell, we have another exciting week of Teen Camp ahead of us. I know I am highly anticipating this week and all that it will consist of. Most importantly, I pray that you will partner with me in praying for the greater things of God to come and move upon the camp ground and for the students that will attend. So, start fundraising now, talk camp up to your students, and get your church to support the amazing work that God can do in the life of our students during this week of camp. Let's join together and pray for this year's Teen Camp and let's fill Bonita Park to capacity with students who need the transforming work of Christ in their lives.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at 575-522-7120 or email me at [wade.elftman@yahoo.com](mailto:wade.elftman@yahoo.com).

Grace & Peace

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