GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Creative Arts Camp will be here before you know it! Please review this guide, so you will have all the information you need to help us make your child's experience successful. Here is a table of contents so you may find information when you need it. Each item is also linked so you can navigate to that item quickly.



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Registration Open/Closed

It pains us to turn any child away, but when registration closes, it is because our classes are full, which is why we are unable to accept additional campers on any basis. We accept waitlist registrations while registration is still open, but even then, there is no guarantee waitlisted campers will be able to attend; that can happen only if another camper drops out and there is room in a class that the waitlisted camper would like to attend.

Cancellations

If one or more of your children are not able to attend camp, please call the office as soon as possible at (209) 223-1971 or contact the person at the bottom of your registration confirmation email message. This may allow us time to possibly fill the opening with a child on the waitlist.

Contact Information

This camp is hosted by Grace Fellowship Church of Amador and The Call Church in Pine Grove, California. Camp is located at 8040 S. Hwy 49 in Jackson, California. The church office phone number is (209) 223-1971. You may also contact us by email (janissaboesch@yahoo.com) or by text (209-304-1876) if you have any questions.

Arrival & Parking

Camp is located at 8040 S. Hwy 49. If you are driving south from Jackson on Hwy 49, enter the property by entering the long left-turn lane (the only one you'll see) before entering the property. If you are heading north on Hwy 49, turn right soon after the Butte Store historical site. When you turn onto the property, head up the driveway.

Caution: There is a new road to the left that parallels the highway. This road is owned by a private company. Do not turn left onto their road. Drive on up the driveway instead.

At the top, turn left toward the main parking area in front of the church building. Parking attendants will direct your way. Drive slowly and carefully, as other children will be arriving at the same time.

When you leave, drive back toward the entrance of the parking lot (circle the parking lot if necessary), turn right and head down the driveway you drove in on and back to the highway.

Signing In

On Monday, the double front doors to the **Lobby** will open at 8:30 to allow time for you to become acquainted with the sign-in process. Beginning Tuesday, doors will open at 8:45. The program begins each day in the Worship Center at 9 AM.

- When you enter the Lobby, approach a check-in station. Enter the last four digits of the
 phone number you used to register. All children registered for your household will appear.
 Check each child in who is physically with you and tap "check in." Your child's name tag will
 print, listing both session 1 and session 2 classes (see Important Notes below).
- 2. Proceed into the Worship Center, turning left and then circling the room clockwise.
- 3. Stop at the Camp Guide for your child's session 1 class. Refer to the <u>Class Squares Floor Plan</u> for details. The Camp Guide on the outer ring of the room will check in your child and direct your child to their class square. Do not let your child enter the class square until directed by their Camp Guide.
- 4. Please don't enter class squares with your child. You may watch from the outer ring, but we encourage everyone to keep moving around the room and exit through the double doors back into the lobby.

Important Notes:

- **DO NOT PLACE A NAME TAG ON YOUR CHILD ON THE FIRST DAY.** Ask for instructions from your child's Camp Guide. The name tag will be applied to your child after they put on their new camp T-shirt. Please ensure that your child wears their camp T-shirt each day of camp. Beginning Tuesday, you will apply the name tag after it prints in the lobby.
- Your child's tag may include an M if you reported any medical notes or NP if you would like your child to be excluded from photos taken during camp.
- If your child will not be attending on any particular day, please advise one of the attendants at the Welcome Counter in the lobby so we can make a note of it in our records.
- Who will pick up your child at the end of the day? When you registered for camp, you were asked to identify others you authorized to pick up your child. If you need someone

else to pick up your child and that person is not on your authorization list, talk to an attendant at the Welcome Counter in the lobby. A photo ID will be required for anyone picking up a child, including you.

• There is an area outside reserved for parents who would like to wait until they feel confident there are no issues with their child. As long as we have your cell number, we will call you immediately if there is any reason for you to return.

Signing Out

Return to the camp at 12:15 and enter the Worship Center the same as you did in the morning, and proceed in a clockwise direction. Look for the Camp Guide in the outer ring for your child's session 2 class, and be prepared to present your photo ID. Once you sign your child out on a clipboard, your child will be released to you and you may leave, continuing in the clockwise direction around the room.

Please exit the Worship Center as soon as you have collected your children so we can keep the crowds and congestion to a minimum for safety reasons. You are welcome to hang out and visit with friends, but please do so outside the Worship Center. Thank you!

Friday Night Showcase

Please plan to come to our Friday Night Showcase on June 20th. Doors will open at 5:30. Our performing arts campers will begin their presentations at 6 PM. Come peruse the fabulous displays from all of our classes and see what our campers have created.

If your child is unable to attend the Friday Night Showcase, please let one of their Camp Guides know early in the week so we can plan accordingly. This is especially important for any performing arts classes. Thank you!

Media Release

If you denied permission to use photos of your children, we will add a designation (NP) on their name tag so our videographer and photographer will see it and avoid including your child in an image. Please help us out by explaining to your child your reasons why. Encourage your child to voluntarily step out of group photos or remind our photographer, who may point a camera in their direction when the child's name tag is not visible.

Clothing & Attire

A camper should wear their camp T-shirts each day. This helps us identify them as campers; the colors identify which group they belong to, and the name tags tell us their classes. Crafts and activities can get messy, so please send them in pants or shorts that are both modest and also something you don't mind getting messy. Campers need to wear shoes or closed-toed sandals for safety reasons. Long hair should be pulled back for many activities as well, so please send them with hair ties, just in case.

Class-Specific Instructions

- Dancing: Athletic shoes are recommended; flip flops are not permitted. Wear pants or modest shorts that allow bending and stretching.
- Welding: Long hair must be pulled back, and campers must wear long pants and closedtoed shoes.

• Wood Art and Woodworking: Long hair must be pulled back.

Illness & Safety

We want to keep campers healthy and safe. Our staff are required to wear staff T-shirts and pass background security checks. It is our policy to never be alone with a child. We have precise check-in and check-out procedures, hall monitors, and security staff to ensure camper safety at every location on the grounds. We also provide pre-packaged snacks and bottled water.

We ask for your help as well. When your children are with you before and after camp, please keep them close to you, especially in the parking lot.

If your child awakens with any symptoms of illness—such as a cough, a rash, a runny nose that is not clear or allergy related, a fever, nausea, or diarrhea—please keep them home until the symptoms have abated. You may send an email message to the camp to advise that your child cannot attend and why. We will watch other children in your child's classes for similar symptoms.

Class Assignments

You will be advised by email when campers have been assigned to classes, so watch for future email messages!

Our best effort will be made to assign your child to their first or second choice of classes. Keep in mind that some classes are scheduled during the same class session, so scheduling a child in both classes is not possible. Your child may also want to repeat a class, and if that class fills up quickly, we may assign a camper to that class who has never attended it before, which is why we recommend encouraging children to try something new each year.

Please keep in mind that we are unable to change classes. If your child is assigned to a class that is not in his/her comfort zone, you may let us know and we will see if something can be arranged. Every class will be top notch, so no matter which class they are in, they can expect to have fun and come home with inspiration, keepsakes, and new skills!

After Camp Ends

Every year we create a video of the children while they were at camp, including all the various classes while they are in session. Return to our website within a week or two to see if the video has been made and posted for your viewing.

Thank you for allowing us this time to spend with your children!