



National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus

## Junior High Camp

Dear Pastor or Youth Leader,

My name is Kyle Minamide and I am serving as a Director at this year's NJAUMC Junior High Camp (JHC)! It is with much anticipation and excitement that I write to you in hopes that you consider sending your youth to our summer camp. JHC has a long history of providing a safe place for youth to encounter God in new and transformative ways. We are proud of the programming we offer your youth so let me tell you a little bit about what is in store for this year!

JHC is a summer camp designed for the middle school age group and all youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade (in Sunday School) are invited to participate. JHC will be held in Southern California this year at Camp Colby. This UM Campsite is located just north of Pasadena in the Angeles National Forest. JHC 2009 will be held from Sunday, July 5th through Friday, July 10th. Our theme this year is "Oh, the Places You'll GO!", inspired by the Dr. Seuss book of the same title. We often talk about faith as if it were a thing – "I have faith" or "my faith is strong...or weak." But what if we talked about and experienced our faith more as a journey? During Junior High Camp 2009, we will explore our faith as an adventurous journey in which we will encounter excitement and possibility, disappointment and doubt, challenge and growth, and maybe even some waiting. We hope to nurture the space for questions and curiosity, the encouragement to grow, and to provide some tools that will make all the difference on the journey each person is on. We hope that in traveling together, we might be reminders to one another that God is always with us no matter what we encounter, and that the journey we're on will ultimately lead us to "Great Places."

As JHC continues to try and better meet the standards of Safe Sanctuaries, we would like you to consider sending an adult chaperone for the duration of camp. It is our goal to maintain a 10 to 1 camper to adult ratio at all times throughout the week of camp and we hope that you will help us accomplish this goal. While our staff is highly trained and able to handle any situation, we acknowledge the importance of familiar adult figures for our campers. We hope that you will consider this suggestion and please do not hesitate to contact a director for any further information. Please contact me via email if you are planning on sending an adult chaperone.

Registration fees for JHC will be 350\$. We understand that it may be an additional burden to families during these times and we would like to ensure that any youth that would like to attend is able to do so. The camping board has allotted funds for financial assistance. Please contact me via email if any financial assistance is needed.

Please copy the following registration information and camper registration form and distribute it to the members of your church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [minikow85@hotmail.com](mailto:minikow85@hotmail.com). We very much appreciate our partnership with your local church and we pray that you will consider us as a means to help grow your youth ministries and churches!

Blessings,

Kyle Minamide

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## General Information

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### Theme: "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

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### When and Where

This year, camp will be returning to **Camp Colby** which is located just north of Pasadena in the Angeles National Forest. The site features a variety of activities such as basketball, volleyball, a heated pool, ping pong tables and horse shoe pits. A babbling brook runs down the center of the camp and gives the environment a sense of serenity and rest.

Camp will be held from:

**Sunday, July 5, 2009**

**To**

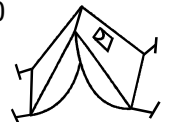
**Friday, July 10, 2009**

Correspondence to campers and staff during the week of JHC 2009 should be sent to the address below and clearly marked with the individual's name(s) and "c/o JHC 2009" on the outside.

Camp Colby Ranch

23828 Angeles Forest Highway

Palmdale, California 93550



## Registration Information

### Registration



Registration fee for Junior High Camp is **\$350**, which includes food, lodging and camp supplies. There is an additional charge for a camp **T-shirt(\$10)** and a **camp photo (\$5)**. Please send completed, the attached registration and medical release forms, along with a check or money order payable to **NJAUMC Junior High Camp** to:

**Kyle Minamide**  
**14804 Hardaway Dr.**  
**La Mirada, CA 90638**

Early registration forms must be postmarked by **May 24, 2009**. Thereafter a late fee of \$25 will apply. Absolutely no registration forms postmarked after June 7, 2009 will be accepted. Sorry there are no exceptions.



### Transportation

Transportation to and from JHC 2009 is coordinated according to the region in which you reside.

- Northern California: Local churches must coordinate their own transportation.
- Southern California: Local churches must coordinate their own transportation.
- Outside California: Group transportation for those flying in will be provided from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Please contact Pamela Nakano at Faith UMC for more information at (310) 217-7000.

Campers will not be allowed to leave the campsite before the conclusion of JHC without prior consent, except in the cases of emergency.



### Questions or Concerns?



Please contact our registrar, Kyle Minamide, with any questions or concerns at:  
[minikow85@hotmail.com](mailto:minikow85@hotmail.com)

### What to bring?



Each camper should bring:

- ✓ a Bible,
- ✓ pens, paper and/or stationary,
- ✓ flashlight,
- ✓ sleeping bag,
- ✓ toiletries and towel,
- ✓ bathing suit,
- ✓ warm jacket and/or a sweatshirt,
- ✓ couple extra sets of clothes,
- ✓ and yourself with an open heart and mind!

Campers are not advised to bring snacks or food for the cabins. Camp Colby will not tolerate food as we are also sharing the campsite with an assortment of wildlife!

### Your JHC Registration Checklist

Please go over the following checklist to make sure that you and your parent/guardian have signed and completed the forms properly:

- Registration Form
- JHC Camp Guidelines (signed by parent and youth)
- Medical Release
- Immunization History
- Medical Authorization
- Registration Payment
  - \$350 postmarked before May 24, 2009\*
  - \$375 postmarked before June 7, 2009\*

**\*with T-Shirt and Photo add \$15**

**LATE Registration Deadline is June 7, 2009**

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## Registration Form

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Female

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Grade in FALL 2009: 6 7 8 9

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ My email may be printed in the Camp Booklet :  Yes  No  
My picture/video may be taken by JHC staff and used in JHC promotions :  Yes  No

Camp T-Shirt (additional \$10):  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate size:  Small  Medium  Large  X-Large

Camp Photo (additional \$5):  Yes  No

### AT CAMP INFORMATION

Please list any relatives (and their relation to you) who *MAY* be attending JHC 2009:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special needs that we should be aware of (i.e. asthma, allergies, vegetarian, handicaps):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### CHURCH AFFILIATION

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Youth Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Registrar Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Form  T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Rules  Photo

Medical Release

Medical Authorization

\$ Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin: \_\_\_\_\_ Group: \_\_\_\_\_

## JHC Camp Guidelines

A basic code of behavior is needed for any group of people who come together for any length of time. The camp philosophy has always been one of freedom, but there are certain rules that have to be established and followed by all campers and staff. The guidelines below are kept to a minimum and reflect concern for the rights of others and the law.

Under all conditions, these guidelines will be strictly enforced and any camper in violation of these rules will be subject to immediate dismissal from Camp. As mature youth we hope that you understand the reasons behind such guidelines.

1. Drugs and alcohol are not used at camp. They are illegal for minors and will not be tolerated under any circumstances at JHC.
2. All medications, including over-the-counter non-prescription medication must be dispensed by the camp nurse.
3. Romantic interests are a natural part of life, but physical relationships must not be taken too far at camp and one's personal space will be respected.
4. No one is allowed to leave the campgrounds. This is enforced for your safety. Know the camp boundaries and stay within them.
5. "LIGHTS OUT" means that you must be in your assigned cabin and the lights must be out. There are no exceptions.
6. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
7. Visitations in cabins of the opposite sex are not allowed at all times.
8. Pagers and cell phones must be turned off at all times.
9. CD and tape players, iPods, laptops and portable DVD players (and any other recreational electronic devices) are not to be brought to camp. They will be confiscated and held by the Directors for the duration of camp and will be returned to the camper on the last day.
10. Attendance is required at all meals and regularly scheduled activities.
11. CABIN CHECKS - each cabin will be checked daily. Please take care of and respect the property at Camp Colby. We are responsible and liable for all replacements and repair costs.
12. RESPECT - Respect must be given to the authority of the counselors, directors and other adult supervision. Your counselors are experienced and able leaders. Please give them the respect they deserve.
13. Any violation of these guidelines will result in a phone call to your parents and possible dismissal from camp.

It is our belief that if we follow these rules, react with openness and respect the rights of others, and use our common sense, everyone will have an enjoyable and memorable experience. But for the safety of all, we do regard them with utmost seriousness and pray that you will do the same.

### Acceptance of the Camp Guidelines to be signed by both **Parent** and **Participant**

I have read the guidelines explained above and understand that they are to be abided by at National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus Junior High Camp 2009. In case of dismissal, I, the undersigned parent, will be responsible for any cost incurred in transporting the participant home.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camper/Counselor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Medical Release

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Female  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Phone#: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Specify (Do not leave blanks. Please write "none" or N/A)**

Allergen	Reaction	Anaphylaxis	Expiration Date
1		EpiPen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2		EpiPen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please list all handicaps, past hospitalizations and/or serious illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

My son/daughter may be given:  Tylenol  Advil  Sudafed  Cough Drops  Antacid

**Asthma History:**

Diagnosis (Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Attack (Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitalization:  Yes  No

Please list triggers for attacks: \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of an emergency please contact:**

Day Time – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to the Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Night Time – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to the Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Insured's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a clear copy of the camper's insurance card.**

**LIABILITY RELEASE**

As the parent or guardian of the above named, I hereby grant permission for attendance as well as authorize the camp staff to make any necessary decisions in case of emergency. I also hereby give permission to a physician selected by the camp staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, order injection anesthesia or surgery, for the above named, and will be responsible for any expenses incurred, including transportation back home if necessary for my child.

In no event will the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus, its officers, leaders, counselors or agents be held liable for any first aid rendered or treatment, drugs or medicines, or surgical procedures performed pursuant to this consent. In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian before any medical service is rendered aside from general first aid. Copies of this form made by the Jr. High Camp Directing Staff will be considered as an original.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Immunization History

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<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Date of last Immunization</b>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTap)	
Polio	
Meningococcal (MCV4)	
Measles/Mumps/Rubella(MMR)	
Varicella(chickenpox)/ or date of infection	
Hepatiitis B	
Tuberculin test or negative chest X-Ray	



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## Medical Authorization

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus requires that **PARTICIPANTS WHO NEED OR ARE REQUIRED** to take medication during the week of Junior High Camp do the following:

- [1] Present this completed consent form signed by the parent or legal guardian, and the camper's physician.
- [2] Bring the medication in the original prescription bottle properly labeled by a registered pharmacist as prescribed by law.

All medication will be dispensed by the camp nurse, or other health staff as directed by the prescribing physician. The following must be completed.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

### TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN

Name of Medication	Expiration Date	Taken For	Dosage	Time(s) to be Given	Special Instructions

Special Instructions or Comments by Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Inhalers will be kept with the Camp Nurse unless otherwise directed:  Yes  No

Youth has a clear understanding of inhaler use, dosing, frequency:  Yes  No

Child should carry their inhaler on his/her person:  Yes  No

Physician's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child to receive the above medication as directed.  
Parent / Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone#: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone#: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_