

Dear Family Campers,

We are so excited to welcome you to Whispering Winds this summer! We will spend our time together on the mountain celebrating our faith and our Lord as we grow closer to the ultimate super hero Jesus! Our Adult

Program features outstanding Catholic speakers, Steve and Cyndi Sapper, who will focus on our relationships as married couples, parents and children of God. Our Teen Program will center on helping our young people shed their masks and be heroes for Jesus. The Children's Program will treat every child to a ton of fun activities as they learn about God's power and the truth that "they can do all things through Christ who gives them strength." (Phil 4:13). We hope you can leave all your cares behind and arrive at our Hero Headquarters ready to receive some of God's richest blessings.

Check-in will be Friday starting at 3:30 PM at the Welcome Center, located at the entrance of the camp. We will have open swim time at the pool from 4-6 PM. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM in the Dining Hall and the evening program will start at 7:30 PM. Detailed information for the weekend will be provided for you at check-in.

A packing list and other helpful information are included with this document. Attached in this email is information on directions/parking, photographer, CCAs (for parents with kids aged 0-5), Integrity Stables (for campers that are horseback riding), Catholic Charities Food Drive, new lodging options for your kids and a **Waiver/General Release** form, which *everyone attending camp* (one per immediate family) must fill out and turn in at check-in. If you have children 0-5, take a moment at check-in to meet your Child Care Assistant (CCA). CCAs are teens who will watch your children while you get settled, help at every meal, and care for your children during the Saturday morning and evening activities. These young, energetic volunteers will make your weekend easier and more relaxing! If you would like to show your appreciation to your CCA, please limit this to a note of thanks. Many of the CCAs do jobs other than caring for children, and we want to be fair to all.

We have lots of great activities in store for this weekend, so come prepared to have fun! Friday night we will be doing skits around the campfire, so we would like to invite you to think of a song or skit for your family to share as we enjoy s'mores under the stars. If you play the guitar, bring that along too! On Saturday, the entire family is welcome to get down and dirty in the first-ever Family Camp Mud Bowl! Kids age 11 and up will participate in the Mud Bowl as part of their programming, so please make sure these kids and anyone else taking part brings "throw-away-able" clothing. Also, although the climbing wall is closed for revamping this summer, we will be offering a first-come, first-serve opportunity on the Challenge Course low elements to go with our ever popular zip line! The low elements are a great team-building activity for the whole family. To end the day Saturday we will all be Super Heroes on the dance floor! Join the fun by dressing up as your favorite hero.

We can't wait to have a SUPER WHAM! BAM! SHIZAM! time with you!

Many blessings,

Paula Bott

Director of Programs

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What to Bring

- Refillable water bottle
- Pillow and sleeping bag or bed linens
- Toiletries, including bath & pool towel
- Bathmat, if desired
- Flashlight
- “Play” clothes (check the weather prior to your arrival and pack appropriately!)
- Swimsuit **NOTE:** swimmers are co-ed and all ages, please dress accordingly
- Swimming floatation device for younger children
- Tennis shoes (closed-toe shoes are required for Zip Line & Challenge Course. No sandals.)
- Hat & sunglasses (limiting your exposure to the sun is highly recommended, but optional)
- Shoes and clothes that can be thrown away after the Mud Bowl (or bring plastic bags to take them home); shoes are required, and sandals must have a back strap to keep them on
- Sunscreen & insect repellent
- Super Hero costumes for Saturday night dance
- Rosary & Bible
- Lawn/beach chair or blankets to sit on in the meadow, if desired
- Port-a-crib for babies (booster seats available in the Dining Hall)
- Family skit or song to share around the campfire
- For the comfort of all, please do not bring any pets
- Catholic Charities canned food donation
- **A signed waiver for each family or individual**

At the end of each summer we collect many items that are left behind by campers. Please put your name on all hats, sweatshirts, pool towels, cameras, water bottles, etc. Items with names will be brought to our La Mesa office for pick up.



Directions: 17606 Harrison Park Rd. Julian, CA 92036

From San Diego:

1-8 East

Exit Hwy 79 North to Julian

Make a left turn approximately two miles along the highway to stay on 79N

Turn left on Harrison Park Rd (about 4 miles north of Lake Cuyamaca) and follow signs into Whispering Winds

From North County:

Hwy 78 East (Ash St.) or Hwy 67 North to Hwy 78 East through Ramona to Julian

Turn right on Main St. in Julian

Turn right on Hwy 79 South

Turn right on Harrison Park Rd. (about 4 miles south of Julian) and follow signs into Whispering Winds

From West Los Angeles County:

I-5 South to 78 East (follow directions from North County)

From East Los Angeles County, Riverside:

I-15 or I-215 South to Temecula

Exit Hwy 79 South and turn left

After approximately 60 miles to Santa Ysabel, turn left on to 78 East to Julian (follow directions from N. County)

From Imperial Valley:

I-8 West to Sunrise Highway

Turn right on Hwy 79 North

Turn left on Harrison Park Rd. and follow signs into Whispering Winds

Parking

For the safety of all of our guests, we ask that you abide by the following requirements:

- Please bring your vehicle to the temporary spots at each lodging site while unloading your belongings. After you have unloaded, please move your vehicle to the marked parking areas for the duration of your stay.
- **Be sure to back in to your parking spot!** In the case of an emergency, we need to facilitate the evacuation process as quickly and effortlessly as possible.
- When driving on Whispering Winds' property, please be cautious of other guests and do not exceed a speed of 10 mph.

