



SVCCJ
Interfaith Camp Everytown

June 15 - 19, 2008

Interfaith Camp Everytown, a program of Silicon Valley Conference for Community and Justice, is an intensive 5-day/4-night residential retreat for high school youth that builds teamwork through respect, appreciation for diversity, and leadership skills. Interfaith Camp Everytown is designed to explore religious diversity, to reduce stereotypes, biases, and prejudices while increasing understanding and respect for differences in religion, race, ethnicity, gender, culture and other factors that act to divide us. Students and staff are empowered to build positive relationships across the deepest social divides.

Student delegates will be led through interactive small group discussions, workshops, shared experiences and daily exercises specifically addressing inter-religious conflict and positively accenting religious diversity and content. Subjects include self-identity; religious, racial, cultural and ethnic issues; family relationships; gender roles and equality; peer relationships and stress management. Students will brainstorm action plans on how to recreate the Everytown environment in their own communities.

Interfaith Camp Everytown is based on *respect, acceptance, and responsibility*, core values that promote respect and non-violence in our local communities. Everytown enhances inter-religious respect, adult-student communications, police/youth relations, conflict resolution skills, and citizenship values.

This retreat is for members of the faith communities that have adherents in our region and is recommended for incoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Interfaith Camp Everytown is not appropriate for everyone. The language and situations can be intense and emotionally raw. Please make sure your student has the maturity to participate in this extraordinary experience. Teachers and youth leaders will be invited to attend as counselors, along with other adult leaders (ratio of one adult to approximately seven students).

Our goal is not to prepare students religiously, but to help them navigate and lead in a multi-cultural/ interfaith environment as respectful spokespersons for their own beliefs. Students gain the invaluable experience of exposure to other faiths:

- To understand their religious environment
- To learn how to effectively relate to peers of faiths different from their own
- To learn how to respectfully communicate with them

As a parent you need to know that:

- **There will be no proselytizing by anyone**
- **Students learn to engage authentically with others, how to express pride in their own traditions and origins while being equally respectful of the traditions and origins of others**
- **Because this is a religiously oriented camp, we will make every effort to make accommodation for prayer, modesty concerns and most religious dietary laws.**

Application and Payments:

Total cost for 5days/4nights is \$450 per student. This includes all meals and accommodations.

Application and your deposit of \$200 is due by **Wednesday, April 30, 2008**

Balance of \$250 is due by **Thursday, May 15, 2008**

Please send application and payments to: SVCCJ, 777 N. First Street #220, San Jose, CA 95112

Interfaith Camp Everytown will be held at:

YMCA Point Bonita

981 Fort Barry

Sausalito, CA 94965

415.331.9622

Parent and Student Orientation:

We strongly suggest you and your child attend one informational meeting. They will be held on:

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Foothill Presbyterian Church

5301 McKee Road

San Jose

or

Sunday, May 18, 2008

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El

1010 University Avenue

San Jose

Transportation:

Parents/guardians are responsible for dropping off and picking up their child at camp.

Please arrive at camp on Sunday, June 15 between 4:00-4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Children will need to be picked up between 3:30-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19

For Further Information:

Please contact Bruce Bramlett, bbramlett@svccj.org, 408.286.9663, Extension 330

SILICON VALLEY CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY & JUSTICE

Interfaith Camp Everytown Application

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Cost Per Student: \$450

Student Information

Name _____ Grade _____ Gender (circle one) M F Date of Birth ____/____/____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Student phone number: _____ Student Email: _____
Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____ Cell _____ Email _____

SVCCJ seeks to ensure diversity. Please mark and specify all categories below that apply to you.

Ethnicity: Latino/a _____ African/African-American _____ White _____ Pacific Islander _____ Asian _____
Middle Eastern _____ Native American _____ Multi-Ethnic _____ Other _____
Faith: Christian (specify) _____ Mormon Jewish Muslim Buddhist Hindu Sikh Baha'i Jain
Eastern Orthodox Other (specify): _____ Religious Organization/Congregation _____

Medical Information

Notify in Emergency 1) _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
2) _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Current medical conditions _____

Activity limitations _____

Allergies (food, meds, bee stings, etc.) _____

Additional comments or instructions, including special dietary considerations _____

(use back of sheet if necessary)

Medications (list all, & purpose, dose, frequency) _____

Is student capable of administering own medication? (circle one) Yes No

Please note: All medication, prescription or not, must be in original container with label and student's name. No loose medications or medications bearing another person's name will be accepted.

Is the student currently undergoing professional counseling or therapy that the camp director or medical officer should know about? (circle one) No Yes (specify) _____

Emergency Medical Release: In the event of any accident or illness which requires emergency care, if I cannot be reached, I hereby, per my signature below, give permission to the attending physician to administer such medical care as may be necessary for the health and safety of this student, of whom I am the parent or legal guardian. Also, our family physician may be consulted as necessary.

Family Physician _____ Phone _____ Medical Insurance # _____

Dentist _____ Phone _____ Medical Ins. Carrier _____

Release Agreement – Must be Signed by Parent or Guardian

I have read and understood the attached descriptive materials about SVCCJ's INTERFAITH CAMP EVERYTOWN, including the rules. I attest to the accuracy of the information provided on this form and hereby grant permission for my child to participate in INTERFAITH CAMP EVERYTOWN. I also grant permission to SVCCJ and any SVCCJ-approved media organizations to use my child's likeness in video, sound recording, or photo at its discretion. I acknowledge SVCCJ's right to crop or treat the photo at its discretion. I also acknowledge that although SVCCJ may not use my child's likeness at this time, SVCCJ may choose to do so at its own discretion at a later date.

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date

Sponsoring Agency, if any _____



Note to Parents on the Well-being of Your Child

Silicon Valley Conference for Community and Justice, for 50 years, has been providing youth and young adults with a rich and rewarding, life-changing experiences. SVCCJ wants you to know that we are equally as committed to ensuring the wellbeing of your son or daughter as we are for ensuring that the quality of the experience fulfills our mission.

Here are just a few of the safety measures we take on their behalf.

1. **Background checks are required** through “Livescan” for all facilitators, whether volunteer or paid. (This is the same fingerprint database research done for teachers and other professionals.)
2. **Interviews, observation, evaluation and screening are required** for all facilitators. Facilitators who do not meet our standards or about whom we have concerns are not permitted to work in the program.
3. **Rules and limits are explained to youth and adult participants - and enforced!**
4. **Facilitators receive training and are carefully supervised at camp.**
5. **Supervision of students by adults is extensive.** There is at least a 1:7 ratio of adult facilitators to youth at camp. Sleeping cabins are supervised by facilitators. (However, *be advised that 24 hour individual monitoring is not possible* and students do have free time and space to hike during the retreat.)
6. **Some denominations will include their youth leaders/directors as facilitators .** SVCCJ programs often involve adult leaders and volunteers from various additional professions (*administrators, medical, and mental health*).
7. **Camps are chosen for safety, accessibility, and adequacy of facilities to meet the program needs.** Campsites must meet the standards of the American Camp Association. SVCCJ is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for our participants.

SVCCJ is committed to high standards of risk reduction and management measures and to continuing to improve them. No crisis is totally avoidable, but SVCCJ takes the necessary steps to ensure a safe experience.

Is Your Student Mature Enough for the Interfaith Camp Everytown Experience?

Interfaith Camp Everytown challenges youth to address difficult topics of bias and bigotry. Students confront their own prejudices and behaviors, as well as those of others, but in the end they are brought to knowledge and confidence in the unity of community, with respect for differences of gender, ethnicity, race, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation. This is a highly emotional participatory experience. Students engage in some verbally uncomfortable exercises in the process of developing comfort within themselves and with others. ***Be advised that student participants engage in strong, sometimes raw language - their own actual words - which some may find offensive. This is necessary in order to ensure that the exercises effectively change the way they truly speak about one another's group for the better. While we endeavor to ensure their safety, please be sure that your student can handle such language and situations before enrolling him/her in Interfaith Camp Everytown.***

Be advised that Interfaith Camp Everytown is held in an open rural retreat environment, which makes it impossible to totally monitor and control the behavior of the students. Therefore, students about whom you have major behavioral concerns, or with current drug abuse and/or violent behavior, or runaways should not participate in this program.

Feel free to discuss this experience and any of your questions with SVCCJ. Contact SVCCJ's Executive Director with any serious concerns or complaints: (408) 286-9663, extension 326.

SVCCJ INTERFAITH CAMP EVERYTOWN

Checklist

THESE ITEMS ARE RECOMMENDED. PLEASE BE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELED.

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| ___ Sleeping bag/bed roll and pillow | ___ Shirts/t-shirts - 5 |
| ___ Toothbrush | ___ Long pants - 2 |
| ___ Toothpaste | ___ Shorts |
| ___ Soap | ___ Underwear - 5 |
| ___ Brush/comb | ___ Pajamas - 1 |
| ___ Bath towels - 2 | ___ Socks - 6 pairs |
| ___ Washcloth | ___ Sturdy shoes - 2 pairs |
| ___ Bathing suit- for showers | ___ Slippers - 1 pair |
| ___ Rubber sandals-for showers | ___ Toiletries |
| ___ Heavy sweaters - 2 | |

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

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| Religious book | Prayer items |
| Religious clothing | Religious artifacts you are willing to show others |

CONVENIENCE ITEMS:

- Pillow
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Shower shoes
- Kleenex
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent

EXTRA ITEMS:

- Musical instruments
- Binoculars
- Camera/film
- Day pack
- Laundry bag
- Readings, poetry, etc.
- Cultural clothing
- Cultural music for Cultural Pride Night

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO CAMP:

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| Weapons of any kind | Cell phones |
| Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco | Radios/CD players/iPod |
| Magnifying glass | |

**INTERFAITH CAMP EVERYTOWN is absolutely a non-smoking camp!
Do not enroll if you cannot spend 5 days tobacco-free.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING VALUABLE TO CAMP
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS**

**YMCA OUTDOOR AND CONFERENCE CENTER
POINT BONITA
981 FORT BARRY, GGNRA
SAUSALITO, CA 94965
415.331.9622**



From South of the Golden Gate Bridge:

Going North on Highway 101 from San Francisco, cross the Golden Gate Bridge. Go past the Vista Point exit and take the Alexander Avenue exit. As you exit, bear right but proceed slowly. After approximately 500 feet, take the first left to the Marin Headlands onto Bunker Road. Ahead you will come to a one-way tunnel. You may have as much as a five-minute red light here. At the green, continue through the tunnel. Continue straight on Bunker Road for approximately 2 miles. After you see the horse stables, bear left and follow the signs up the hill onto Field Road heading to Point Bonita and the YMCA Point Bonita.

From North of the Golden Gate Bridge:

Head South on 101 to the last Sausalito exit (after the Waldo Tunnel and just before the bridge). At the exit stop sign, turn right and double back under 101. Bear left after the stop sign. Proceed slowly, after 500 feet, take the first left to the Marin Headlands onto Bunker Road. Ahead you will come to a one-way tunnel. You may have as much as a five-minute red light here. At the green, continue through the tunnel. Continue straight on Bunker Road for approximately 2 miles. After you see the horse stables, bear left and follow the signs up the hill onto Field Road heading to Point Bonita and the YMCA Point Bonita.