



National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus

Junior High Camp

Dear Pastor or Youth Leader,

My name is Stephanie Chou 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 environment 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 6th grade through 9th grade (in Sunday School) are invited to participate. JHC will be held in Northern California this year at Camp Lodestar. This campsite is located in Wilseyville, California which is located in the Sierra foothills.

The week's theme is *Found in Family*. We focus on the blessing that God gives us family, however we may define it, and our family is who we turn to for support. Once we learn to fully understand and appreciate the immense role that support and our family plays in our lives, we will then be able to branch out and share this support to other communities. We follow the story of Joseph throughout this week, turning to him as an example of how we can express God's love to guide us in our most trying times.

As JHC continues to 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 at least 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, 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 us if you are planning on sending an adult chaperone.

Registration fees for JHC will be \$450. 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 Pamela Nakano, scholarship coordinator, via email if any financial assistance is needed at pinouyeotr@aol.com.

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 stephanie@juniorhighcamp.org. 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,
Stephanie Chou

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