Dear NYI Leader & Pastor,

It is time to start gearing up for another exciting week of Teen Camp. Over the past several years, we have seen God's faithfulness to move in the lives of our students in extraordinary ways. So, please, get your teens to camp this summer! The spiritual return on your investment in your students and your church will be priceless.

This year's theme is "Not of the World" and camp will be held July 20-24, 2026 at Bonita Park. The cost is $250 per student and $210 for adult counselors. Registration will begin at 3pm on Monday, July 20th.

As always, the Point Loma Praise Band will be leading worship for us. Our theme scripture for the week will come from Romans 12:1-12. The theme is designed to help students understand their need to how they called to be intentional different than the way the world is trying to form, and see to be transformed through our relationship with Jesus. This year's speaker is Tim Cruz, who currently serves as pastor at Vallejo New Life Church of the Nazarene and also the North California District NYI President.

On the website, you will find student registration forms, promotional graphics for your church and a Bonita Park Participant Acknowledgment & Assumption of Risk, & Release & Wavier of Liability Form that each student and counselor must fill out these forms and turn them in. You will also find a **pre-registration form**. Please send in your pre-registration information no later than June 29, 2026. We are asking that all money be brought via a **church check made out to NM NYI**. Each church will need to bring all BP liability forms and individual camper's registration forms with them at the time of registration on the Monday of Teen Camp, along with a church issued check to pay all the registration fees. The last thing you will find in this packet is a sample parent letter. You can use this to give applicable information to your students' parents about camp and what they will need to bring pertaining to your local church. We also have made a Counselor Handbook available.

For Counselors specifically, the district is requiring that you go through the NazSafe Trainings and provide a level 4 background check every 2 years. This must take place before camp begins with an associated cost of $45 that you or your Church must cover. In light of these requirements, the counselor registration form is an online registration from found on the district website with the other teen camp documents. Which once completed will automatically send a form to your pastor to verify your compliance with the NazSafe Trainings and background check status. Therefore, if you have not provided this information to your pastor, it is important you do so. For those who need to complete or renew your NazSafe Trainings and background check please go to here to begin and complete this process, where you can fill them out online and have your pastor submit a pastoral reference as well. This process must be completed every two years.

As you can tell, we have another exciting week of Teen Camp ahead of us. I know I am highly anticipating this week and all that it will consist of. Most importantly, I pray that you will partner with me in praying for the greater things of God to come and move upon the camp ground and for the students that will attend. So, start fundraising now, talk camp up to your students, and get your church to support the amazing work that God can do in the life of our students during this week of camp. Let's join together and pray for this year's Teen Camp and let's fill Bonita Park to capacity with students who need the transforming work of Christ in their lives.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at 575-522-7120 or email me at wade.elftman@yahoo.com.

Grace & Peace

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