

**8th Grade Confirmation
Spiritual/Service Retreat
May 4-6, 2018
Cost: \$170**



Where are we going and what are we doing? We are going to Tahquitz Pines, a small, intimate Christian camp nestled in the beautiful mountains of Idyllwild, CA. The purpose of our trip is twofold: to serve the camp through work projects all day Saturday and to deepen our faith through intense study in God’s word, worship and prayer. This event closes out the confirmation program, but all 8th grade students are invited. **Confirmation students are encouraged to sign up by April 11th, after that it will be first come, first serve.** Students will participate in work teams, study the Trinity, engage in prayer exercises, and a special time of silence on Sunday. **Juniors from the high school ministry are invited to bond with the 8th grade students.** Past attendees describe this event as the highlight of jr. high.

Tahquitz Pines

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What are the costs? \$170 for all students which covers transportation, meals and a gift to the camp for work projects. We are able to offer this event at this low price with the help of Tahquitz and RHCC.

What are the times? We meet on **Friday, May 4th** at 12:30pm in order to beat the heavy traffic. We will return on **Sunday, May 6th** at 3:00pm. If your child is unable to check out of school earlier in the day, you can drive them up and they can ride home on the bus.

What do I need to bring? It’s important you bring clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. This is a service project and we will be cleaning, raking, painting, and assisting in small building projects. You also need to bring: leather work gloves, sleeping bag, toiletries, one suitcase...and please do not forget to bring a bible, pen and journal. Please leave all electronic gadgets at home; cell phones to be used in emergency situations only.

Important note about this trip: This trip is open to all 8th grade students, but it is very unique and designed for the 8th grade confirmands for a reason...it’s not camp. We have higher expectations in order for God to stir our hearts towards a richer faith. Attitude is important. You need to come prepared to work and dive into faith discussions. This event is a wonderful privilege and we may turn down students if we feel they are not ready. For those who are ready for the challenge, we’re so excited that you are coming!

What if I’m in Confirmation and can’t come? If you are unable to attend, you must let Michelle Stout know on the tear-off portion of this form.

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Student’s Name _____ Emergency Phone _____

I give my son/daughter permission to attend the 8th grade Spiritual/Service retreat on May 4-6, 2018. I’ve discussed with them the uniqueness of this event and that it is not a normal camp.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Check this box if your child is in Confirmation and cannot attend this event ☐