

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION / CAMP HOWARD

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAMP HOWARD 2008

On behalf of Sister Krista von Borstel, Executive Director of CYO and Doug Croze, Director of Camp Howard, we would like to thank you for becoming a part of the Camp Howard Family. We look forward to having you with us for some great summer fun. We have lots of new programs and activities along with plenty of the "old" favorites planned to help make this a summer to remember.

TRANSPORTATION

We encourage all campers to ride the bus provided by Camp Howard. We realize that some campers live east of camp or in some cases down the road. If your child is not riding the bus, or if someone other than yourself is picking up your child from camp, you must inform the Camp Director at least **24 hours** in advance. (doug@cyocamphoward.org or call the camp office at 503-695-6492).

Please have your camper at the Madeleine School by 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. The busses leave at 3:00 p.m. sharp. Pick up is at the Madeleine School at **5:30 p.m. on Friday**. Please take into consideration that the pick up time is during evening rush hour so plan accordingly.

The **Madeleine School is located** at 3240 N.E. 23rd and Klickitat Street. Klickitat runs east-west and is located in a residential neighborhood, one block south of Fremont. Primary streets running north-south in close proximity are 21st, to the west, and 33rd, to the east. Off street parking is provided for loading and unloading campers and luggage. Please **do not park on Klickitat** as this street is reserved for bus parking.

Upon arrival for camp departure at the Madeleine School, you and your child(ren) should proceed to the designated check-in point which is located at the south end of the soccer field. After camper check-in is accomplished and luggage is tagged with identification materials, campers should take their luggage to the luggage van. Please then go with your child(ren) to the south side of Klickitat Street, next to the school and await loading of busses. Parents should stay with child at all times until they are loaded on the bus at which time Camp Howard will assume responsibility of the camper.

Rules to be given to campers before departure:

1. All body parts must remain inside the bus at all times.
2. Everyone stays seated for the entire trip.
3. No screaming or rough housing.
4. All aisles must remain free of bags, pillow, etc.
5. If you have a question or need assistance, please raise your hand.

Camp Howard relinquishes responsibility after camp at the point of unloading at Madeleine. Camp Howard staff will remain until all campers are picked up at the bus stop.

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REGISTRATION:

All forms and full payment must be complete and received by the CYO/Camp Howard office before attending **Camp**. Participants may only attend if all forms are complete and full payment is received at the CYO/Camp Howard office. All of the forms are available on our website: cyocamphoward.org

HOMESICKNESS:

Going to camp for the first time or even the third time can be a scary experience. If your child has never been to camp before, you can help make their experience a successful and enjoyable one. Just talking before they leave for camp about all the fun activities they are going to do will help. Tell them it is okay to miss you as long as it does not ruin their fun. Our staff is trained to handle homesickness. If necessary, the Camp Director will call you and together, we will come up with a plan for success.

Mail

Campers LOVE to receive postcards, letters, and care packages. Please make sure they arrive during their camp session. The majority of our campers receive one or two letters a week. It is hard for that one camper who does not get any mail while away from home. The following is the mailing address that you can send your mail to:

Your Child's Name/Date of Attendance
Camp Howard
11010 SE Camp Howard Rd.
Corbett, Oregon 97019

Camper Crosses

In 1997, we started our camper cross program. This program helps teach Christian values. It is also a memento that each camper receives from Camp Howard to take home with them. We will add a different bead to the necklace each year. If your child attended camp in the past, make sure they bring their cross with them to add this year's bead.

Camp Store & Camp Money

We have a variety of items the campers can choose from. We have snacks, drinks, water bottles, sunglasses, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, stuffed animals, bracelets, flashlights, cameras, and postcards. We have items priced from \$.50 up to \$15.00. Our campers usually bring between \$20.00 and \$50.00. It depends on whether your child wants a larger item or if they just want some snacks. We will collect the campers' money on arrival and keep a running account at the store. Any money left over at the end of the week will be returned to the camper before leaving. Alternatively, if you would rather not send cash with your child, you may open a prepaid account for your child via your on-line account, or by calling Janine or Michele at the CYO/Camp Howard, Portland office at: 503-231-9484.