

SUMMER 2023 URBAN SERVE WEEK

@ Mountain Pointe Camp in Frazier Park, CA



OVERVIEW

1. Project Background and Description

Christian camp is one of the most effective tools for bringing the Gospel to our world and for building lasting disciples. It is estimated that over 60% of life changing spiritual decisions are made at camp! If you went to camp, I am sure you can easily recall a “God moment” when He became real, revealed something He wanted to change in you, or when He called you to a new work or way of living.

We are becoming a world of mega cities. As much as Christian camping has tried to keep up with population growth, our increasingly diverse urban cultures, and the cost increases they face due to regulatory impacts, the reality is low-income urban communities have less access to an affordable and culturally responsive camp program than in previous decades. COVID didn't help either! We want to be a part of the solution and expand opportunities.

In August of 2020, The Oaks Camp and Conference Center was closed by the parent organization due to COVID impacts and a strategic shift. Oasis Ministry Ventures (OMV) was formed by former campers, staff, board members, and community leaders to see that the property stayed in the Kingdom and that the ministry of The Oaks to our under-resourced urban communities in Southern California continued. For 35 years, the camp provided effective Christian camp programs that empowered and equipped urban youth, families, and leaders to thrive in faith and life. The camp was sold to another gospel centered ministry serving our neediest communities and is being prepared to operate under a new mission and charter by Union Rescue Mission in future years. Oasis Ministry Ventures is standing in the gap to restore and expand access to culturally responsive Christian camp programs for our low-income urban communities that was lost due to the closure of the camp and cessation of ministry.

In March of 2022, we held our first event at The Salvation Army's Pine Summit Camp in Big Bear Lake, CA. Over 450 urban youth and their leaders participated, representing 14 ministries, and resulting in over 100 decisions to follow Christ and “Keep that same energy!” This fall we are leading a four-day camping trip to Joshua Tree National Park for an urban Christian school in South LA. This winter we are repeating the winter retreat. And, in the summer of 2023 we have booked three weeks at Mountain Pointe Camp in Frazier Park, CA. This project will support three weeks of summer camp for urban youth ages 9-18.

2. Project Scope

The new site is just 40 minutes NW from The Oaks in Lake Hughes, CA and conveniently located off the I-5 past Gorman, 10 miles west of the freeway at ~6,000' of elevation in the ponderosa pine foothills of Mt. Pinos. Pyramid Lake is nearby, as are a multitude of outdoor options at Mt. Pinos and in the Los Padres National Forest. The camp is just over the border in Kern County.

This lightly used denominational camp of the Pentecostal Church of God is in good condition. It is one of the few remaining 'turn-key' camps. OMV is responsible for all operations, food service, and program. We will need a team to run the kitchen, dining hall, snack shop, and daily housekeeping operations including trash collection and bathroom cleaning. This site has capacity for 300. We will only be using 90-140 beds for campers and 12 summer staff, plus year-round OMV team members. They have 10 cabins holding 16 each, 1 staff cabin, plus a lodge holding 140 in four huge dormitories of 28 and 40 beds per side. The Lodges have two indoor shower rooms, and the cabins are served by one large modern bathhouse.

Other amenities include a pool, jumping pillow, basketball court, softball field, gaga pit, shuffleboard, horseshoes, cornhole, ping pong, foosball, human pool, tetherball, a playground, and a 300-seat indoor chapel with full AC and sound. There is also an infirmary with a nurse's suite, equipment room, lounge area, and snack shop. There are eight hotel style rooms with private baths, and 26 RV sites for up to 35'+ with 30-amp service and full hookups.

Ideally, we are looking for three churches to each adopt one week of camp and provide 14-18 volunteers age 14 or older to work 6-8 hours a day. These volunteers would serve in food service, dining room, and housekeeping operations on a rotation under the direction of a summer food service director, and an operations staff person with OMV. There could be additional program involvement if the team brings ministry gifting as well. The primary focus is behind the scenes service.

3. Team Member Criteria

- Complete Volunteer Application, Liability Release, and Voluntary Disclosure Form
- Age 14 or older (certain tasks will be limited for under 16 per OSHA kitchen safety regulations)
- Growing personal relationship with Jesus.
- Fully support OMV's statement of belief and values without reservation.
- Team oriented, servant hearted, willing to take direction, able to work cross culturally
- Can lift, push, pull 25lbs and stand for 2 hours at a time without rest.
- Able to pass a CA background check for youth serving organizations.
- Willing to attend 2 x 6 hours of pre-camp training led by OMV over two weekends in Spring of 2023, TBD.

One training will focus on soft skills (teamwork, cultural understanding of urban youth, encouragement, etc.) and the other training will focus on hard skills (how to mop, food prep. Safety, sweeping, trash, schedules, etc).

Bonus Skills: Serve Safe Certification, CPR/FA, Lifeguarding, Archery Instructor, CA boaters license

4. Lodging Arrangements, Costs and Amenities

We ask each team to bring \$200 per person to cover the cost of food and lodging for the week. For those staying in the RV sites, or executive suites, there is an additional charge of \$35 per site or room per day. Dormitory style lodging is included in the base rate. By covering your costs, it enables more urban campers to come at a rate they can afford.

We will accept single, married, and families. Because we are launching the program, we can not allow families to bring children under age 14. In future years, as our program grows, we hope to find ways to creatively include younger family members.

Volunteers may bring their own RV, stay in the dormitory style lodges (girls one side, guys the other), or if available, request and pay for hotel style housing which has queen beds or two singles.

5. Typical Weekly Schedule

Volunteers are asked to arrive Saturday at 3pm to set up their RV's and move into their lodging. We will have a light dinner out of the snack shop and an orientation in the evening. Sunday breakfast will be on your own or continental cold items. Sunday AM we will have an all-camp worship service and orientation at 11 am in the chapel followed by lunch out of the snack shop. Sunday afternoon the team will be given camp set up assignments including dinner prep and helping with camper greeting / arrivals / parking. Campers arrive starting at ~3pm.

Monday through Friday the team will be responsible for a daily schedule involving a mixture of kitchen, dining room, and operations work in two shifts. We would prefer each team to have sub-teams for each area that repeat their jobs and shifts each day so we can build a strong team and build skills throughout the week. We will need 10-12 food service staff in two shifts (6-10a, 11-3p, 4-5p Trash) and (1-3p snack shop, 4-8p Kitchen), 4-6 dining room / operations staff (7-10a Dining, 10-11a Bathrooms, 11-2p dining, 7-8p Bathrooms). We will also likely need one "gopher" team to do supply runs some days. This gives your team 3-4p to hang out as a group everyday. We will also find a few times for your team to use the pool and other areas of the camp when campers are not using them.

Each evening your team will attend the evening worship and message in the chapel at 8pm. If your team has musical gifts, drama, dance, spoken word, speaking, or other gifts they feel could contribute to the program, we will plan to have your team contribute at the discretion of the program director. Friday, we have a closing ceremony and clean up the camp. We will shoot to be completed by 5pm Friday. Friday afternoon will be an all-camp cleanup effort. RV's must depart by 11am on Saturday and leaves sites as they were found. All accommodations are cleaned, swept and mopped at departure. Friday Dinner is leftovers or we can book a room at a local restaurant for you to celebrate your week of service. Saturday breakfast is self-serve continental. Groups may leave Friday night if they prefer if all clean up including your lodging is done.

6. Available Weeks

- July 22 – July 28 4-6th grade, Monday Start of Camp vs. Sunday, One extra set up day.
- July 19 – August 4 Middle School / High School
- August 5 – August 12 Middle School / High School

7. Tubing Boats and Drivers

If a church can supply a boat and trained boat driver, we will offer tubing Monday to Friday for campers at Pyramid Lake. We will pay for gas and launching fees. Proof of liability insurance on the craft will be needed, and any boat drivers must attend a mandatory orientation day in June to drive for camp. We would love for this activity to happen for the students, and we could use up to three boats and drivers per day per week of camp so we can cycle all 10 cabins through 2 hours on the lake over 3-4 days. These folks could just come for the day instead of the week or come as added members of the team.

8. Medical Conditions, Allergies, Special Diets

We will do our best to accommodate special needs among our volunteers. Please contact us if you have any questions. We will have limited ability to accommodate dietary needs outside of allergy specific concerns.

SIGN US UP!

Our church wants to serve the least of these in our urban centers who have limited access to quality Christian camp experiences. We commit to providing the team, funding their participation, and attending all the training and scheduled days of service. We will serve as unto the Lord with joy!

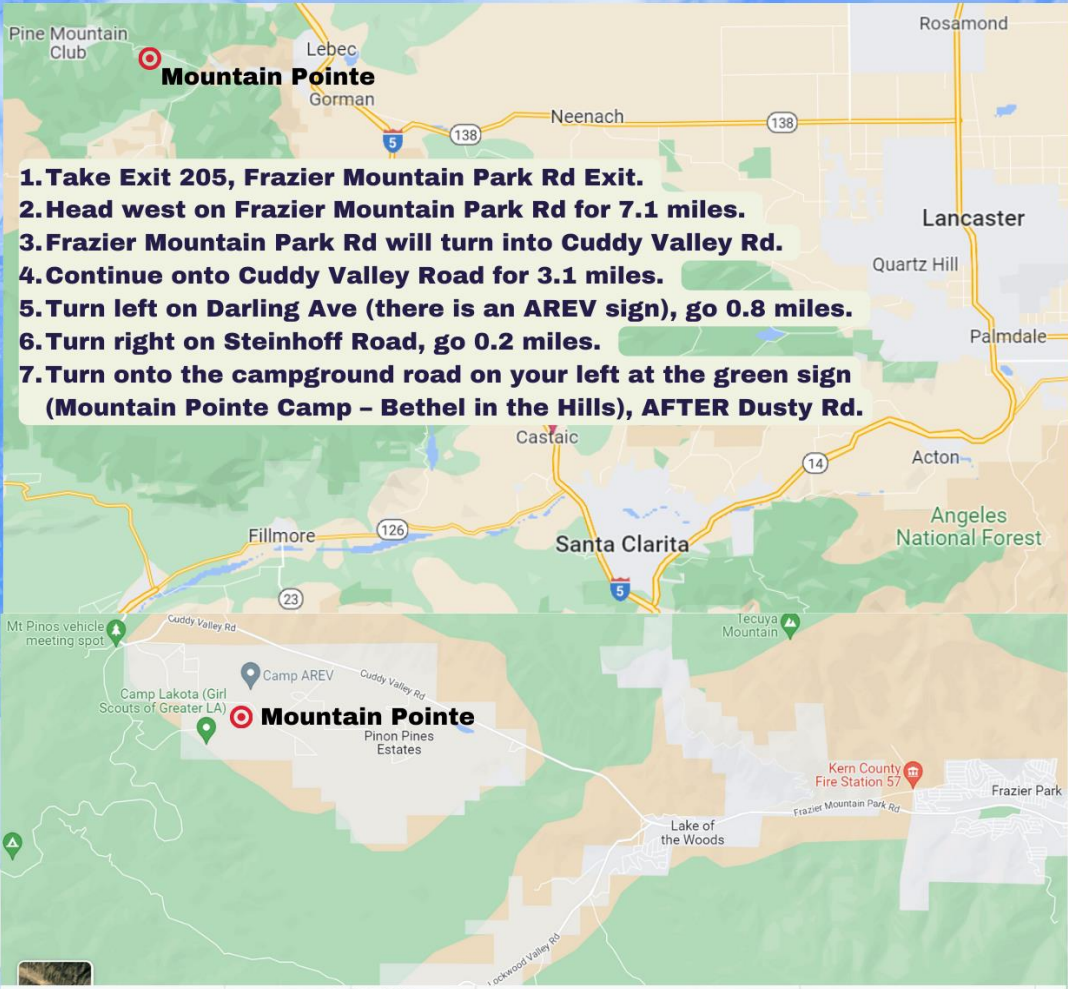
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WHAT'S NEXT?

Our Team will reach out and go over next steps. We would love to schedule a time to present the opportunity to your congregation, sign up volunteers for your team, and plan an informational meeting as well as set dates for the two mandatory six hour in person trainings prior to camp. Once the team is finalized, we will create a custom registration link for your group to complete the background check process, volunteer application, voluntary disclosure, medical form, and liability release form. If your team is already currently background checked through your church, we can accept those findings in lieu of our process through a simple affidavit you will fill out. We can also support with media and graphics to help you get the word out and promote.

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1. Take Exit 205, Frazier Mountain Park Rd Exit.
2. Head west on Frazier Mountain Park Rd for 7.1 miles.
3. Frazier Mountain Park Rd will turn into Cuddy Valley Rd.
4. Continue onto Cuddy Valley Road for 3.1 miles.
5. Turn left on Darling Ave (there is an AREV sign), go 0.8 miles.
6. Turn right on Steinhoff Road, go 0.2 miles.
7. Turn onto the campground road on your left at the green sign (Mountain Pointe Camp - Bethel in the Hills), AFTER Dusty Rd.



**The Speed Limit is 15 mph on community roads and 10 mph on camp.
Dust control is enforced. Please obey all speed limits.**

