GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OF ADELAIDE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP 2022

Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th October

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia and the guidance of His Grace Bishop Silouan of Sinope, we offer you the 2022 Sunday School Camp. A camp for both boys and girls aged 10 to 12 years.

It is with joy we provide you with this package which outlines camp information. Please read information carefully. Included is the following:

- 1. General Camp Information
- 2. Registration/Payment Details
- 3. Checklist of 'what to bring'
- 4. Registration Form (page 1 of 4)
- 5. Health Information Form (page 2 of 4)
- 6. Media Consent Form (page 3 of 4)
- 7. Summary of Registration (page 4 of 4)

Aim

This camp is a wonderful opportunity for our children to gain a stronger appreciation for, and the practice of, our Christian Orthodox faith. It aims to build on our children's knowledge of Orthodoxy and will allow for them to experience the richness and fullness of our faith in an enjoyable and exciting atmosphere.

This "Orthodox Adventure" endeavours to assist our younger generation in developing a deeper understanding of our beliefs, customs and culture. It also offers an excellent opportunity to meet and make friends with other young Orthodox Christians.

During the course of these 3 days, the Sunday School teachers of our parishes together with volunteers of our Holy Archdiocese, will lead the various groups in interesting discussions of a spiritual nature, bible studies, various craft activities, many games and many other challenges.

The Divine Liturgy will be the highlight of our gathering which will be celebrated by His Grace Bishop Silouan of Sinope on the last day of camp.

Mylor Adventure Park

After last year's enormously successful inaugural camp, this year's camp will once again be held at Mylor Adventure Park in the Adelaide Hills (located approximately 40 minutes from Adelaide CBD). It offers adventure activities featuring high rope courses, flying fox, giant swing, archery, canoeing and more, run by fully qualified instructors.

Further details are available on the Mylor Adventure Park website as follows:

www.baptistcaresa.org.au/service/adventure-services/mylor-adventure-camp

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Activities

A selection of the following activities, weather permitting, will be run by qualified instructors, and will be included in the program:

Kayaking	Giant Swing	Flying Fox
Archery	High Ropes	Low Ropes
Bridge Building	Swimming	Raft Making

Participation in Activities

There may be some activities that children might not want to participate in for a specific reason (eg. fear of heights). They will not be forced to participate in activities; however we encourage students to experience new things and test their boundaries.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be in dormitory style rooms, with separate toilet and shower rooms. Children will have the option of choosing a buddy to share a room with.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are not to be brought from home, which includes, mobile phones and iPads. These items will be confiscated and returned at the conclusion of camp.

Medication

Students who require medication must have their items clearly marked with instructions and handed to Camp Organisers on the first morning of camp.

Student Behaviour

Camp is an opportunity for students to take risks, challenge themselves and work together as a team. We understand that for some participants, this may be their first time being away from home and may be anxious. We will endeavour to make the camp a memorable experience for all participants. There is an expectation however that students will treat Camp Staff, Instructors, and fellow participants with the utmost respect at all times, including the property of the facility and that of other individuals.

Transport

All participants will be travelling by coach which will set out from the Holy Monastery of St Nectarios (81-93 Regency Road, Croydon Park). Participants are to meet at the church hall by no later than 8:00am on the first day of camp (Tuesday 11th October). Participants will return to St Nectarios by coach on Thursday 13th October. Times will be confirmed closer to the date.

Cost

The cost of the 3 days and 2 nights camp is \$290. This includes transport costs, accommodation, all meals, adventure activities and craft activities. A sibling discount of \$20.00 applies for the 2nd and subsequent children in the family.

As places are limited to approximately 60 participants, only the first 60 deposits received will be officially registered. Full payment is to be paid by **Sunday 4th September 2022.**

REGISTRATIONS

To register, the following forms (attached) are to be submitted:

- **Participants Registration Form** (page 1)
- Health Information Form (page 2), and:
 - Medical Management Plan (*if applicable*)
- Media Consent Form (page 3)
- Summary of Registration (page 4)

Submission of Registration Forms

All forms must be submitted by no later than **<u>Tuesday 23rd August 2022</u>** as follows:

- Hardcopy forms may be submitted:
 - a. To your local parish's Sunday School teacher, or
 - b. Dropped off at our Archdiocese Office,533 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North.
 - c. Or alternatively, scanned forms may be emailed to: philoptochos@greekorthodoxadelaide.org.au

Methods of Payment

A payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$100 per participant is required. Payments may be made either in cash or via bank transfer (EFT) as follows:

Account: Central Philoptohos BSB: 085 00 Account Number: 617634257

Reference: Camp - (insert surname)

The balance of the cost of camp is required to be finalised by **Sunday 4th September 2022**.

Meeting with Parents

A meeting for parents has been arranged for a brief overview of the Sunday School Camp offered by organisers. There will be an opportunity to answer questions and receive further information about this initiative. Registration forms may also be submitted on this evening.

Date: Tuesday 23rd August, at 7.30pm

Location: Holy Monastery of St Nectarios (81-93 Regency Road, Croydon Park).

Camp Organisers

The 2022 Sunday School Camp is an initiative of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, Archdiocesan District of Adelaide.

Camp Organisers contact details are as follows:

• Mr Mel Chrysostom – 0413 112 862

- Mr Steve Macris 0413 112 862
- Mrs Helen Frazelas 0451 518 648

CHECKLIST

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP (all items to be clearly labelled)

Holy Bible

Divine Liturgy Book (if you have one)

Comfortable clothing for 3 days (including warm clothing)

Comfortable walking shoes (closed)

Rain jacket for cold/wet weather

Clothing for swimming & water activities (<u>all students</u>, both boys and girls, must wear either a rashie or t-shirt together with shorts)

Appropriate clothes for Church (Divine Liturgy on Thursday) (ie. pants for boys, skirts/dresses <u>below</u> the knee length for the girls)

Sunscreen
Hat or cap
Face and bath towels
Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc)
Sleeping bag, including extra blanket if required
Bottom bed sheet
Pillow
Water bottle with strong sealing lid
Plastic bag (for dirty clothes)
Small torch (optional)
Day bag/small backpack – to be used while participating in activities.

<u>Note</u>: Participants are not to bring aerosol deodorants or sprays to camp. Electronic devices (ie. mobile phones, iPads, etc) are also not permitted and will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp.