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# Southwestern Leadership Camp

## June 23 – June 29, 2024

### “Summer Camp for AWANA Scholars”

Dear Church Camp Coordinator:

Thank you for being willing to act as Church Camp Coordinator for your AWANA Club. Yours is a critical role in making camp successful. If you have concerns or questions, please contact your Camp Directors Michael & Debra Sims at (858)-776-7225 or [swlc@cox.net](mailto:swlc@cox.net)

Please help us with the following:

1. Please print out and make copies of the Camper and Counselor applications. For additional copies, you may find them posted on our website. Before making copies of the counselor application, please enter your name and address at the top of each counselor reference questionnaire page. **ALL PACKETS ARE PURPOSELY DESIGNED TO BE PRINTED 2-SIDED**
2. **RECRUIT** Camp Counselors from your club. The cost per counselor is \$375.00 (This includes fees for background check)
  - Each club should send one (1) counselor **per five (5) students**. Those from your church serving in a role other than Cabin Counselor may or may not count in your 1:5 ratio. It will depend on our counselor needs.
  - If you have no adults in your club who qualify as camp counselors, you may be asked to pay an additional fee to cover the cost of a counselor from another location.
  - Tell the Camp Counselors that there will be a mandatory training day on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Maranatha Chapel in Rancho Bernardo from 9am- 2pm. Details will be in your acceptance letter.
3. **ENLIST** students for camp who meet the qualifications listed on the application. The cost per camper is \$475.00
  - This is an accelerated, discipleship type camp where each student is expected to memorize and recite verses of scripture each day with no helps and complete a daily Bible lesson. At week's end each student must review the entire week's verses with only two helps in one sitting. Please make sure that the applicants are ready for the workload and can be compliant. **All work must be completed by Friday at noon** to be considered for camp next year.
  - Please understand that we are not equipped to accommodate campers with severe physical handicaps.
  - When each student completes the application, please read it carefully and check it for completeness. Look for AWANA achievements, all signatures (including dress code), dates, fees, medical info, phone numbers, etc.
  - We strongly recommend that you keep a copy of all your camper and counselor applications.
4. Make sure the students are ready for the camp experience. Pray for/with the students that are prone to homesickness, need lots of help to complete verses or have trouble with rules or schedules.
5. Help students make selections for their roommates (one request per camper). Fill out the attached Cabin Assignment Worksheet and include it along with the Summary Sheet and applications.
6. Collect a deposit of \$200.00 per camper and \$175.00 per counselor. All checks should be made payable to your church. Send one church check totaling all deposits and made payable to **Southwestern Leadership Camp**. **Mail** the church check, camper and counselor applications, counselor reference forms, the Participant Roster Summary Sheet, Cabin Assignment Worksheet and copies of Camper and Counselor Insurance cards to the Camp Directors **Michael & Debra Sims 12842 Casa Court Poway CA 92064**.

Please postmark the package **by March 8, 2024**.

7. Assist the student in raising funds for their camp fee. Some activities to consider are special offerings at church, individual sponsors, Sunday School sponsors, a “Verse-A-Thon”, a bake sale, a garage sale, cashing in recyclables or a pancake breakfast, etc.
8. If applications are missing information, this will delay the acceptance of counselors and students. Please double check all applications for completeness.
9. If you have campers or counselors who register after March 24<sup>th</sup>, please repeat all of the above requirements.
10. All campers and counselors will receive acceptance notification no later than April 21<sup>st</sup>.
11. The **final payment** of \$275.00 for all campers and \$200.00 for all counselors must be postmarked by **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Make your church check payable to: **Southwestern Leadership Camp** and sent to the Camp Directors. **12842 Casa Court Poway CA 92064**

Moreover Southwestern Leadership Camp is a member of Christian Scholars Camp Ministries Inc., (CSCMI), a Dimension Ministries Partner of 24-7 Ministries, the youth ministry of Awana."



# GIST Standard

GIST stands for Grads In Service Together

Vision: To have a past Citation Achiever as a camp counselor in every cabin working with campers. To use GIST counselors as Team Captains and helpers in Junior High and High School as assigned.

A GIST is a past Citation Achiever, at least 1 year past high school graduation and serving in a local Awana Program from age 18-22. A GIST will be accepted as a full Junior High camp counselor if under the age of 21. With returning counselor experience and individual maturity he or she will be considered for High School camp counselor when ready.

Purpose: To be an example and model to younger campers as they work with younger campers to encourage them in their Christian walk, camp work and to continue in the Awana programs in their area.

Teaching time: To encourage their walk with the Lord and to challenge them to the next spiritual level of growth. Give them fellowship among their peers. Educate and train in mission work both local and foreign. If chosen for the worship team, (must have served at least one year as a Counselor in the cabins) they must be willing to be guided and directed in worship style and method by the Camp Music Director.

Accountability for acceptance: They complete same counselor application as counselors. Camp Director especially watching application for references and recommendations from (1) local Awana Commander or Awana Director where they work in club and (2) local Pastor of church they attend regularly and are in good standing. If they don't work in Awana Clubs (because of college or work) they still need to register through their previous Awana program so Commander or Directors they are known by can check their level of spiritual commitment and growth to be sure they qualify as a counselor and their walk with the Lord is above reproach.

Returning GIST counselors will be accepted on basis of regular counselor application process PLUS past obedience to authority at camp, obedience of camp rules, and moral conduct. Example: If their lifestyle is in question, (drinking or sexual activities, or living with opposite sex outside of marriage) they would not be considered to be a camp counselor. Also, previous commitment to their campers will be considered. For example: were they interactive with campers, engaged during meal times, available at free time, committed to being where they needed to be when they were needed to be there. If these qualities are lacking, a would-be returning GIST may be asked to step out for a year (or more) and reevaluate why they want to "serve" as a counselor.