



Blue Slide Youth Camp

August 1st -5th

Ages 12-17

Entering the 7th through 12th grade

February 1, 2011

Dear Pastors,

Enclosed you will find all the information needed to register for 2011 Blue Slide Youth Camp scheduled for August 1st -5th as well as the staff application. Make as many copies as you need. The ages/grades for youth camp are 12-17 years and entering the 7th-12th grade in the fall. As in the past, I will consider for admission 18 year-old, 2011 graduates but their registration must be accompanied by a WRITTEN recommendation from YOU. These are teens that will exhibit leadership qualities and can be trusted to behave and submit to the leadership of the camp. They must submit a camper registration but will serve as Leaders In Training and will be assigned specific ministry roles. They WILL NOT be considered staff. Final admission will be at my sole discretion and I reserve the right to deny an application. Registration for Leaders In Training will be only \$90.00 with no deadlines or increase in cost. Camp registration cost will be \$100--- BUT, if full payment is postmarked by the first deadline of March 15th the total cost is only \$90. The cost goes up after each deadline so I encourage you to promote camp from your pulpits and in your church bulletins/newsletters. Also note that only the deposit of \$50 is due for each deadline except for the final deadline of July 22nd when payment is due in full. The prescription form (if applicable) should be brought the 1st day of camp since this information may change and doesn't need to be mailed with the registration.

Please note the following deadlines:

March 16-April 26 the cost will be \$110

April 27-June 1 the cost will be \$115

June 2-July 13 the cost will be \$125

July 13-22 the cost goes to \$135

After July 22 Payment will be due in full on the first day of camp. No deposit.

After July 29 Online Registration will be closed.

Last year we had 160 campers and some kids had to sleep on the floor or in cabins. This caused some issues with people who registered early and didn't get a bunk. Please make sure to communicate this with your campers: *Early registration only guarantees your camper a spot in the camp. It does not guarantee them a bunk. Some campers may be in tents or on the floor with their bed mats, which isn't much different than the bunks only lower. The best way to secure a bunk in a cabin is to be at Camp Check-in on time the day of camp. Check-in begins @ 1:30 on Monday.*

The theme for Blue Slide 2011 is "**Dig In**" and the theme verse is Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." All the teaching and breakout sessions will be centered on this application. Our camp speaker this year is Randy Fields. Randy has been involved in youth ministry for more than twenty five years. He has served as Student Ministry Pastor for twenty years throughout California, and is now serving as Lead Pastor in Grass Valley, CA. where he last served for the past six years as Lead Pastor in Grass Valley, Ca. Randy has been married to Robin for twenty five years and they have raised Cameron and Austin who are now serving God where they are living. In addition to being involved in youth ministry, Randy has written for Lifeway Church Resources for nearly twenty years in student publishing, led numerous conferences on youth ministry, and have been involved in international missions. He and Robin have led numerous mission teams around the globe and wouldn't trade their

experiences for anything. Randy loves to spend time in the great outdoors, travel, backpack, and spend time with his family. His greatest passion though is to tell others about the love of Jesus.

The “Unreal Talent Show” continues to be the highlight of the week for some campers. Secular music will be accepted but the lyrics and content must be screened prior to accepting your act for the show. If any campers are wondering about a certain song and whether it will be acceptable they can contact me anytime and I will let them know. They will need to bring their own costumes and props to camp as there will be limited resources there.

Please let your teens know that I have set up a group and fan page on Facebook where you can get all the new Blue Slide information as it comes up. They can also post questions and comments pertaining to camp. Just do a search for “NCBA Blue Slide” and it they should come up. I’m looking forward to another great year at Blue Slide!

If you or any of your pastoral staff would like to minister at camp by leading a breakout session or you have the desire to share a message with the campers at a morning event please let me know. I’m always looking at filling my mornings with a potpourri of speakers that aren’t necessarily at camp for the week so they can see a fresh face once in a while.

As always, adult supervision is needed. Female cabin counselors are our biggest need. In the past this supervision has usually been supplied by a few churches while other churches sponsor maybe just a handful of campers but don’t send any adults. I understand that this may be a challenge for some churches and even if you can send just one that always helps. Of course, if you have more that’s even better. Please communicate with me your needs in this area. If there are other churches who are able to send multiple adults I’ll get you together to coordinate with them. If you have men that can come out each evening from 7-10 p.m. this is our greatest need for supervision. I will have no problem supporting this ministry with a tank of gas to help out. Of course they’re always welcome to stay overnight if they prefer.

I’m looking forward to a great year at Blue Slide and hope that you’ll be a part of this awesome ministry! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at 223-1985 or by email at dougculbert@campblueslide.com.

Your Servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'D' and a cursive 'oug'.

Pastor Doug