

Wednesday, October 15, 2009

Dear Camp Laurelwood Parent,

First I want to thank you for your patience. I had been pricing the trip out and wanted to make sure I had all my answers before I put out the final information about Bonim 2010.

The first session of camp will be the trip component which will involve 18 days in Costa Rica (Itinerary of the trip is the second attachment) and the rest of the time before and after the trip in leadership/skill training and in house activities at camp. The second session will include weekly trips, an overnight and counselor training, with the option for the campers to train in cpr, first aid and lifeguarding classes.

For this program we will be providing one Camp Laurelwood staff person for every 8 campers enrolled. This makes our program very special since we will have our own staff that the campers have a relationship with escorting them on the trip. Josh Barrows will be one of our staff, accompanying the campers. Josh has been part of Camp Laurelwood for the past 10 years and is currently a 5th college student, EMT and has aspirations to attend Medical school next year.

Campers are welcome to sign up for the first or second session or can sign up for the whole season. Any camper who participates in at least one of the sessions and has had no behavioral issues will be guaranteed a position in our Junior Counselor program for the summer of 2011. If your child does not participate in any part of the Bonim program, they may apply in the summer of 2011 but there are no guarantees of job openings.

The fee for Bonim for Session 1 is \$5000 and for the full season \$6300 if you sign up by Nov. 5, 2009. After Nov. 5, Session 1 is \$5500 and full season will go up to \$6800. If you are interested in signing your child up for Session 2 the fee is \$2800 or after Nov. 5 the price will go up to \$3300.

Attached to this letter is the itinerary from the company who will be coordinating our trip this summer. I am sure there are many questions. Please feel free to call me directly on my cell (203)710-1129. The machine says Camp Laurelwood if I don't answer let me know when is the best time over the weekend for me to call you back. I will be tied up tomorrow until mid day but otherwise I have plenty availability over the weekend to speak with you and answer any questions.

One thing that I do recommend is that when you sign up for the program consider looking into Travel Insurance, just in case something happens at the last minute and your child is not able to attend Bonim. Once your deposits has arrived at camp you are locked into the fee whether your child attends or for some reason cannot attend at the last minute. The camp will not honor any refunds for this program.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2010 summer camping season!

Ruth Ann