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*Encountering Christ on the Oregon Coast*

Greetings!

Plans are coming together for Surfside 2009 and we're really excited for what's to come. Surfside is all about creating a community where new friendships are formed, old friendships are enriched, and where campers come expecting to encounter the Living God. Surfside is about creative learning, meaningful worship, lively recreation, solo times with God, and enjoying the unique beauty of Rockaway, Oregon. Surfside has been described as a "counselor-centered" camp. This means that we go to great lengths to recruit a phenomenal group of people to staff our camp. Our hope is to ensure that your son/daughter interacts with and is mentored by people listening to and responding to Jesus.

Here's what the week entails: after getting everyone settled into cabin groups on Sunday, Monday is Body Building Day. This is a day set aside solely for the purpose of building a community of trust. The next few days are spent in interactive and engaging classes, huge recreation games, participatory worship, and time set aside to simply hang out with friends while hiking, boating, swimming, working on art and crafts, playing mini-golf...you get the idea. Friday is our annual beach day where we cap off the week by spending the day at the amazingly beautiful Short Sands Beach. We hope and pray that every aspect of Surfside draws campers into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join us in praying for this to be a reality.

Enclosed with this letter is an informational brochure that includes a packing list for camp. Please encourage your child to look over it carefully and pack accordingly. It is also important to note that we discourage campers from bringing any personal electronic devices and we do not allow any cell phones at camp. If you feel that your son/daughter needs to make a call, there are pay phones available and/or arrangements can be made to use a phone at the front office. If a cell phone is needed for time-telling purposes, campers are encouraged to bring a watch. Surfside is a unique opportunity to set aside the habits and distractions of our day-to-day lives in order to experience the beauty and life-altering nature of community, God's creation, and worship. By leaving our cell phones at home we create the space needed to receive these gifts more easily.

Thanks for giving us the honor of spending a week with your child. It brings us great joy to be involved in this ministry at Twin Rocks.

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Surfside Directors