

ELEVATE

Point Loma Nazarene University *May 21-25, 2020*

Trip Information

What is Elevate?

The ultimate youth retreat is here again! You won't want to miss out on the opportunity to spend Memorial Day weekend with over 1,000 teenagers from the Southwest Region (Arizona, New Mexico, California and Hawaii) for four days of awesome worship, fantastic speakers, concerts and many other scheduled activities, competitions and sporting events!

Where will we be going?

Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California

Where are we staying?

Our group will be staying on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University in the dorms.

Who can go?

Any student who is currently in 6th-12th grades and who has shown committed regular attendance to Sutter Creek Nazarene services/youth activities.

What is the schedule?

I anticipate meeting at Sutter Creek Nazarene Thursday afternoon (before school is out on May 21) and returning to the church late Monday night (May 25). As these details are finalized, additional information will be sent out. I appreciate your flexibility in this!

Who will be leading the students?

The adults on the trip will include small group leaders, adults who volunteer with the youth for special events, and parents of teens. We are confident that this strong group of leaders will help the youth participating in the trip grow in Christ, connect with other students and stay safe.

Cost Information

The cost for Elevate includes travel, lodging, meals, activities, competitions, and registration for the event.

Cost of trip per student: \$198

As always, need-based scholarships are available, but may be limited. Cost should never prevent someone from being part of a youth group activity. Please see Pastor Austin for details.

\$75 non-refundable deposit due with registration forms before March 29th.

Additional \$123 due by May 10th.

Please make checks payable to SC Naz with Elevate in memo.

This weekend event is more than just a fun trip- it is an opportunity for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ and bond with their church family. Our hope and prayer is that each student will be able to grow from where they are currently are. We want them to get out of their comfort zone and experience firsthand the joy of being with believers from around the country and celebrating life in Christ. **You will be blessed by the experience - and have a blast!**

Questions? Contact Pastor Caleb or Austin at Austin@scnaz.org; Caleb@scnaz.org or call the church office at 209-267-1307.

What to Bring

- Bedding for dorm bunk beds - sleeping bag, blankets, pillow
- Bible
- Notebook and pen
- Bath towel, wash cloth
- Soap, shampoo, other toiletries
- **Optional** Spending money (under \$40)
- Short and long sleeved shirts
- Appropriate length shorts or long pants
- One set of work clothes (we may be involved in a service project)
- Bathing suit, beach towel
- 1 pair tennis shoes for sporting events, flip flops are optional
- Underwear and socks
- Water bottle
- Sun block, lip balm, sunglasses

Notes on Packing

Everything must fit in **one** duffel bag or suitcase.

Please do not bring any valuables or too much extra cash.

Carefully read the attached clothing policy and pack accordingly!

Clothing Policy

PLEASE BRING:

- Mid-thigh length shorts and skirts
 - You will be bending, twisting, sitting, climbing and crawling as we worship, play games and sports and hang out together. Short shorts will only get shorter with these activities. A good measure is to let your arms fall to your side – if your fingers touch skin, bring a longer pair of shorts!
- Loose-fitting clothing
 - No one wants to look like they painted on their outfit!
- Clothes that cover your undergarments
 - Guys, don't forget a belt to hold up your pants! And we really don't want to be seeing your armpits with big cut-off shirts. Girls, think thick straps (not spaghetti straps) or shirts with sleeves. The average high temp in San Diego in May is only 68 degrees!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Distracting apparel
 - Thin strapped tank tops, short shorts or skirts, clothing that reveals undergarments, clothing that reveals midriffs or chests.
- Apparel that includes obscene, vulgar, abusive or discriminatory language or images.
- Apparel that promotes alcohol, chemical, tobacco or any other product illegal for use by minors.
- Apparel that represents threatening or hate groups and gang-related clothing.

We will be representing Christ in the community. These "prohibited" items often work against, not for, our efforts to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. This distracting apparel can be disrespectful and damaging to the long-term relationship building within a community.

ELEVATE Youth Covenant

In order to have a safe and life-changing experience, clear expectations are needed between all who are involved. Naz YG and Sutter Creek Nazarene's desire is to serve communities without bringing them any harm. As a result, we ask all participants to agree to the following expectations.

The goal of this covenant is to ensure the knowledge of trip policies, solidify your commitment to our group, and demonstrate your respect of the community you will be serving.

- Because I want to truly help others as Jesus did, I agree to bring a servant, joyful attitude. I understand that I am on the trip to worship God, help a community, build new relationships and learn new things. I agree to come prepared to do so!
- Because I am aware that my actions have consequences beyond myself, I agree to obey all local laws and ordinances pertaining to the use of drugs and alcohol by minors. I will not bring or use illegal substances on the trip, or on the property of our ministry partners or in any vehicles with participants.
- Because I want nothing to distract me from my week of serving others, I understand that the use of a music device is restricted to sleeping times only. I will not access these devices at any other time during the trip unless given special permission, including while traveling. Electronic games, laptops, and portable DVD players will not be allowed on the trip. Cell phones will be allowed, but need to be put away when asked, including group sessions.
- Because I am going with and returning with Naz YG group, I agree that this mission week is a group experience. I will do my best to build community, create relationships, be welcoming and include others. I agree to treat everyone – leaders, staff, other groups and community members – with the utmost respect.
- Because I know that how I treat people's things make a statement, I agree that I will respect the property of all participants, the community members and the housing site in which we stay. I will conduct myself as a representative of Jesus Christ at all times, remembering the purpose of the trip and my responsibility as a witness to the community.
- Because I know that my parents and leaders care about my well-being, and because I want to be safe, I agree to stay within the designated area boundaries, stay in groups of two or more, respect gender specific areas (sleeping rooms and restrooms), follow rules at the ministry sites and communicate with my group.
- Because I know that I am representing Jesus Christ and want to respect the people around me, I agree to follow the clothing policy. I understand that the way I dress can affect my ministry, and I will respect my group, the community, and myself by dressing modestly.

Registration INFORMATION

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE SCNAZ CHURCH OFFICE OR NAZYG

Once your form and deposit has been received you will receive a registration link via the email you provide.

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S EMAIL _____

REQUESTED CABIN PARTNER _____

ELEVATE 2020 Trip Contract

I, _____, understand and commit to the following guidelines for the SC Naz Elevate 2020.

1. I am registering for the trip by March 29th. I understand that completion of this form does not guarantee that I will have spot for camp. Due to limited number of registration spots, some may be put on a waiting list.
2. I agree to pay a deposit of \$75 by March 29th (I will be granted a full refund if I am not able to attend due to space limitations for the trip). I also understand that I will be required to pay the remainder of the trip cost (\$123) before May 10th.
3. I understand that there may be additional forms and deadlines that I will be required to meet, and I agree to adhere to these deadlines.

I have read, understand and will honor this contract.

Participant Signature

Print Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Date