

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR STAKE OAKCREST KICKOFF MEETING

Information for Stake Young Women Leaders

1. Pick a date and time for your stake's kickoff meeting. Hold your meeting sometime before the end of February.
2. Compile a list of the girls in your stake that are currently in the 7th grade.
3. Invite the ward young women leaders who are handling Oakcrest, a stake priesthood leader, and all **eligible** young women and their parents. Make sure every eligible girl is invited to the Oakcrest kick-off. Many parents and girls do not know anything about Oakcrest and need to be informed of the opportunity. **Encourage ward leaders to give invitations to eligible less active and nonmember girls who live in their ward boundaries.**
4. Assemble packets for the girls. Include a registration card and the following forms found in the back pocket of your Oakcrest binder: *About Oakcrest – Information for Campers and Parents*, *What the Campers Said about Oakcrest 2017*, *What to Bring to Oakcrest Camp*, *Oakcrest Central Busing Location Directions*, *Missionary Shirt Service Project*, and the *Oakcrest Epipen Form*. Laurel buddies and the parents of the campers requiring Laurel Buddies should also receive the *Laurel Buddy Agreement*. Please write the name and phone number of your stake's Oakcrest contact person at the bottom of the *About Oakcrest* form before copying.
5. **At the Kick-Off:**
 - Show the Oakcrest movie on the flash drive. The movie answers a lot of questions and shows the girls what the camp is all about. Refer to the back of this form for instructions on using the flash drive.
 - Go over the registration form and the other forms in the packet.
 - Discuss roommates: **Point out that Oakcrest will now only accommodate twosomes** and that each girl must have the other girl's name on her registration card in order to be placed together.
 - Let the parents know when the cards and money are due to the ward/stake.
 - Let the ward leaders know when they need to turn the money in to you. Hint: Allow yourself about two weeks prior to Stake Registration Day (March 10, 2018).
 - Make sure that every parent has your name and number so that they know whom they can call with questions.
 - Give the parents the Oakcrest website information: www.oakcrestcamp.org
 - Make mention that Oakcrest does not take the place of ward or stake camps. (Oakcrest is an optional or supplemental camp, but we would like every eligible girl to be *invited* to attend.)
 - Emphasize that girls can only attend Oakcrest once, right after they complete their 7th grade year. **Girls with parents who live in different stakes cannot attend twice.**
 - Allow time for questions and answers.

Other Tips:

- Some stakes have the parents turn in the registration cards and money AT the kick off meeting instead of turning them in later.
- Have a couple of girls that went to Oakcrest last summer talk about their experiences.
- Review some of the statements made by past campers found on the document *What the Campers Said about Oakcrest 2017*.
- Sing camp songs and/or play them as prelude.
- Have refreshments.
- Make the meeting as brief, yet informative, as possible.
- Make it fun!

Reminder: At Registration Day on **March 10**, turn in the registration cards from your stake, the Oakcrest movie flash drive, two copies of the *Stake Registration List*, and one stake check for the full amount due written to *Oakcrest Girls Camp*.