

# 2017 COMMON GROUND

## Tour Info Sheet

Hello Common Ground & Parents,

I've given you a list below of basic facts to help you prepare for this year's tour. Please know that you can always call me if you have any questions or concerns, before or even during tour (my cell is 408 309-9975).

We're gonna have a great tour! Tom

1. **Our Tour Sponsors:** Katlynn Hoegel, Tom Hoegel, Jamie Jacobson, Molly Schrey, Chris Larsen, and Brian Schutte.
  2. **Amount Owed:** The amount owed is the combination of the tour fee, plus shirts & Common Ground Fee minus fund raisers and payments you already made. Please see Tom if you would like the breakdown of these areas. Also remember, we have the HUG Program (Help Us Go) up and running and available if you need assistance for your kid to go, or if you want to support someone else going. This program is strictly confidential. We want your student on the trip, no matter what the cost!
  3. **Tour Schedule:** As you can see, we've got a fun plan scheduled on this year's tour. I have included for you the schedule with contact information and some details for daily activities (We are still working out some things). Regarding housing, we stay in host homes about every other night and send our kids and adults out in groups of at least two or more. If you have relatives near these locations that might want to house your student and a friend or two, please notify me and provide permission slips for each kid from their parent(s) we know it's OK.
  4. **Cast Party Planning Team:** We'll have this group gather to meet and plan on Saturday morning, June 10th as we prepare to leave on tour. The party will be at the Fujimoto's house again this year. Should be a blast!!
  5. **Concert Treats:** Every Common Grounder should plan to bring treats for the opening night and homecoming concerts at Bethel. Please bring one plate of
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treats (cookies, bars, fruit, etc.). We also need parents to coordinate the serving of the snacks.

6. **Timothy Time and Family Time:** Are opportunities to get together either randomly, one on one, or in their assigned groups for discussions and get to know you questions.
7. **Chores:** Each day on tour, everyone helps unload and reload the trailer before they deal with their personal belongings, each family group loads the trailer once.
8. **Late Fees:** We have a neat little incentive for promptness. Remember, it's 50 cents per minute whenever anyone is late.
9. **Lost and Found:** In the spirit of Late Fees, all lost & found items will be sold back to the original owner at auction starting at 50 cents per piece. (All proceeds from Late Fees and Lost and Found go to support the cast party)
10. **Medical Release:** If I've given you a blank one, please fill it out and return it by next Monday, May 22nd. If I've given you an old one, please verify the information and then initial and date it in the lower left hand corner. Please get it back tonight or on the 22nd as well. If I didn't give you one, I have a current one for you on file.
11. **Covenant:** See the attached "individual copy" of our covenant. All Common Grounders will sign the group copy before tour. A reminder: Items 1 and 2 are non-negotiables that are reason for an immediate trip home (I'm not expecting any problems, its just good to set proper expectations.
12. **Questions?** Please call me anytime: 408 309-9975

I hope this all makes sense to you. We have had a great spring with Common Ground and think tour is going to be awesome. Thanks for your support and participation.

Tom Hoegel  
Youth Director & Tour Guide