

The 28th Annual Rifle River Campout

July 10th – July 13th 2011

Dear Camper,

It's Rifle River time again! We are very excited about the plans and theme for this year's camp. Whether you're a first time camper, or have joined us before we would like to invite you along as we join other friends and celebrate our 28th Rifle River Campout. The parts for this year's camp are coming together; the only piece missing right now is you! Don't be the one who gets to hear about all the fun your friends had at camp this summer, be the one who's there with them having the fun as you share in the experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

A lot of exciting things are in store for this year's campout, as we try to make it even better than last year. You will see many of the counselors and staff returning, and a number of new faces as well. The staff is carefully put together including not only Christians from around our area, but Christians from other communities too. The staff is a reputable and well put together group of adults who love to work with youth.

Your registration includes food, site fee, and a Rifle River Camp T-Shirt. Included with this letter is a permission slip/emergency contact form, and insurance information. All of this information is very important, and must be submitted to allow participation at camp. In addition, please fill out the size of the T-Shirt you will need. **Please return the entire form to the church office as soon as possible.** Those who have their forms in before **July 1st** will be assured a T-Shirt of their chosen size. The faster you can return your information, the more accurate we can be with our planning and our ordering.

You can also mail your permission slips to Chad Brandt at the Hale United Methodist Church, 201 W. Main St. P.O. Box 46 Hale, MI 48739. If you have any questions, you can contact me by phone at 728-9522, e-mail at cbhawk@centurytel.net or on our website at www.haleumc.org.

Important note: We encourage the youth to try and make arrangements to stay at camp the entire time. We feel the more time you spend with everyone, the more rewarding the experience is for you. We do however understand the schedules and responsibilities of the youth. Therefore, if you are able to come out part of the time, or in the evenings only, we will try and adjust to accommodate you. **You will be responsible for the state park pass needed to come and go, and are still expected to register with a permission form.** This is extremely important in order to have an accurate count of campers we are responsible for at all times.

**** Registration Process**

The registration and pick-up for this year's campout will take place at The Rifle River Recreation Area (at the Organizational Camping Section). Parents will be responsible for bringing their child to camp on Sunday, July 10th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.. Pick-up will happen Wednesday, July 13th between 11:00 - 1:00. **Important:** The Rifle River office will be working with us on the coming and going, as long as your vehicle is not staying at the camp. Any camper that will be coming and going to work will be responsible for their own pass as has been the procedure the past number of years. If you have any questions, please contact me for further explanation.

Things that you want to pack are:

Notebook/Bible

Sleeping Bag & Pillow

Clothes for warm,cool,and moist weather

MODEST APPROPRIATE SWIMWEAR and towel

Mosquito spray & sunscreen

Sporting Equipment for free time

Toiletries (Rustic bathrooms)

Camera (name on it)

Extra shoes

*Tent (4 person)

Watch

Flashlight

Props or costumes for skits

Rain Gear

A positive attitude

We are asking anyone who is bringing a tent to mark that on their registration form and its capacity in order to help us accommodate everyone. Other tents will be available.

Campers 7th – 9th Grade, please bring some type of snack to share (Chips, Pretzels..)
Campers 10th-12th, please bring a dessert to share.

Things to leave home

Headsets/MP3's /IPods

Weapons

Non-Christian Music

Cell Phones

Items requiring Electricity

Money

Illegal substances

(Including tobacco products, alcohol, and drugs....)

Thank you for being part of our great and long standing camping tradition at Hale United Methodist.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Chad W. Brandt, Youth Pastor