

# The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rifle River Campout

## July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> 2010

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 27th 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.

**Thanks to the Iosco County Youth Advisory Council grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the cost for this year's camp is FREE!** This includes food, site fee, and a Rifle River Camp T-Shirt. Included with this letter are 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 1<sup>st</sup>** will qualify for a number of early bird prizes. 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](mailto:cbhawk@centurytel.net) or on our website at [www.haleumc.org](http://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 day pass (\$6) or annual sticker (\$24) 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. Parents will be responsible for bringing their child to camp on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. for registration. On Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a closing time of worship at 10:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us. At the conclusion of the worship time (11:00 - 1:00) parents are able to check out their camper. **Important:** The Rifle River office will have special time passes that will permit entrance to the park without buying the \$24 annual sticker or the \$6 day pass (these are short term passes only, 30-45 minutes). Any campers that will be coming and going to work will be responsible for their own day passes 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**

**Clothes for Warm and cool Weather**

**MODEST APPROPRIATE SWIMWEAR and towel**

**Mosquito spray & sunscreen**

**Sporting Equipment for free time**

**Toiletries (Rustic bathrooms)**

**Pillow**

**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 are on hand**

**Campers 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade need to bring some type of snack to share (Chips, Pretzels..)  
Campers 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> need to bring a dessert to share.**

**Things to leave home**

**CD Players/Headsets/MP3's /iPods**

**Weapons**

**Non-Christian Music**

**Cell Phones**

**Items requiring Electricity**

**Money**

**Illegal substances**

**(Including Cigarettes, 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**

