

The 26th Annual Rifle River Campout

July 12th – July 15th 2009

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 this year as we join other friends and celebrate our 26th 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.

The cost of camp is \$40 per camper. 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 with your registration fee to the church office as soon as possible prior to June 30th.** The faster you can return your information and fee, 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 ympactchad@haleumc.org 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 the registration fee 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 Sunday, July 12th between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for registration. Those registered by 3:00 will be eligible for a special Rifle River drawing to be held later. On Wednesday, July 15th, parents will also be responsible for picking up their children between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **Important:** The Rifle River office will be providing our group special drop off and pick up 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 however, 20-30 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	Camera (name on it)
Sleeping Bag	Extra shoes
Clothes for Warm and cool Weather	Tent
<u>MODEST APPROPRIATE SWIMWEAR</u> and towel	Watch
Mosquito spray & sunscreen	Flashlight
Sporting Equipment for free time	Props or costumes for skits
Toiletries (Rustic bathrooms)	Rain Gear
Pillow	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 7th – 9th Grade need to bring some type of snack to share (Chips, Pretzels..)
Campers 10th-12th need to bring a dessert to share.

Things to leave home

CD Players/Headsets/MP3's /IPods	Items requiring Electricity
Weapons	Money
Non-Christian Music	Illegal substances
Cell Phones	(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