

DEAR AWESOME YOUTH LEADER, PARENTS AND CAMPERS

Faith Ministries Network (FMN) Youth Camp 2022 is upon us once again. We are expecting another life-changing experience for your young people and leaders. Those of you who are coming in from other States: we would like to offer for you to spend Sunday night at our sister church facility in Conifer. Please let us know so we can make those arrangements.

Youth Camp was established in 1999 so young people could have a week of fun and fellowship with other young people from all over the country and world. Young people work as teams during the week and learn God's view and opinion of them. We know this year is no exception. They will be blessed to be a part of this year's camp while becoming equipped to reach this generation for Christ.

You can make copies of the registration and health forms. Please copy and distribute one set per individual. Also, please have your youth print legibly! You can get the forms online at fmyouth.org or faithministries.network. but the actual three forms, i.e. registration, health and Bear Trap, must be mailed in separately.

This letter is to help prepare you and your youth for the best time possible at this summer's youth camp. For that to happen, everyone must be going in the same direction with the same vision. For us to accommodate 7th graders thru college age young people, your involvement is vital. This summer we can accommodate up to about 75-100 people (including leaders). The **lodging accommodations are pre-assigned in pairs. Please match up your boys and girls for us; if you don't, we will.** The following information should be carefully read and conveyed to your youth, parents and leaders:

- **Registration and Transportation** – Camp begins on July 18, with registration from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by orientation and then lunch. **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME!** We do provide transportation from the airport (DIA) to Bear Trap Ranch **if** arrangements are made ahead of time. Bunkhouses will be available at 10:00 a.m. Camp finishes before lunch on Friday. **THERE IS NO GROUP LUNCH AT CAMP ON FRIDAY.**
- **Refunds** – No cancellations or refunds after June 30; however, substitutions of other youth are allowed.
- **Camp Schedule** – Upon arrival you will receive a detailed schedule. Because of the facility size, people can easily get lost. At each and every event, everyone must and will be accounted for. If someone does not show up, we will stop and find them. Camp is only five days. **If someone is too tired or does not want to participate in the camp schedule, please ask them to stay at home.** Someone who wants to participate can better use the space. All campers and youth leaders must be willing and ready to follow this schedule – no exceptions.
- **Participation – Activities, sessions, etc...** Until we can raise up and train college-age leaders to run our own camp, it is vital that everyone sees themselves as an important cog in the wheel. For our camp to be successful, we need 100% participation. This means rock climbing, activities, sessions, workshops, and meals, i.e. everything. **No one is left out, no one skips out and no one leaves.** Once you have registered, we become one group. Sorry, absolutely no trips to town, pizza round-ups or sight-seeing excursions. Please convey this to your college aged/leadership. Even though they can drive and are responsible, it becomes too tempting for younger campers to tag along. Besides, we do not want to create an atmosphere that excludes and isolates groups. Supplies that are needed for the week should be brought to camp.
- **Accommodations** – Our reservations are for the whole sleeping facility. Rooms have stacked bunk beds. Everyone needs to know this ahead of time so that it will not create any confusion. **The room accommodations are pre-assigned in pairs. Please match up your young people for us.** Leaders are encouraged to view time in the room as a chance to get to know the youth and be a blessing to them. You never know what kind of life-changing commitments and friendships will develop.
- **Activities and Workshops** – On Tuesday and Thursday, there will be several workshops, rock climbing and team challenges for the campers to attend. Sign-up will occur during registration on Monday. Leaders will be assigned to help with team challenges and workshops. If you are not in charge of a workshop, you will be asked to assist (your help is greatly needed).
- **iPads, Earbuds, and phones can be brought to camp, but have to be left in the camper's suitcase. (Phones can be used for pictures only.)** **Fireworks, lighters, knives, matches and firearms are to be left at home!** – We want each young person to be in the best possible position to receive what God has for him or her. With all the high-tech gadgets banging in the eyes and ears of youth today, it's no wonder they struggle to hear from God. Prior to coming to camp, please explain this policy to your young people. We want them to develop new friends and hear from God.
- **Set the Atmosphere** – Never assume that anything will be a success. You must set up your kids to succeed. Prior to coming to camp, you should talk about what to expect in terms of activities, workshops, devotions, rock climbing, praise and worship and the evening services. Don't assume your kids will have a good time. Create a picture that will cause your youth to aspire to having the best camp experience of their life! If you need help with this topic, call and I will give you some ideas as to how to do this.
- **Snacks and Missions Offering** – extra money is needed to buy snack food after the services each day and an offering will be taken for our next youth outreach.

WOW! – FMN Youth Camp 2022 is coming soon, so get your teens ready for an awesome time. Your teens will be challenged and changed! God Bless and see you soon.

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