

DEAR AWESOME YOUTH LEADERS, PARENTS AND CAMPERS,

Faith Ministries International Network (FMIN) National Youth Camp 2009 is just around the corner. We are anticipating great things to happen again this year. So pump up your youth and get ready to be on the cutting edge of what God is doing. Last year, we experienced tremendous break-through and growth in our young people. Dave Duell will be teaching us this year about "how...to get a vision for our future and then show us how walk it out. After all it's only forever.

Included in this package are "**BACK TO THE FUTURE**" flyers to hand out to your youth and master copies of the rafting release, registration and health forms. Please copy and distribute one set per individual. Also, please have your youth print legibly!

This letter is to help prepare you and your youth group for the best time possible at this summer's youth camp. In order 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 200 people (including leaders). The **lodging accommodations are pre-assigned in pairs**. Please match up your young people for us. The following information should be carefully read and conveyed to your youth group, their parents and your leaders/interns.

- **Registration and Transportation** – Camp begins on July 13, with registration from 10-11:30 am, followed by orientation at 11:30 am. It is mandatory that everyone attend orientation. We do not have means of transportation from the airport (DIA) to Camp Wondervu. Bunkhouses will be available at 10 am. Prior to 10 am, during registration and up to the beginning of orientation, you will be responsible for your kids. Know where and what they are doing! Camp finishes July 17 after lunch.
- **Refunds** – Since space is limited (200), registration must be by mail and on a first come, first serve basis. No cancellations or refunds after June 30, however substitutions 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 – Rafting, activities, sessions, etc...** Until we can raise up and train college-age leaders to run our 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 rafting, 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 people. 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. What is 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 character building involving **Christ-centered discussions**. Find out about AM Devotions and/or responses in the evening services. Who knows what kind of life-changing commitments and friendships will develop?
- **Activities and Workshops** – On Tuesday and Thursday, there will be several workshops 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). AM Devotions (Accountability Mates) is a time where young people communicate spiritually one-to-one through morning devotions. It's a great way to develop.
- **iPODs, CD/Tape players, Game Boys/PSPs, fireworks, lighters, knives, matches, cell phones, beepers/pagers 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, rafting, 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 me and I will give you some ideas as to how to do this.

WOW! – FMIN Youth Camp 2009 is coming soon. So get your teens ready to learn how to **WALK OUT THEIR VISION**. Your teens will be challenged and changed! God Bless and see you soon.

GEARY PERRY ➡ **CAMP DIRECTOR**

Please Note: Rafting forms will be sent at a later date.