

ACC Youth Ministries

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Dear Friend,

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming ACC Fall Youth Retreat. The event will be held September 12-14, 2014, at Refreshing Mountain Camp, Stevens, PA.

Please register by August 22nd!

For a view of the camp and directions visit...www.refreshingmountain.com.

Details for Fall Retreat 2014

Resource & Spiritual Theme:



Our resource speaker this year will be Rachel Swartzendruber Miller, Vice President of Admissions & Financial Aid, at Hesston College. *She has a passion for speaking to and walking with youth!*

Rachel will be focusing on the theme, ***“Decisions...Decisions...Decisions!”*** We desire this to be an engaging weekend for our youth as Rachel invites us into the Biblical Story, as we consider the nature of the life decisions, and how they impact our lives...

We are given the opportunity to choose, and our decisions can glorify God in all that we do, portraying faithfulness as we live our faith journey. Decisions can be challenging, yet we can invite God into our discernment along with logic, rationale, emotions, and the resource of our relationships. God is with us!

The intent of this theme is to build understanding in God's ways and invite us to include God in decisions that need to be made so that our lives reflect our love of God and God's ways...

The ACC Youth Committee is excited that Rachel is available to share with us, and believe this retreat will be a wonderful & encouraging time for youth and leaders.

Please pray for our time together!

Weekend Schedule:

Please arrive between 7-8:45PM Friday evening. Our first worship session will be held at 9PM. The weekend will conclude Sunday at noon after our last worship session...the final meal is Sunday morning brunch. A complete schedule will be available at registration Friday night.

Cost: Cost: \$98 per person...youth and leaders. **Please return the included registration form by August 22nd.** In addition, make sure you bring along a completed “*activities release & waiver form*” for each youth & adult. Camp will not allow persons to participate in Zip Line, etc. activities without them. In addition, a medical release form for each person is important. See attachment example.

Facility Information:

- Refreshing Mountain Camp is located approximately 10 miles west of Ephrata, PA in a wooded area. A beautiful camp!
- updated lodging with heat & AC; much of the lodging is log-cabin style with porches that encourage “hanging out” and relationship building.
- two gyms, we have primary use of gym 2, the other gym will be set up for recreational activity throughout the weekend for other groups. There are additional outdoor basketball & volleyball courts.
- Playing fields which will be used for tournaments, games, etc.
- The “Zip line”** guaranteed to give a thrill! (included in registration cost).
- Large “pool” includes diving pit, water tubes, and a water spray feature.
The swimsuit guideline is a modest one-piece.
- Dining area, buffet style (**vegetarian option available**, please note on reg. form)
- Area for evening campfires.
- Snack/gift store with adjacent game room.



Weekend Features:

- Worship & Resource times
- Friday evening meeting with youth leaders immediately following the worship session...a quick session to provide additional information for youth leaders.
- Mixer activities.
- Saturday afternoon tournaments...volleyball, basketball, scavenger hunt, etc.
- Additional Saturday afternoon options include an art wall project.
- Sunday morning youth leader meeting before brunch. (*a tradition we hold dearly*)
- Small group time...Saturday morning/evening, Sunday morning after worship.
- The “**Giant Swing**” element will be offered Saturday afternoon.
- Saturday evening **Coffee house/talent show** will be combined with our snack time. Please talk to your youth now and *encourage them to participate!!!*

What to Bring:

- Youth! **--Medical Release Form -- Activities Release & Waiver Form**
- Bibles --swimsuit (modest one-piece)
- Bedding, sleeping bags or sheets, blankets --pillow
- washcloth, towel, toiletries --flashlight --bug repellent

Our ACC Youth Committee hopes that you will attend. We thank you for loving youth and giving so freely of your time to encourage them in life. Pray for this event; that those who attend will be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to commit to/continue the “journey of faith in Jesus.”

Sincerely,
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