

International Youth Camp 2010



Theme: Soldiers For Christ

June 9, 2010

Dear Youth Pastor:

Attention all those who stand for truth and God's Word, it is time to prepare to come together for strength, encouragement and direction for our youth. I do not have to tell you that there is an invisible enemy whose tactical operations are to control the minds of our young people. It is our job, under the watchful eye of our Commander In Chief-the Almighty God, to train and equip our young people with the right tools and weapons needed to defeat this enemy of their souls. This year's theme for 2010 is "Soldiers for Christ" and we are eager to discover what the Holy Spirit has in store for this year's camp.

Again, we ask that your area be prepared to give a cheer for opening night Pep Rally, the more like a military the better. Lord willing, our t-shirts this year will be 2 different colors of camouflage. Let's go all out this year and show the kingdom of God and others that we are the Army of God and not ashamed to show it!

We will be sending out the schedule for the ministry once we get verification of all ministers who are attending, (if I can remember this year to actually send it). Please understand if you are not assigned a slot for ministry, we are blessed every year with many qualified ministers and tend to lean towards those who have a special connection with the youth and can deliver the message in a way that captivates the hearts of the children.

Youth camp is something that these kids will remember for the rest of their lives, and more important than the activities, they will remember the counselors/adults and how we responded to them. For one week, we have the awesome opportunity to connect with kids, who in their own environment may have little to do with adults. There could be kids from the streets, broken homes, dangerous neighborhoods and outside The Church of God as well. Please, take time to get to know someone (*including other counselors*) before passing judgment; souls are our priority, let God change them in His time. If we want to make a difference in a child's life, we must first make a connection. I am honored to have so many wonderful adults as counselors who love these kids as much as we do and want to see them grow in the Lord as well. God Bless You!

Please find attached with this letter all the forms needed to make this years camp efficient and safe. It is imperative that every child attending camp, with or without their parent or guardian, have a signed permission/release form along with health insurance information.

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Now onto business:

Because the Camp Kiwanis facility must be paid for completely 2 weeks before we occupy it, it is necessary that we receive \$75 by the deadline, in order to cover camp rental, t-shirts, food and prizes before everyone arrives.

Date: December 26- January 1, 2010 (*the facility will be open on December 25 for traveling guests*)

Place: Camp Kiwanis at Mill Dam Lake near Ocala, Florida

Web page: www.marion.k12.fl.us/district/srm/kiwanis

Cost: \$175 per person for camper and/or counselor

Deposit: \$75 per person due by November 1st and no later than Fall Council; November 9-12, in order to attend.

Events: Walt Disney's Animal Kingdom (1 day); St. Augustine trip (1 day); Arts and Crafts; Archery; Fishing; Hiking; Sports; Campfires; Music; Worship Services; Nighttime games and much more.

Things to bring:

Bible

Sleeping bag/ pillow

Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc.)

Warm clothing (jeans, sweaters or jackets, tennis shoes, no short shorts)

Flashlight (optional) for nighttime games

Bath towels (with your name on them)

Flip flops for shower

Swimsuits for swimming in the lake are optional, however, females of all ages must wear a one piece and males of all ages must NOT wear Speedos (just to be fair).

Things NOT to bring:

Video games including hand held editions.

Large CD devices with speakers (except for those in charge of music- based classes)

NOTE: Ipod and MP3 players are permitted on the basis that ALL music is Christian! We will be checking your music for verification.

- As per the rules of Camp Kiwanis- *there is to be no food or drinks inside the dorms at any time(this includes campers and counselors alike)*. If you have "special" foods or dietary needs, we will accommodate you in the camp kitchen. Dorms will be checked often for these items.
- Again this year, we will be providing a Concession Stand for one hour per day which will include soft drinks, candy bars, chips and candy. Items can be purchased and eaten immediately or stored in the kitchen where only counselors can acquire and hand them out.
- Proceeds from the stand go directly back into the camp expenses.
- **One more note:** *If you would like your child to come back with the same amount of clothing they left with, please find some way to label them so that we can get them into the right hands. We have had a numerous amount of clothing left behind in years past and as parents we all know they aren't cheap to replace.*

Please contact us at 352-368-7860 or kcombs511@embarqmail.com

If you have any questions concerning this years camp and we will be happy to assist you.

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*Please make checks payable to The Church of God and mail them to our P.O. Box 472 Sparr, FL. 32192 to ensure safe handling. **Along with deposits, send shirt sizes of all of your campers and counselors!***

We are thrilled that you have decided to be a part of us this year and look forward to seeing you!

Best Wishes,

Bishop Patrick and Deaconess Kimberley Combs