

Stillwater

Northwest Presbyterian Church

Dear Stillwater parent -

Your son or daughter has signed up and you've paid their deposit (\$75) for this retreat. Inside, along with information and a rough itinerary, is a registration form for you to sign and turn in along with your child's balance due for the trip (\$225 – total trip cost - \$300). Please note that we will have a **mandatory** parent's meeting on Monday, June 23rd from 6:30-7:00pm; you may turn in your registration forms (**please be sure to sign both consent forms**) and final payment before that meeting, but not after (unless arrangements have been made in advance). I hope to see all of you soon! You will be able to follow along online with our little roadtrip through nightly updates on the website: www.npcpsalm23.blogspot.com

Warmly,

James Kessler

Associate Pastor, youth and families

Trip Vitals:

- Who?
 - 12 Middle School Students
 - 3 Youth Worker Chaperones
 - 1 Trip leader – James Kessler, Pastor to Youth and Families
- What?
 - Stillwater's Middle School Summer Retreat to the Edge Conference in Lookout Mountain, GA.
 - Roadtrip, watersports, team competitions, whitewater rafting, hanging out, praise and worship and challenging stuff from God's Word. And the ridiculous and goofy things that happen on roadtrips. Video evidence.
- When?
 - June 28th (Saturday) through July 2nd (Wednesday)
 - June 28th -Arrive at NPC by 7:30am (*sharp!*), depart by 8:00am
 - July 2nd -Return to NPC around 8:00pm (you will be contacted by *notifyquick*)
- Where?
 - The campus of Covenant College (www.covenant.edu)
 - Lookout Mountain on the border of Georgia and Tennessee, just outside of Chattanooga.

Schedule

Saturday

7:30am Arrive at NPC for last-minute meeting, prayer, packing
8:00am Depart for the Edge
12:00pm Lunch in Lexington, KY
5:00pm Arrival/ check-in

Sunday through Tuesday

Various things. We're going to keep the actual schedule under wraps – we don't want to spoil the fun... but, here's a taste of what will be happening:

- Team tournaments
- Praise and worship concerts
- Stillwater group time
- Whitewater rafting
- Large group parties – can a party with youth leaders be a party? Yes.
- “Water war”
- **Masquerade Ball** – bring any kind of costume or theme clothes (70's, etc...)!
- Turning off the lights at the appointed hour for sleep and *not* continuing to talk for hours leaving your group leader in a severely sleep-deprived stupor. Right.

Wednesday

12:00pm Depart for home

6:00pm Stop for dinner outside Cincinnati, OH.
8:30pm Arrive in Dublin, OH, at NPC

Supplies

What to pack:

Sleeping bag (or sheets and a blanket)
Pillow
Towels (bath and beach)
Casual and modest summer clothes
Toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.)
Bible, notebook and pen;
Swimwear
Rain jacket
Flashlight
Money for snacks, T-shirts (\$15), CDs
Sunscreen
A change of clothes that can get wet and dirty
Tennis racket (optional)

Soccer shoes (optional)
70's Disco Party Attire
Dark clothes for a night game

What NOT to pack:

Fireworks, smoke bombs or anything else in that category
Alcohol
Drugs
Tobacco products
Skateboards
Immodest swimwear (***no two-pieces girls... or boys. Tank-inis allowed if they cover everything. Except boys – no tankinis for you either***)

Important:

- **You may bring** Walkmen, discmen, ipods, stereos, gameboys, PSPs, PS2s, etc... but **only** for the drive. The Edge conference doesn't allow them, so they'll have to stay locked up during our time there.

**Northwest Presbyterian Church
Stillwater Middle School 2008 Summer Retreat
Registration/Consent Form**

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____



The Centrality of Christ,
The Clarity of the Gospel

Student Registration

[Please print legibly]

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____
_____ **Male**

Gender (check one): _____ **Female**

Age: _____

Grade for the 2008- 2009 school year:

Church: Northwest Presbyterian Church

Group Leader: James Kessler

Medical Treatment Permission

In case of illness or injury, the staff of the Edge Conference is hereby authorized by me to provide needed medical care and may turn over information to the insurance company that covers the health of the person mentioned above.

If applicable, I am listing any medical problems or allergies:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Rules, Regulations, Contact Info.

Although we don't anticipate any problems on this trip, it's always helpful to let everyone know about the Stillwater Road trip Rules and the penalty for breaking those rules. Fun for everyone! Let's get started...

- Purpose of the Stillwater Road Trip
 - To have fun of course!
 - To grow in Christ, to learn about his love, mercy and grace
 - To take a break from the stress and time commitments that make life busy and exhausting
 - To grow closer to peers in the midst of a culture where authentic friendship is hard to come by.

So Then....

- Infractions that will result in missing a portion of (or the entirety) of a day's activities...
 - Disobeying or ignoring the instructions of the trip leader or other chaperones/adult leaders/adults.
 - Disrespecting others: harsh and hurtful sarcasm, profanity, any form of physical or verbal violence.
 - Avoiding/ditching/disrupting group time
 - Missing curfew or check-in times.
 - PDA (public displays of affection): Sorry, but this just isn't the time or place.

- Infractions that will result in your parents picking you up and bringing you home
 - Any violation of civil law resulting in arrest or detention of any type
 - Possession or use of illegal drugs or alcohol
 - Physical or verbal abuse of another student
 - Inappropriate physical contact, consensual or otherwise
 - Repeated breaking of lesser rules, curfews, refusal to follow directions of trip leader or chaperone

Emergency Contact Info:

Trip Leader: James Kessler – (614) 302-1570 (Cell) – This should be your first option!