

YOUTH GROUP CANOE TRIP 2019: INFORMATION

June 23-26

Who can come? This trip is for anyone in 6th-12th grade for the 2018-2019 School Year.

When are we leaving? We plan to depart around 11:30 am, shortly after the morning service on June 23.

When are we returning? We intend to be back at church around 6 p.m. on Wednesday June 26.

How Much does it Cost? The cost of the trip is \$65 per student. The early bird rate is \$55 if paid on or before Sunday, June 2nd. You can make checks payable to Berean Baptist Church. Turn in the finances at the main office (marked Canoe trip), or directly to Jim Bartels.

**We are currently switching database systems and unfortunately cannot offer the ability to pay online at this time. Checks can be made out to Berean Baptist Church.*

Where are we going? We will be canoeing and camping along the Ausable River in the Huron National Forest in NE Michigan. As we get closer to the trip, I will share our itinerary along with our campsite locations and emergency contact numbers.

Why are we doing this trip? We believe in the value of building relationships and community. We also believe that when Jesus is at the center of our lives, we have the deepest and greatest joy in relationships. This is also a great opportunity to empower many of our older students with leadership opportunities.

What should I expect? Once we depart from Grand Rapids, we have about a three hour drive the Ausable River, where we will get into our canoes and head down the river to our first campsite.

For the next three days we will have a relaxing time canoeing from campsite to campsite alongside the river. Some of the campsites are accessible by canoe only.

Each day while we are at our campsite we will set up our tents, build campfires, play games, participate in team building activities, connect with God, eat delicious food, and have plenty of time to explore God's creation with great friends.

Will my teen be safe? Both physical and emotional safety are high priorities for us. We have a great group of leaders coming to ensure we meet our goal. We require each student to wear their seatbelt while we are driving, and each student is required to wear a lifejacket while we are in the canoes. We teach and ask each student to follow a simple behavior covenant, which helps to create a safe interaction among everyone.

How do I register? Please go to our website www.bereangr.org/youth to rsvp for this event.

What if I have a question about the trip?

Please Jim Bartels with any questions,

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