

About the Weekend

The annual Youth Leaders' Retreat is a weekend geared toward providing youth workers-paid & volunteers, a chance to network with peers and recharge after a typically busy summer. Expect a time of learning, introspection, and relaxation.

Whether you have a group of 3 or 300, we need each other!

Comments from past retreats:

"...the amount of knowledge, ideas, & resources from the youth leaders in this state is phenomenal!"

"The Youth Leaders' Retreat has become a highlight of my year because of the relationships & sharing of ideas & resources that have worked for others."

"I have attended several bigger youth conferences, but have known no one. Worshiping & sharing with new & old friends is so much better."

"Each year God gives me a new person from the retreat that I end up calling during the year for advice or encouragement."



Warner Camp

60 55th Street, Grand Junction, Michigan 49056
(269) 434-6844 www.warnercamp.com

We will be surrounded by some of the most beautiful countryside in SW Michigan! The camp has miles of trails, Lester Lake, quiet places to pray, and it is only about 12 miles from South Haven and Lake Michigan!

Where is Grand Junction?

Grand Junction is located in Allegan County, approximately 35 minutes from Kalamazoo, 10 minutes from South Haven, and 45 minutes from Grand Rapids. The town has a grocery store, gas station, post office, restaurants, and a trail head for the Kal-Haven Trail.

From I-94:

Take the M-40 exit (Paw Paw) until you come to M-40/M-43 intersection. Turn left and proceed west to County Road 215 (yellow caution light). Turn right (north) on County Road 215 through Breedsville until you reach a "T" intersection with County Road 318. Turn left and then an immediate right (before railroad tracks) on CR 215. Continue north to Grand Junction. Turn left (west) at stop sign and then right once you have crossed railroad tracks and follow signs to camp.

From I-196:

Exit at South Haven and turn east on Phoenix Road (County Road 388). Continue east to Grand Junction. Turn left before railroad tracks and follow signs to camp.

Annual
Michigan Church of God
Youth Leaders' Retreat

Our Identities Together



- **About You**
- **With God**
- **Those You Serve**

September 30-October 2, 2011
Warner Camp
Grand Junction, Michigan

Sponsored by:
Youth Ministry of the Church of God in Michigan

Weekend Leadership

Bill Ferguson, Speaker

Bill Ferguson has been involved in youth ministry leadership in one way or another for much of his 24 years of full-time ministry experience. He has most recently served as State Youth Pastor and Coach for Florida Church of God Ministries from 2008-2011, before coming to Michigan as Lead Pastor of the Westwood Church of God in Kalamazoo. He has leadership experience in conventional and non-conventional church ministry in urban, rural, suburban and multi-cultural and international settings. Bill's desire is to use his experience, training and ability to further the calling, health & reach leaders and laity of the Church for Kingdom growth and effectiveness.



Weekend Worship

Josh Colyer, Worship Leader

Josh is a graduate of Clarkston High School & has attended Oakland Community College for one year. He is currently the Youth Worship Arts Director for the Clarkston Community. His hobbies include music and playing guitar.



Schedule

Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Registration and get settled in (please eat prior to arriving)
- 8:00 Opening Session with Bill and get acquainted time
- 10:00 Free time & snacks (provided)

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast & personal devotions
- 9:30 Worship
Session- "The Best of Small Group Ministry"- facilitated by Kevin Kuehne & Clarkston Youth Ministry members
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 Round Table Talk-
"Budget Cuts-Making Do? Being Creative?"
- 3:00 Free Time- rest, fish, shop, plan, network, hike, golf...
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Worship & Session with Bill
- 9:00 Hayride, Bonfire & Fun!

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee & personal devotions
- 8:45 Morning Worship
Session with Bill
- 10:30 Brunch
- 11:30 Weekend wrap up & prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Retreat Ends



Weekend Focus

Identity...Who are we? Whose reality do we value the most in ministry? We all must learn to do ministry in community better. Our sessions with Bill, sharing together, and quiet times with God will help us focus on what is important- what we need to add or subtract in our lives to be the healthy spiritual examples for our students and families.

Conference Needs

- Bring your own bedding or sleeping bag, towels, & toiletries.
- Bibles & note-taking materials.
- Recreational equipment- table games, fishing gear, golf clubs...
- Items for "Show & Tell"- anything you wouldn't want to do Youth Ministry without (books, forms, Web sites, etc.)
- We will attempt to house couples together. Please note any difficulties with stairs or using top bunks.

Payment

The cost is \$75.00 per person, if received by September 10. After this date, cost raises to \$85.00.

A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per person is due by September 10.

Make checks payable to:

Church of God in MI

Send registrations to:

Church of God in Michigan

4212 Alpha St., Lansing, MI 48910-0711

To make payments via credit card using

PayPal, go to:

www.choginmi.org/youthleadersretreat.html

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