

July 2nd, 2009

Dear Sonshine Participants,

This mailing has a lot of information and updates on the Sonshine trip. If you know of anyone who still wants to go we have limited room left.

Trip Itinerary

We will leave on Wednesday afternoon July 15 at 3:30pm so **be here around 3:00pm on Wednesday July 15**. We will then be setting up tents and a camping spot and spending the four days having fun at the festival. We will be coming back on Sunday morning, July 19 around noon and will drop the youth off at the church.

We still need:

A female chaperone over the age of 21 years old who is willing and able to drive (Please call Derek if interested). We CANNOT take this trip without a female chaperone.

- I need TWO parent drivers on Wednesday to drive to Willmar at 3:30pm
- I need TWO parent drivers to come on Sunday morning to help shuttle us back.
- 6-12 Person tents
- 2-3 lanterns
- A trailer to haul stuff
- A large canopy for shade (the bigger the better)
- Tarps for the ground (4-5 of them)
- Fold-up table to put food on
- Fold up chairs that come in the over the arm bags (each bring your own)
- Anything we can get to help with bug control
- RV TO BORROW FOR THE TRIP!! Know anyone who has one?

If you would be willing to send along any of those items please call Derek Broten or email at brotend@woodburylutheran.org

What to Bring

Suntan Lotion, 5 days of clothing (prepare for warm weather, 1 outfit in case its cold). Personal snacks if so desired. Towel for the shower, toiletry items (shampoo, toothpaste and brush, girls-makeup is not needed for camping, guys- there is no need for you to bring makeup either, but there is a need for you to bring deodorant, please, in fact I beg you. There may be a few opportunities to go swimming so bring an appropriate swimsuit. If you have a super soaker or water bottle sprayer you may want to bring it to cool down at times, **a 12 pack of soda/water and chips/snacks to share**, camera for pictures of each other in the morning, sleeping bag, pillow, maybe a book to read if you would like.

What not to bring:

Any non-appropriate music. Any non-appropriate clothing (we are here to encourage others not tempt them), Any alcohol, tobacco products or drugs (immediate trip home, refer to group covenant). Also, please note that cell phones will only be allowed on the trip if you have prior permission from Derek.

What will we eat?

We will shop at the grocery store and plan meals together and cook meals together. You pick out the food so it is your choice.

Extra Spending Money

You may want to bring extra spending money for the convention center. The convention center will be filled with artist t-shirts, CD's, stickers, necklaces and many other Christian merchandise.

What happens if you get sick?

There is a health care system set up there. If you get sick or hurt there is a hospital in Willmar, Rice Hospital, which provides top-notch first aid care right on-site of the grounds.

Will they be safe?

The sonshine event provides on-site police officer's to patrol the grounds and make sure things are safe and legal.

What If I need to get a hold of my son and/or daughter?

If there is an emergency and you need to get a hold of us you can call the Sonshine hotline at 1-800-965-9324 and leave a message and they will try and get the message to us. The best way is to call Derek's cell phone at 651-295-9610, may be limited depending on cell phone range in Willmar area.

My Experience at Sonshine

This will be my 10th Sonshine festival and the 7th leading a group. Each time has held special memories and wonderful friendships formed. Those of you going will have a wonderful time and prepare for some wonderful concerts.

Medical, Liability and Group Covenant Form

All 3 forms will need to be filled out completely before your son and/or daughter can go on this trip. The group covenant form must be initialed by each statement as well. If you have any questions concerning these forms give me a call.

Information Sheet

You will also receive an information sheet with all the important information concerning our trip. I would encourage you to hang this sheet on your fridge during this trip because it has all the important information concerning our trip.

If you have any questions after reading this please give Derek a call. (I will be out of the office from July 4th – July 11th and will return emails and phone calls on Monday July 13th). You can contact Stacy Winter at the church office 651-739-5144 and she will try and answer any questions you have as well.

Woodbury Lutheran Sonshine Music Festival Trip Covenant - 2009

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If any one serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen 1 Peter 4:11

No youth or adult will be allowed in the cars on Wednesday, July 15 without this signed and returned to Derek.

A covenant is a promise or agreement. God has promised to always be with us during our life journey (earthly and eternal), so we can freely promise to be lights to one another during our journey. This covenant will help us determined how we act, interact, and react during this Woodbury Lutheran sponsored trip.

I, as a loving servant of God, agree to live by the terms of this covenant. I will follow this pledge as a loving child of God. Initial each statement signifying that you have read and understand each statement (initials of both youth and parent needed).

1. I will listen to and respect all those in authority over me, (Derek Broten, Jeff Linert and all other adult chaperones) including any other activity officials. _____
2. It is my responsibility to plan ahead and bring enough money. The lending of any money is highly discouraged. If you have a problem with money it is recommended that you talk to an adult leader about it. If money is lent out it is at the risk of the lender. No parent will be responsible for paying any debts back. No adult leader will loan any money out to anyone unless it is an emergency. _____
3. My language and behavior will reflect 1 Peter 4:11 at all times. _____
4. I'll try my best to have a good time, play hard and enjoy whatever I'm involved in. _____
5. I will follow the agreed upon schedule unless given permission by the adult leaders. _____
6. I will refrain from the use of any chemicals. This includes the use of alcohol, narcotics, and tobacco. Use of any of these chemicals will result in an immediate ride home at my parent(s) expense. _____
7. I understand that upon me breaking one of these rules it is up to the group leader to assess the proper consequences. This would include the right to send me home. Parents will also be contacted if the adult leader feels there is a need. I understand that if I break one of these rules that is against the law, that the matter will be turned over to the appropriate authorities. These rules are not to prohibit a good time, but to enhance the group's time together. _____

In signing this, I acknowledge that I have read and will follow this covenant. I understand that if I fail to observe this covenant, it is up to the group leader to assess the appropriate actions, which could lead to dismissal from the Sonshine Music Festival or criminal procedures.

Participant's Signature

Date

I have read this covenant, which my son/daughter is expected to abide by. I understand that if my son/daughter fails to observe the terms of this covenant, I am responsible for any cost that may pertain to actions that are taken.

Parent(s) Signature

Date