

Memorial Day Weekend – 2010 (please return this page with your payment)

Family _____

Adult Names/Cell Phone #s _____

Kid Names/Cell Phone #s _____

The Math:

$\$45 + (\text{_____} \# \text{ adults } \times \$30) + (\text{_____} \text{ kids} \times \$15) + \$122.50 = \_____ Your family's portion of expenses

Important questions:

Day/time (your best guess of course!) you will arrive at camp:

Will you be eating dinner at camp?

Day/time you plan to leave camp:

Does your family plan to ride their bikes both days?

Will you be bringing bicycles?

How will you get your bicycles to camp?

Anything else we should know?

Memorial Day 2010 Weekend Adventure

Well it's time to get ready for another exciting Memorial Day Weekend at Van Buren Youth Camp! Prepare yourself for an exciting weekend of camaraderie, community cooking, card playing, canoeing and perhaps sailing. Biking is always an option, of course. We could also experience some fishing, Mac-Daddyball, swimming (hey, it's happened before), napping... etc.

This weekend is designed to be a family

outing (scouts, parents, & siblings are welcome). Please be aware, this is a camp environment with a waterfront— small children must be supervised by their parents at all times.



If you are interested in attending, we will need a firm commitment by Monday, May 17.

Payment is also due May 17.

Canoeing

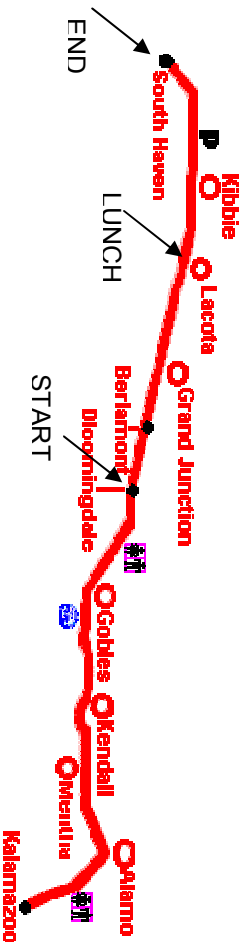
Very fun.



Bicycling

The camp is located midway between Kalamazoo and South Haven near Bloomingdale and the Kal-Haven Bike Trail. Camp to South Haven is approximately 16 miles and from Kalamazoo to camp is about 17miles.

Each rider must wear a helmet.



The distance we ride each day will be determined by:

1. Desire of riders and condition of equipment
2. Weather and trail conditions

The adult responsible for each group of riders may terminate the ride at any point if he/she feels conditions have become unsafe.

Biking Rules

No Helmet - No ride.

We will ride in small groups. Groups will ride at the pace of the slowest rider. Everyone must come to a complete (feet on the ground) stop at all stop signs. Scouts and children are not to proceed across any intersections until an adult gives them the all clear.

Riders are to signal all turns and stops verbally and with hand signals.

If there are siblings/family member not inspired to ride the full 16 miles to South Haven, a group may chose to turn around and return to camp prior to Lacota lunch stop.

Money

Check (made out to Peggy Campbell)

The Facts:	Lodging	Food	Kitchen, Lodge, Bathroom fee and trail passes Fee
Each Adult		\$30	
Each Child		\$15	
Each Family	\$45		\$122.50

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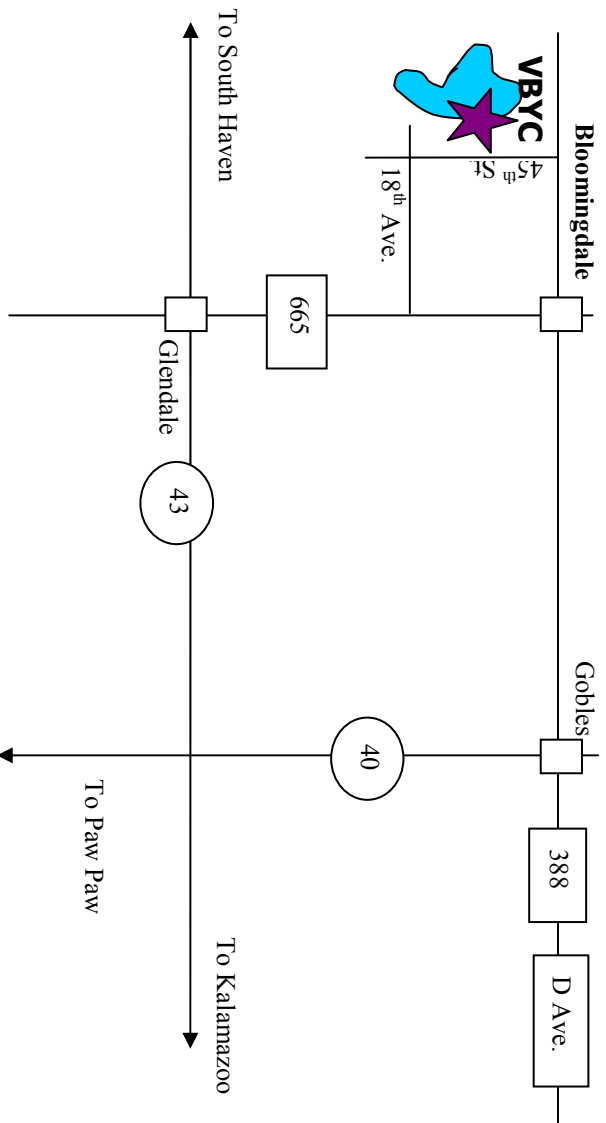
When you send your check – please also include any special issues or talents you may have such as bicycle repair, musical ability, food allergies, cabin requests etc. Please include your cell phone number.

***Please Note:** The above costs are worst case scenario. The fee may be reduced if more families participate and historically, there has been a fair amount of fee adjustment by the camp that is just plain difficult to predict. For example, one year, a family with 2 adults and 2 children actually ended up paying \$145.10. Any money left over in the trip fund will be divided up among participants after the trip. Everyone pays for the full weekend – but do let us know if you plan to leave early e.g. for the Memorial Day parade and adjustments may be made.



Directions/Phone Numbers

We will be staying at Van Buren Youth Camp. The camp is located on Great Bear Lake in Van Buren county, halfway between Kalamazoo and South Haven. If you would like to check out pictures of camp go to www.vbyc.org.



Please note sketch is so not to scale, but it will get you there! (Art by camp nurse – not camp artist☺)

Camp phone – 269-521-3855 (someone may or may not answer so try calls if no one picks up)

Craig Cell – 419-508-1435

Peggy Cell – 517-214-3436

Lodging

We will be sleeping in camper cabins. Cabins sleep up to 9 on bunk beds. A small, firm (okay, freakishly inadequate) mattress is provided. Cabins are enclosed but not heated. **New and improved ventilation has made things a bit cooler for us.** You will need sleeping bags and your own pillows. There are plenty of cabins so each family may have their own abode or Scout Patrols may branch out into their own.

A bathroom with showers and flush toilets is available near cabins. We are hoping for hot water this year. We will also have use of the lodge for meals and indoor activities as well as a covered outdoor recreation area in the event of rain.



Food

All food is included in the price of your adventure. The following meals will be provided:

Friday:	evening snack	Sunday	Breakfast Lunch/Snacks Dinner
Saturday:	Breakfast Lunch/Snacks Dinner	Monday	Breakfast

(Camp is a smoke and alcohol free environment – no food allowed in the cabins☺)

Itinerary

Please Note –

All times are approximate and may change without warning at the whim of the responsible adults and Mother Nature.

Friday Night:
4 – 9 p.m.

Arrive at Van Buren Youth Camp
Settle In to cabins
Explore/relax
Bedtime snack



Saturday:
8 a.m.

Breakfast at the lodge
K.P.
Pack lunches with food provided in lodge
Canoeing/biking/other adventures
Supper in the lodge
K.P. _

Sunday:
8 a.m.

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K.P.
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Canoeing/biking/other adventures
Supper in the lodge
K.P. _



Monday:

7 a.m.
8 a.m.
9 a.m.

Rise and shine or not
Breakfast at the lodge/final K.P.
Pack up your stuff, clean up, mess around, head for home when your parents say it's time to go!

Suggested Packing List



- Shirts
- Pants
- Shorts
- Undies
- Pajamas
- Extra shoes
- Comb
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Sweatshirt
- Raincoat
- Gloves (make sure you have a pair you can wear safely on your bike if it is cold)
- Glasses
- Sunglasses
- Medications
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Book to read or quiet activity for in the car
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Camera/film
- Sleeping bag
- Blanket/sheet
- Pillow
- Boots for muddy/wet conditions
- Bungee cords or duct tape (gotta be prepared!)
- Plastic bag to put muddy stuff in 😊

For Bike Trip

- Bike in good working condition
- Helmet – mandatory
- Water bottle
- Backpack or bike pack big enough for lunch and jacket
- Tire pump for your family if possible
- Method to transport bikes to camp
- Jacket
- Long pants (if it's cool)
- Gloves
- First aid kit for your family
- Bike repair kit with spare tubes for your family if possible
- Cell phone or walkie-talkies

For Canoeing

- Shoes you can get wet/muddy
- Paddle if you prefer (camp has some)
- Life vest if you prefer (camp has some)