

BIG SANDY
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER



52511 185th Place
McGregor, MN 55760

Junior High Avalanche

Dear Youth Pastor / Coordinator:

We Need Your Help! We're planning a great retreat and really need your support. Please consider bringing your students to this retreat. ~ *Tate*

Junior High Avalanche (*New Name!*): Big Sandy Camp's winter retreat for students in 6th – 9th grade.
(*We do allow a grade above or below depending on how your youth group is set up.*)

Dates: January 29th, (7:30pm) – 31st, (12:30am), 2010.

Cost: \$70/camper; \$25/leader (*Same price as last year*)

- Fees are transferable within your group but not refundable, since spaces are reserved. (Just call me with any updates.)

Speaker: Jim Johnson, Director for Alumni and Parent Relations for Northwestern College. Jim has many years of experience working, speaking and leading worship at several camps throughout the Midwest and even down into Mexico. Prior to working at Northwestern College, Jim has served as a Youth Pastor in Mora, MN.



Worship: Is lead by a band from Crown College and will be fun, engaging and always geared to bring people into the presence of God.

Here's how the three Winter Youth Retreats work...

Registration Process:

1. **Coordinator:** Appoint one person from your church as the “**Junior High Avalanche Retreat Coordinator**”. Please write their name on the poster as the person to contact. This person would be responsible for the following details, making sure everybody gets the needed information.
 - a. **Money:** Students turn money in to the coordinator for the retreat, *before* the call-in date (Jan. 7th), checks made out to the local church.
 - b. **Registration/Medical Forms:** The coordinator collects completed registration/medical forms for all students and adults. (*A form is included in this packet for you to photocopy, and also available online.*)

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- c. **Call In Day: Thursday, Jan. 7th (9AM to 5PM)** the coordinator reserves the number of spaces needed by calling camp. This is the first day to reserve space for your group. At the time of the call, the camp can verify the amount for which the church should draft a check. Checks and reg./med. forms may be brought to camp at the time of the retreat. When you call, please have both numbers and names of everyone attending (including leader)
- d. **Bring to camp**
 - 1) The collected medical/registration forms (form included)
 - 2) The list of names (form included)
 - 3) And one check from the church made out to Big Sandy Camp to cover costs for the whole group.

Check-in at camp is Friday, 7:30 PM in Lakeview Lodge Dining Hall. Have the list of people from your church complete, with any changes noted.

COUNSELORS:

- It is suggested that each church sending more than 4 students would try to send at least one counselor.
- Anyone wishing to counsel should apply through Big Sandy Camp prior to call-in day (please find a master application form included or get the form online).
- Because space is limited, it is important to communicate to all concerned that **housing is provided only to those counselors who receive written confirmation** of their acceptance and to adults specifically involved in the program. **(Drivers should not plan to stay.)**
- Many churches are able to reimburse the counselor's fee of \$25.
- Please have counselors from your church submit applications before the call-in date of Jan. 7th.

BRING:

- sleeping bag or bedding (single), pillow
- towel, toiletries, toothpaste, etc.
- Bible, pen or pencil
- outdoor clothes for winter fun
- a little spending money
(snack shop and General Store will be open)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- electronic devices like...
 - * cell phones, ipods, radios, stereos
- small or expensive personal items
- alcohol, tobacco, non-prescription drugs
- matches, lighter, knives, weapons
- magazines

Thank you once again for all your help and with the promotion of Junior High Avalanche and the other winter retreats. You are truly a blessing to the Big Sandy Camp ministry. To ensure you get all the spots you need for your group, I encourage you to call in early on the call-in day.

Sincerely,

~Tate 

Tate Watts
Program Director
Big Sandy Camp

Check list:

- Registration/Medical Forms
- List of names sheet
- Check from church
- Call camp on Thurs. Jan. 7th with numbers and names
- Make sure counselors have turned in their applications