Greetings!

The Youth & Outdoors Ministry Committee (YOMC) is very excited to bring back the Fall Youth Retreat! All youth grades 7 – 12 (and their sponsors) are invited.

This year, we will be meeting at Kamp Kaleo on October 15 – 17. We ask arrivals to occur between 5:30 and 7:00 PM with activities starting at 7 PM. We will finish on Sunday around 1 PM.

**Registration Information:**

Please register by completing the attached registration form no later than 9/30/21 and return it to youthministrenbraska@gmail.com. Once received, we will send you a medical information form that you will need to complete and bring with you to the retreat.

If we do not meet our minimum registrant requirement of 16 youth by 9/30, we will need to cancel the retreat. If this occurs, we will notify all registrants and fully refund their fees.

**Cost:**

We know the past year has been hard for everyone, including economically. In light of this, the YOMC is generously underwriting most of the cost of this year’s Fall Retreat and we will pay half. The cost for the retreat is $90 so with the 50% discount, final cost for this year’s Fall Youth Retreat for attendees is **$45.00** each. This price includes 2 nights at beautiful Kamp Kaleo, all meals (including a snack Friday evening and lunch on Sunday), and a tee shirt (since we’ll be at Kaleo, of course there will be an option to tie-dye it!).

If cost is an issue in attending, please reach out to Holly Gage (youthministrenbraska@gmail.com) because scholarships are available.

**Covid-19 Information:**

In the interest of the health and safety of all our participants, vaccines are required for all attendees, youth and sponsors both. If you have not yet received your vaccine for the Covid-19 virus, you will need to obtain your first shot no later than 9/10/21 in order to have time to get both doses and the 2-week window for immunity to occur. If you aren’t sure where to go in your local community to get vaccinated, you can go to Vaccines.gov to find a site based on your zip code.

Please note, due to CDC recommendations, masks and social distancing will occur as much as possible during the retreat as well.

**What to Pack:**

Be mindful that weather in the Nebraska Sandhills can be somewhat unpredictable. We will be celebrating and learning about God’s Creation this weekend so we will be spending as much time as possible outside. Please pack to dress in layers. Jeans, sweats, flannel, warm hats, extra socks, perhaps even gloves or mittens (for evening campfires!) are all appropriate and encouraged. We will be sleeping in the cabins at Kamp Kaleo, so you will want to make sure you also pack warm bedding as well. Please bring at least 3 clean masks with you so you can have a clean mask to wear each day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Fall 2021 Youth Retreat, please reach out to Erin Heckeroth-Brown (head of the Fall Retreat Planning Committee) at 402-618-0919 or erinjhb@gmail.com.

*We look forward to experiencing God with you in October!*