

The Lake Fellowship Annual
Camping, Picnicking and/or Canoeing Trip
July 11, 12 and/or 13, 2014

Wild River State Park, North Branch, Minnesota

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- **All members and friends** of the Fellowship and their guests are **welcome!**
- **Choose what you want to do.** The park is only 90 minutes away, so come for the weekend, just for the canoeing on Saturday and/or just for our Saturday evening potluck picnic & campfire.
- **This is a family (whatever your family consists of) trip.** This weekend has been a highlight of many of our families' summers for years.

Camping Dates: Friday, July 11 and/or Saturday, July 12

Reserve your campsite ASAP!

Notify Laurie by July 10 if you're camping.

- o **Reserve a site close to Site #27.** This is close to flush toilet/shower building in an area of the campground we've never camped in before (Lane B). None of the sites in this area are electric. We chose this site because some it's close to the flush toilets/showers, which has been requested. Although the largest single site I could find close to a bathroom, it is not a double site, which has been nice for our Saturday night Fiesta. We'll can see if this site can accommodate a large group gathering or we can consider eating at the park picnic area.
- o **To reserve:**
 - You will need your credit card.
 - If you haven't reserved with them before, you will need to create an account and may need your vehicle's license plate, make, model & year.
 - You'll need to know: the park (Wild River), what type of campsite you want (drive-in, tent or trailer, tent pad size, electric or not, etc.), that you want to be near **27** and how many adults, children, tents, vehicles and pets.
- o **To reserve on-line (\$7 reservation fee):**
 - Click on this link or copy and paste it into your browser: <http://reservations.usedirect.com/MinnesotaWeb/Facilities/SearchView.aspx>
 - On that page, click on "Log-in" on the top menu and follow the instructions. If you had an account in the past, but didn't reserve a site last year, you may need to call to get your account recreated (number is 866-857-2757, 8am-6pm).
 - If you haven't reserved with them before, click on "Create new account."
 - Fill in the fields and follow the prompts. There is a button to view a map of the campground and if you click on the icon for a site, an actual picture of that site will pop up.
- o **To reserve via phone (\$8.50 reservation fee):**
 - Call 866-857-2757, 8am-6pm.

Canoeing Date: Saturday, July 12

Reserve canoes by notifying Laurie by June 1.

- **The canoe trip takes 5-6 hours** including shuttle and 10 miles of light paddling, floating and stopping often for swimming, horseplay and eating.
- **This is a very easy paddle:** novice canoeists of all ages are welcome!
- **You can either rent a canoe for \$40** (group rate), which includes shuttle, life vests and paddles or **bring a canoe**, which means you bring your own life vests and paddles and figure out how to shuttle.
- **Meet at the boat landing in Wild River State Park at 10:30 a.m.** to check-in and get on the 11 a.m. shuttle to the canoe landing. (Do not go to Sunrise Landing.) Here's a link to a map showing where to go: <http://www.ericscanoerental.com/?110270000000>. Drop your gear and passengers off at the rental hut and then go park your car in the lot back up the road away.
- **Wear** swimsuit, cover-up, water shoes, lip balm and sunscreen.
- **Bring** a tote with towel, jacket/sweatshirt, rain gear, hat/visor, more sunscreen and lip balm; a cooler with lunch, snacks & beverages (we often share); and toys for water and land play (squirt guns, frisbees, footballs etc.).
- **Also bring cash or a check made out to Laurie Gauer for \$40 for each canoe to reimburse me for rental.**

Mexican Fiesta Potluck Picnic & Campfire Date:

Saturday, July 12, 6 - 10 p.m.

Notify Laurie by July 10, if you're coming and what food you plan to bring.

- **Bring a dish to share:** When you let me know you're coming, let me know what you're bringing.

- **Also bring** a camp chair, beverage, plate, flatware, cup, napkin and insect repellent for yourself.