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Register now for 2009 camps!

Registration packages will be arriving in mailboxes soon, and the 2009 registration form is now available on our website. Download and mail or email your completed registration forms today, and check out valuable money-saving incentives for all youth camps! To request a registration package, send an email to the registrar at signmeup@camphermosa.org.



Help get the word out, and send kids to camp!

Would you like to be involved in promoting Camp Hermosa at your church? We would love to hear from you! Did you know that many who receive this newsletter come from churches outside the 'traditional' Hermosa area? We would love to partner with you to help introduce Camp Hermosa to the young people in your church. If you are interested in promoting Camp as THE place to spend time this summer, contact Eric Neaves at promotion@camphermosa.org.

Winter Retreat 2009, Jan 30-Feb 1!

It's not too late to sign up for Winter Retreat at Avenue Road Baptist Church in Cambridge. Open to all high-school aged campers, this retreat is a great chance to get together with your best camp friends to catch up, play in the snow, and get recharged. Email signmeup@camphermosa.org to register, or check out our Facebook event, "Camp Hermosa's Winter Retreat Extravaganza!"

All new Music and Drama Camp! Register today!

Camp Hermosa is excited to introduce an all new Drama and Music Camp for 2009! This week of camp, which runs from August 2-8, is open to campers aged 10-14. Campers will have an opportunity to discover new talents, as well as develop existing skills in performing arts. Skilled instructors will offer workshops that cover many areas of theatre (both on-stage and off-stage), and each of our cabin leaders will have performance experience to share with campers.

The week will end with a revue-style performance for parents, where campers will showcase what they've learned. Space is limited, so sign up today!

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THE ANTICIPATION OF SUMMER

It is bitter cold today. Outside the mounds of snow tower above the streets, growing taller almost daily. Well-used snow shovels are close by, waiting for the next onslaught. It is dark by 6 pm.

It's hard sometimes to see the end of winter, isn't it? For the record, I don't dislike winter. In fact, there can be a quiet beauty about winter that I appreciate. But I do yearn for summer. I miss the hot sun, summer storms, strolls along the beach, and amazing Lake Huron sunsets. And camp. I miss camp.

It's an exciting time, then, when plans for summer at Hermosa start to take shape. When hiring begins for summer staff, when registrations are in the mail, when volunteers are being recruited, and when people begin to anticipate camp, it reminds me that the long, cold winter will come to an end.

Before any of us are ready, summer will be here. Kids and families will return to Hermosa, and some will come for the first time. We'll get to see campers discover and develop new skills and make new friends. We'll get to see old friendships rediscovered and rekindled. We'll get to see the bright smiles of kids who experience success. We'll get to watch as campers are welcomed and affirmed, maybe for the first time in a long time. And we'll get to share God's love with our campers.

And so I'm full of anticipation. I hope you are too. I hope you plan to be a part of Hermosa this summer. Come as a camper, or a leader. Give of your time, talents, and resources. Pray for the staff and leaders. Pray for the campers. Pray that God will introduce Himself in a powerful way to all who walk through our gates this summer. And know that you are playing a role in transforming lives.

Scott



20-something or 30-something?

Plan to attend the Young Adults Weekend in June!