

July 2010

Hello Future Eighters' Attendees and Their Adults!

Thank you for registering for the Eighters' II Camp scheduled July 25 – July 31 at Disciples' Crossing in Athens, Texas. We're making final preparations and keeping all of you in prayer as the camp draws nearer. We hope you are as excited for one of the most important weeks of your life as we are.

**Camp begins at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 25.** (That's a day earlier, returning campers, than all other camps.) Check-in will be in full swing, and staff members will be on hand directing traffic, explaining the evening schedule, and helping those who need it. Please do not arrive before 4:30 p.m., as we will be prepping and setting up right up until then.

**Camp ends at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 31.** We promise, there will be so much to talk about, but seeing family/friends before the camp is over takes away from the very end of the camp. Adults, please wait at the picnic tables until you see the hoard of sexually-educated incoming freshmen headed towards you. We thank you for respecting the schedule and programming of Eighters' II.

The Eighters' Camp is a rich and inspirational experience with outstanding worship services, incredible small groups, informed keynotes (and Keynoters) teaching about human sexuality and responsible decisions, and presentations about God's call for obedience and faithful living in Christ. In many ways, Eighters' is the most important and outstanding camp you will attend. Therefore, please note the following:

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Your Bible
- Appropriate length and style clothes—please, no short shorts, spaghetti strap shirts, sagging pants, etc. Staff reserves the right to ask youth to change.
- Shoes – closed-toed for after dark, open-toed optional during the day.
- Swimming stuff—swimsuit (one piece preferred for all), towel, etc.
- Sleeping stuff—sleeping bag, or sheets and blanket, pillow—camp provides a mattress on a bunk bed.
- Toiletries: towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, etc.
- Flashlight
- Money for The Canteen—our gift shop/snack bar will be open during free time.
- Postcards, stamps, envelopes, addresses, pencil or pen, if you intend to write home/elsewhere.
- Insect repellent, sunscreen, etc.
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**WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

- Food/candy/gum
- Radios/electronic items, iPods, cell phones, etc.
- Fireworks, weapons, illicit or illegal substances, atomic weaponry, etc.

Surely the WHAT NOT TO BRING list has a typo—no cell phones? No iPods/personal music players? Disciples' Crossing is secluded in part because it is an opportunity, for only a week, for you to focus on God and God's gift of human sexuality without the distractions of text messaging, Twitter, facebook, phone calls and Shakira. **All cell phones must be turned in at registration. They will be returned to you on Saturday morning before you leave.** Emergency contact for the camp and directors is included in this mailing—and can be used in lieu of a cell phone. If you use your cell phone as a camera, buy a disposable camera for the week and turn in your cell phone at registration.

What you get out of camp depends very much on what you put in—your willingness to participate, to play, to listen, to learn, to speak, to open up and to live in community. Come with an open mind and ready to encounter Christ, come expecting a blessing, and things will go great.

If you would like to send mail to camp, adults, or receive mail while at camp, youth, here is the mailing address. (Mail early!)

Disciples Crossing  
Eighters II – July 25-31  
(Your Name)  
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Athens, TX 75752

Please make sure both camper and adult read this letter. Please contact either of us with any questions, and we look forward to seeing you July 25.

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