



Dear Parents –

The summer has officially begun, and if your teenager is like most, he/she is already saying, “I’m bored!” Well get your teen out of the house and send them on some **Area X Youth Events!** We’ve got a lot of fun activities planned for the summer, and your teen will have a great time hanging with friends in a positive environment with Youth Leaders who will take a genuine interest in your teen.

The first event for this summer is the **Canoe Trip @ Aaron’s Canoe & Kayak** in Springfield on **Friday, June 12th, 2009 at 11:00 A.M.** The first time I went canoeing was as a counselor at a summer camp. It was a little intimidating taking fifteen or so eight and nine year olds down the river in canoes, but we had a blast together and made some great memories. Since then I’ve taken numerous trips down the river with groups of teenagers at various churches, and every trip is its own unique adventure.

If your teen wants to come make sure you do the following:

- X** Log on to www.areaXyouth.com and download the **Canoe Trip Forms** (click the button just below the Canoe Trip picture). There are two forms in one .pdf file. These forms include Aaron’s Canoe & Kayak’s Waiver *and* Aaron’s Canoe & Kayak’s Parent Permission Form. Both forms need to be filled out and signed by the parents.
- X** Also download the **Area X Youth Waiver** while you are there. This is our Youth Events Release Form for 2009. Students need to fill out a new form once each year or any time insurance carriers change. Note: Forms are also available by the bulletin board outside of the Youth Rooms.
- X** Put all three of these *signed* forms in an envelope with \$11. (Checks can be made payable to ‘Grand Heights Baptist Church.’) Write ‘Canoe Trip’ and your teen’s name on the front of the envelope, and give it to Pastor Dave. **Please sign up and pay by Sunday, June 7th** as a group reservation is being made ahead of time.
- X** **Pack a lunch** and put it in something “watertight” as we’ll be eating a picnic lunch on the river.
- X** Wear a **swimming suit** (if all you have is a two-piece also bring a t-shirt to wear over it).
- X** Bring **sun screen**.
- X** **SHOES ARE REQUIRED!** Bring some old gym shoes that can get wet in the river... you will be getting wet!!

Got more QUESTIONS? ...Call me @ 974.4169 or email me @ PastorDave@GrandHeights.org
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