

## **Edgewood Camp 2018**

Information about Crystal Springs

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Dates: Camp begins at lunchtime on Saturday, June 30; closing is after lunch on Tuesday, July 3.

Location: Crystal Springs, 33774 Crystal Springs St. Dowagiac, MI 49047

Crystal Springs is a United Methodist Camp located off of US 51 somewhat in the middle between Dowagiac and Niles, MI. It's about a 25-minute drive west to Lake Michigan. The Dowagiac River runs along the edge of the camp.

Lodging: Crystal Springs has a comfortable health cabin that is a three-bedroom house. Each bedroom has a bunk bed with the lower level being a double bed. There is an accessible shower, a full kitchen, and comfortable living room. Elders will be given preference for the Health Cabin. There are some other houses with indoor bathrooms that will be priority for elders and families with younger children. The standard cabins with bunk beds have windows and indoor/outdoor carpet in the dorm room and window air conditioners. These are the "rustic" cabins and are quite comfortable and clean. The variety of housing options should accommodate our needs well. Tents can be placed anywhere. Campers and RVs are welcome. There are outdoor outlets in some of the houses which will allow for electric hook-up. We will give priority to elders and families with young children for electric hook-ups. There is a really nice field available for tents not far from the dining hall.

Activities: There is a swimming pool, a climbing wall, peddle bikes, and archery. Also, tubing, kayaks, and canoes are available for river fun. All of these activities will require staff supervision. We will have camp staff available to help supervise these activities to accommodate our program, which is included in the camp fee.

Schedule: We will maximize our use of the facilities for programming interesting activities throughout the day and evening. There are lots of places for small groups to gather including a chapel with excellent audio/visual equipment, an open pavilion with a fireplace if it rains, and The Tabernacle, a two-story structure, that is great for messy crafts, and riding the peddle bikes

Fees: The fee schedule is set by Crystal Springs and is based on a per-person rate for lodging, food, and staff support. (No charge for children under 4 years old). Edgewood has some funds available for scholarships and honorariums. (Check with Jackie Himelright-Smith, Registrar, for more information).

What to bring: Bring your own bedding (sleeping bags, pillows, sheets, blanket). It's likely to be hot because Crystal Springs is farther south and not as close to Lake Michigan. Nevertheless, you may want a long sleeve shirt and long pants if you want to walk in the woods or if the weather shifts on us. Sunscreen, flashlights, bathing suits and beach towels for the pool, river, beach. Water shoes for river activities. As the program planning evolves, make sure you read email updates.