

# 2010 Blue Haven Youth Retreat

Friday, September 3<sup>RD</sup> - Monday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>

## ADULT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SHEET AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**On-line registration, payment & medical forms to be  
completed by Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Thank you for your interest in ministering to our teens through this powerful weekend! This year's retreat promises to be an outstanding time of worship, fellowship, spiritual growth and renewal, and fun! As always, it cannot happen without a lot of help from you and other willing adult sponsors.

Like years past, the underlying motto of the Blue Haven Retreat is that "camp is for the kids." Everyone always has a fun and uplifting time during the weekend, but adults are there primarily to work and to minister to the teens. For the adults, having fun runs a close second to working; rest and relaxation runs a *very* distant third. We just ask that you remember the purpose of this retreat and think about how you can help to accomplish that.

There are three areas of responsibility for which we need adult sponsors. A brief description of each of these "jobs" and some other information is on the back of this sheet. Please prayerfully consider which area you would most like to work in and the commitment that it represents. For instance, there will likely be pre-retreat meetings that you will need to attend depending on what job you are assigned. These meetings are very important and cannot be taken lightly. Also, while we are generally able to assign everyone to their job of preference, you may be asked to do a job that was not your first choice. We ask that you be patient and understanding as we work first to glorify God, second to show him to our youth, and third to make everybody happy.

**We NEED/must have on-line registration completed and a medical release form turned into the Student Ministries office by Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.** If we have not received your completed forms by then, there may not be a spot for you on the retreat. The cost for adults this year is still just \$45.00. You can also purchase a retreat T-shirt for an additional \$10. We need to receive your payment no later than Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks again for your willingness to serve our youth group in this way. We know that you will bless others and be blessed through your efforts.

In Christ,  
Justin Cardwell and Link Blevins, Sunset Youth Ministers

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**[Go to www.sunset.cc](http://www.sunset.cc) to register on-line!**

# Adult Sponsor Additional Information

## Purpose:

The Blue Haven Retreat is a spiritual renewal weekend for Sunset Church of Christ 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Goals:

- Have fun praising the Lord.
- Unify the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Lead non-Christians to Christ.
- Help Christian 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders by exhorting and encouraging them to give their lives fully to Jesus.

## What the BHR is not:

- Blue Haven is NOT a family vacation.
- Blue Haven is NOT for adult sponsors or youth ministers (Camp is for the kids).
- Blue Haven is NOT for kids younger than 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Blue Haven is NOT a place for individualism.

## What the BHR is:

- Blue Haven is for the teenagers.
- Blue Haven is for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders from Sunset Church of Christ.
- Blue Haven is an event where God will be exalted.
- Blue Haven is a time and place for spiritual renewal.

## Staff Meetings:

**If you have not had completed a background check (submit on-line at sunset.cc) or the training for our Child Safety Policy, then you will need to come to a training session on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** This will probably be at the Power House, but stay tuned for any changes. This is the same training that is used for the teachers in the Children's Ministry. If you have already completed this to teach in the Children's Ministry, then you do not have to re-attend or re-submit information for a background check.

There will be **MANDATORY** meetings for adult staff members (counselors, rec crew, kitchen, crafts). on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Power House at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to attend class before the meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunset has a "commuter class" at 5:30 pm.

## Job Descriptions:

### Recreation Crew

The Recreation Crew will work during the day setting up recreation equipment and running the recreation time. You will set up and "tear down" all equipment and games. You will also be in charge of campfire set up for two nights, supervising the teens during the staff meetings, and act in variety of duties to support the kitchen staff, counselor staff, craft staff, and/or teachers.

### Counselors

Counselors will be the spiritual mentors for the kids in their cabin. You will get to know them, present a positive attitude to them, lead them, and supervise them. Counselors will be on "active duty" from 4:45 pm Friday until Monday after all kids have been picked up from the parking lot. You will be with your cabin group 24 hours a day except during the staff meeting/prayer time on Saturday and/or Sunday. You will ride the bus with your cabin group. There will be no free time. You will help in all chores and attend all classes and rec activities. You will be responsible for leading small group discussion times with your cabin several times throughout the weekend.

### Crafts

Craft workers will be responsible for developing one or more creative ideas for afternoon craft times. You will help the teens "find their artistic side" and really get into the activity. You will also help with various other tasks during and possibly even before the retreat (hanging encouragement posters in the mess hall, etc.). Please keep in mind that we only need 2, or at most 3, people to work in crafts.