



Kinship YOUTH RETREAT News

For mentors with youth who finished grades 5+

Kinship Youth Retreat to Deep Portage Environmental Learning Center

Near Hackensack, Minnesota

July 8-9, 2012

Depart Park Rapids 12:00 PM Sunday

from Riverside United Methodist Church parking lot. Return Monday, afternoon.

(Car pool with Thielen Motors vans)

There is **NO COST** for the first 15 Kinship Youth and mentors who sign up!

Note: **Sunday lunch is NOT provided.**



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE: Deep Portage staff will provide leadership for numerous activities: Canoeing with introductory lessons as needed, Archery, Observation Tower, Orienteering, Low Ropes Course and Pioneer Olympics (tomahawk toss, flint & steel fire starting, match split, cross-cut saw, Atlatl, rabbit sticks). And if we still have time, we can always hike!

They will provide dinner, some evening programming and a campfire where we can tell stories and share ideas for future activities.

Breakfast Monday morning will be at 8 am. We will enjoy one final activity after lunch and by 2 pm we will pack up and head home!

You can go to www.deep-portage.org and check out the school visits, day and evening classes to get some ideas of what we might do.

We will be staying in bedrooms that have 3+ bunk beds, a shower, toilet and 2 sinks. And electricity!

WHAT TO BRING:

- **Completed Health & Permission Form** (your Kinship Youth)
- **Sleeping Bag, Pillow**
- **Towels & Toiletries**
- **Clothes** for cool to warm to hot weather.
- **Swimsuit and Beach Towel**
- Life Jacket if you prefer your own; they have plenty
- **Suntan lotion and bug repellent**
- We are welcome to bring snacks, but they will feed us well.

If you cannot attend the retreat but your youth would like to, ask them to call Jennifer. We can match a few youth with other mentors.

The Deep Portage Difference...

You sense it the moment you start down our 2-1/2 mile driveway. You have arrived at the region's finest full service environmental education/outdoor recreation center. Here before you lies Minnesota's largest outdoor classroom. Nearly ten square miles of rolling hills, pristine lakes and dense forests await your exploration. It's a quiet land of sandy glacial hills, where the majestic red pine grows and Orion shines with unparalleled clarity. At the end of the drive, nestled between a glacial ridge and Big Deep lake, is your home away from home -- the 54,000 square foot cedar and fieldstone Resource Heritage Center Lodge. Our friendly staff and home cooked meals make your stay an extraordinary experience.