

Dear MiVoden Staff,

Wow! In about three weeks the 2009 MiVoden Team will be gathering from all over the world to prepare for a terrific summer of ministry to hundreds of children and families! I know God has chosen each one of you to be a blessing to campers and staff this summer- my commitment is to pray everyday from now through this summer that the miracle of changed lives will happen again and again this summer as we serve God. As you prepare for the summer think about what your leadership will look like at camp. How will you lead campers and how will you lead other staff. Our challenge is to show campers and staff a clearer picture of what Jesus is like. There will be plenty of opportunities to do that this summer. I don't know what all of them are yet but I know God will give us the chance to work with Him in the miracle of growing and transforming the lives of children and families that visit MiVoden this summer. It will be an exciting, exhausting, and rewarding summer for all of us! Following is some information that will help as you plan for your summer at MiVoden.

You should plan to arrive at camp between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sabbath June 20. When you get to camp look for Alan Newbold or Michelle Bechtel to receive your room assignment. There will be a meal served in the café Sabbath evening. Plan on moving in right away. If you have a longer distance to travel and would like to come in on Friday you are welcome to do that but you will need to let us know when you plan to arrive so we can MAKE MEAL ARRANGEMENTS for you Friday night and Sabbath. Call Denise in the Youth Department at the Conference Office to make these arrangements (509- 838-2761). Otherwise you can arrive as early as 4:00pm on Sabbath. Many of you will already be there as a result of staff certification week and can make arrangements there for meals on Sabbath morning and noon.

Don't forget your contract continues through the final day listed at 5:00pm.

We hope to have information to you soon about some online training that will need to be completed prior to your arrival at camp – watch for this in the next few of days.

Below is some helpful information about “What to Bring”.

As you prepare for camp, start collecting worship ideas and stories to share with your campers. Our most important task is to help campers renew or make a lasting commitment to Jesus as their best friend. Preparing your heart for this is the best planning you can do for camp!

Finally and most importantly, as you prepare for camp, remember the words of Paul in Eph. 6:18 "Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people." Keep each other in prayer as camp approaches. Ask God to help us be an effective team as we work together to share His love.

See you in a few weeks! Until Then..... God Bless. John 10:10

Elder Richard Parker and Jerrod Gable

Camp Director

Assistant Director

P.S. I've also attached the list of who is confirmed for which classes during certification week if you notice inaccuracies be sure to contact Denise and let her know what change should be made. Breakfast will be at 7:30am each morning of certification week (starting on Monday—if you want to arrive on Sunday night that will be ok.), and most classes will start at 8:00 a.m.

PACKING TIPS FOR MARVELOUS MIVODEN STAFF

- Prayer
- A helpful, good attitude is the most important item!
- Bedding
 - Sleeping Bag
 - Sheets & Blankets
 - Pillow
- Bible, journal, and Personal Devotional books
- Cool stories and devotional ideas for your campers
- 5-7 Prepared worships (grab ideas from children's story at church, or books that are available)
- Awesome game ideas to occupy children
- Personal toiletries
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, comb, etc.
- Towel, Washcloth, Soap
- Socks and Underwear (1 to 2 weeks worth)
- Camera and extra film
- Flashlight and extra Batteries
- Alarm Clock (if you want to be on time to staff worship)
- Clothing
 - Work Clothes
 - Nice Clothes for theme dinner and Agape Feast
 - Shorts (not too short) and long (not too long) pants
 - Swimsuit (modest one piece)
 - Raincoat or poncho
 - Shirts (Long & short sleeved)
 - Jackets (1 Light & 1 Heavy)
- Laundry Bag
- Comfortable durable shoes
- Sandals
- SUNBLOCK and CHAPSTICK
- Canteen or water bottle
- Decorations (catchy inspirational phrases, posters, objects – all these are to make YOUR cabin the best cabin)
- Writing Stationary
- Musical Instruments
- A dictionary that defines "dude"
- Your Best Friend – Jesus

What not to bring:

- Pets (especially your pet Python)
- Bad attitude – these are sometimes supplied by a camper (antidote – see first and last item above!)
- Anything that has questionable Christian standards
- Firearms of any kind
- Things that you may not need and are valuable to you (sometimes camp living can be a harsh environment for your belongings!)
- Jewelry

- TV's – PC's or other items that will distract from your ministry to kids this summer

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*When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
1Cor. 2:1,2*