

August 23, 2009

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

This letter is to update you on some changes for the coming year in regards to Sr High Lakeside 2010. This past year, our costs to attend High School Lakeside significantly exceeded our expectations. This was due, in part, to the increase in attendance at Lakeside this year and rising costs of housing. It was also due to the high level of requests for full or partial scholarships. There were requests for nearly \$6,000 in scholarships this summer. Despite the current money crunch, I am still convinced our attendance at Lakeside is worth every penny. The kind of transformation that happens there is truly life-changing. However, we do have to make more of an effort to be financially responsible and ensure that we find ways to effectively cover costs.

The actual cost for one camper to attend Sr High Lakeside is \$500.

Cost breakdown per camper is as follows:

Registration / Gate Fee	\$265
Housing	\$210
Food / Activities / Supplies	\$25

In the past, we have only asked families to pay the \$265 fee and we have raised the remaining funds through the process of doing fundraisers. With increased housing costs for 40 people and more requests for scholarships, we simply are not able to cover the remaining expenses through our current fundraisers alone. **At the same time, it is CRUCIAL that we keep Lakeside accessible to everyone.**

With that in mind, we are making several important changes:

1. **The cost for a youth to attend Lakeside will go UP to \$450.**
2. The discount that a youth will receive for participation in each fundraiser will be significant. Depending on the fundraiser, they may receive a \$50-\$75 discount. That means that with enough advance planning, you could potentially reduce your cost for Lakeside to zero.
3. Further discounts will be given for youth who create fundraising opportunities. For example, Youth will receive a discount for participating in Fall Service Day, but they will receive an even bigger discount if they find a family or neighbor outside the church who we can rake leaves for.
4. Scholarships will still be granted to anyone in financial need. However, you must participate in at least 3 fundraisers to be eligible for scholarship funds. Youth who register later in the year will have the option of doing additional auction items, outside fundraisers, letter-writing campaigns, etc.
5. Youth with schedule conflicts on the days of scheduled fundraisers can create and complete their own fundraising opportunities.
6. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of registration.

For most families, this SHOULD NOT result in an increase in the amount of \$\$ you pay for camp. However, it will likely require some more advanced planning and increase the participation and investment your youth has in the upcoming fundraisers.

If you have ANY questions or concerns about these changes, please don't hesitate to call me. On the back of this letter, I am listing all the dates of the fundraisers that are currently scheduled and potential ways that youth can receive additional discounts!

LAKESIDE 2010 FUNDRAISERS –

Sunday, September 6, 2009 – 10am – Riverside Labor Day Slow-K – a slow motion race for fun to raise money for Lakeside.

Earn Fundraising credit by

- Registering People to participate at the registration booth on Sunday morning (August 30th or September 6th)
- Working on the Day of the “Race”
- Recruiting 5 people to register to race

Sunday, October 25, 2009 – 2pm – Fall Service Day – rake leaves, do misc. yard work for various people in the congregation for donations

Earn Fundraising Credit by

- Participating
- Finding a family or neighbor who is not associated with Riverside who will allow us to come and rake their leaves for a donation!

Sundays, January 17 & 24 – Change Sundays – collect loose change at Church

Earn Fundraising Credit by

- Participating by collecting change on Sunday morning
- Gathering change from family and friends outside the church (Christmas time and family gatherings over the holidays are great times to ask people to bring their spare change!)

Sunday, April 25 – 2 pm – Spring Service Day – misc. yard work
(same as Fall Service Day)

Sunday, June 13 – 8am-12pm – Lakeside Pancake Breakfast and Auction

Earn Fundraising Credit by

- Participating by serving at the breakfast
- Bringing 3 people to the breakfast that day who don't attend our church (but who will pay for their breakfast)
- Auctioning off as many services as you like (the more you make, the more discount you receive)

Other fundraising Ideas:

- Babysitting (I know a certain youth pastor who would love to make a donation in your honor if you came to watch her newborn child) ☺
- Letter Writing – Send out 3-4 letters to family members or family friends and ask for their support. Tell them what God has done in your life at Lakeside in the past or what you hope to learn. Ask them to pray and share \$\$ for part of your expenses.
- Be Creative!!! Know a restaurant owner who might let us do a fundraiser on a Sunday? Want to organize a car wash? Got other ideas? Let me know!

In Christ,
April Blaine