



Dear Youth Leader,

Oasis is back! As you can see, it is time to start advertising and planning for Oasis again! After a great time last year of seeing God at work, seeing our students impacted by God's Word, and being able to have a great time at Camp Forest Springs as a district and as youth groups, I am very excited for Oasis 2012!

Our speaker for this year is Josh Mann. Josh was recently hired as a lead pastor in Oregon, but spent 7 years as a youth pastor at Salem Alliance Church. He attended Crown College, is married to his wife Bex, and they recently adopted their daughter, Mercy. He had heard of Oasis before and is very excited to preach the Word to the students of the Western Great Lakes District. Begin now to pray for him as he prepares to spend the weekend with us.

Our theme this year is PROVE IT. Because our desire is to match our theme for the weekend with what is on the speaker's heart, we asked Josh what he feels the Holy Spirit has been showing him recently. He said, "My favorite thing to teach students is 'where does my value come from.' There are a ton of implications on where we try to find our value from, where our value really comes from, how to separate who we are (value) from what we do (school, relationships, attitude, moral character, athletics, looks). After we separate the two we can have more meaningful conversations about both. Because of Christ, our value never goes up or down and it is very freeing to rest in that. However, the value of what we do goes up and down tremendously, and it matters so much. My faithfulness in my marriage, my grades in school, my dollars sacrificially given, they matter. They don't determine my value but they're important." This is a great theme and we are excited to see how Jesus shows students their true value.

Loftland will be leading worship for us this year. Though primarily a touring band, Loftland is very comfortable with leading worship and have done so at camps and retreats before. They do a great job connecting to students and are looking forward to ministry opportunities and conversations at Oasis.

Once again, Oasis will be at Camp Forest Springs in Westboro, Wisconsin. They are a great camp to work with, and do a great job at meeting our needs as a district hosting such a large event. The cost for the weekend is \$100. This includes all three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

In this packet of information, you will find many things that will help you in promoting Oasis, as well as for registering your group. Overall, we are very excited for what God is going to do during this weekend. Our prayer is that this retreat would be more than just a weekend away to have fun and hang out, but that it would serve to truly challenge our students, and in turn glorify God! Please seriously consider bringing your students to Oasis 2012!

For God's Glory,
Nathanael Miles and Chris Folkestad
Co-directors
Wausau Alliance Church, St. Croix Alliance Church of the Valley

OASIS DETAILS

REGISTRATION

Once again, we will have to put a cap on the number of students that can come to Oasis. Registrations need to be postmarked by December 15th with a deposit (\$50 per student or leader) and list of names for every student and leader coming included. The second and final payment (\$50 per student and leader) will be handed in when you arrive at camp. DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Remember there is a cap, so the openings are first come, first served. The rest of the information about the registration process is included in this packet as well. Cory Swenson of Appleton Alliance will be handling registration, so feel free to contact him with any registration questions. No registrations will be accepted after January 12th.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

We have included various promotional materials in this mailing. Add what you need to the brochure when you hand it out to students (extra transportation costs, etc.). The brochures are meant for your students to fill out and give to you so that you are able to include them on the group registration form. All of the forms and paper promotional information that you see here is available online at www.wgldcma.org.

T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts will be \$10 again this year. We need your orders absolutely no later than January 12th!

CAMP FOREST SPRINGS - www.campforestsprings.org

At Camp Forest Springs, the meals are included in the registration costs. There is a coffee shop, snack bar, and general store that will be open throughout the weekend. Anything purchased from these stores is an extra cost. All equipment that is necessary to use for any outdoor activities is available for rent during the weekend, but people are free to bring their own snowboards, skis, snowshoes, and ice skates to use during the weekend. Finally, make sure to remind your students that they need to bring bedding.

The lodging situation will be dependent on how early your registration comes in. Typical lodging is a standard cabin (hardly a cabin) with plumbing that includes 9 beds. For every 8 students, one leader is required. This places one leader in each cabin.

ACTIVITIES AT CAMP FOREST SPRINGS

- Snowboarding
- Downhill Skiing
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Broomball
- Ice Skating
- Tubing
- Snowshoeing
- Game Room
- Big Air Competition Saturday Afternoon
- Organized Broomball tournament!

CHECK IN / CHECK OUT

On January 27th, registration opens at 4:00 p.m. The program areas (including the ski and tube hill) will be open Friday night before the first session, which starts at 8 p.m. Sunday morning activities will be concluded so that you can be on the road by 11:00 a.m.

MAP TO CAMP FOREST SPRINGS

Camp Forest Springs
N8890 Forest Lane
Westboro, WI 54490
715-427-5241
www.campforestsprings.org

