

*Dear Parents and Students,*

**It's not too early to be thinking about next year! Registration begins August 1, 2007!**

***Camp Friedenswald Homeschool Nature Study Course***  
**"Soil - Impacting Our Lives"**

**Dates for 2007/2008:** Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th, Nov. 13th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th, and Mar. 11th

**Program:**

Classes on be Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30.

There will be six sessions held throughout the school year for children in Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

The cost is \$27. per child for the six sessions. Maximum payment per family is \$80.

We are offering a three-year rotation of courses.

A lounge and hot beverages for parents is provided while children are in class.

**New Activities Planned:**

**"Picnic in the Park"** - an opportunity to get to know each other better, as well as enjoy and explore camp. Bring a sack lunch and join in the fun! (following the October session)

**"Burger Bash"** - a celebration time as we bring closure to another year. (following the March session)

**Grade Level**

**Course Focus**

\*K-2

**Soil Sampler (What is dirt and what is it good for?)**

- An exploration of various plants and animals that live in the dirt and live underground.

Observation and interaction will take place in the Nature Center and in various places on camp.

\* Students must be at least age 5 by August 15 2007 to participate in this course.

Gr. 3-5

**The Earth (rocks, minerals, sand and humus)**

- An exploration and comparison of various rocks and minerals and how they are used by animals and plants.

**Looking Ahead:**

**"Habitats - The Diverse Needs of Animals"**

2008/2009 K-2 Animals and Their Homes

2008/2009 3-5 Healthy Habitats

**"Water: World of Water"**

2009/2010 K-2 The World of Water (marsh and lakeshore)

2009/2010 3-5 Marsh and Pond Life (fresh water marsh and lakes)

**Standards:**

Camp Friedenswald requires a minimum of 10 students and maximum of 15 students per group.

Parents will provide 2 adults per elementary (K-2) group to assist the students with learning activities.

Parents are not required to be present during course instruction time, but assistance is appreciated.

**Registration:**

**Needs to be done through Camp Friedenswald** at 15406 Watercress Way., Cassopolis, MI 49031, (269)476-9744, or [brad@friedenswald.org](mailto:brad@friedenswald.org) Full payment must be made with the registration. Please make checks payable to Camp Friedenswald.

**Registration begins Aug. 1, 2007.** Half of the registration fee is refundable prior to September 11, 2007. There will be no refunds after September 11th, 2007.

**Instructors:**

**Brad Cogdell** has a BA in Bible Literature from Taylor University. He served as an after-school director for seven years before beginning his role at Friedenswald in 2003. Brad is married and the father of two daughters. He enjoys board games, drawing, playing sports, learning about nature and tying knots. He serves as the Outdoor Learning Director at Camp Friedenswald.

**Cheryl Mast** has a BA degree in education from Goshen College and taught for ten years before becoming involved in camping ministry. She enjoys photography, gardening, wilderness trip camping and exploring the wonders of God's creation. She has served as Coordinator of Outdoor /Environmental Education at Amigo Centre since 2001.