

Hello Everybody:

Are you ready for another year of V.A.D. camp? This year camp is **Sunday, July 26th through Friday, July 31st** at Camp Cavell in Lexington, MI. We are looking forward to another great year. As usual, the first fun and exciting part of camp is filling out the camp application. **Applications ARE on the web site.** If you cannot get on the internet and/or if you cannot download the application, please reply to this email or call VAD @ 586-996-9661. Please completely fill out your application and mail it back to the above address by June 30th, 2008. We ask that you please be sure to do the following:

Campers Only: A physical exam is **mandatory** in order to attend camp. This physical must be completed **within 6 months prior to the start of the camp.** Again this year, we strongly suggest that you get your physical at your local MDA clinic. For assistance with the MDA clinic please contact your local MDA office. If you are unable to have your medical form completed by June 30th, you **must return your application without the medical form attached.** Once your doctor has completed your medical form, please be sure to mail that in separately as soon as possible. You **CAN NOT** attend VAD camp if we do not have a completed application & medical form from you **prior to your arrival at camp.** You will **not** be able to turn in your application and/or medical form at camp.

If there are any medication changes or changes in any medical treatment between the date of your physical exam and the start of camp, you **must** provide the medical staff with an updated list of the most current recommendations by sending them to VAD, Attn: medical staff, **prior to the start of camp.**

If a camper is hospitalized during the period between the date of the most recent physical exam and the start of camp, you **must** provide the medical staff with a written clearance from your primary physician by sending it to VAD, Attn: medical staff, **prior to the start of camp,** in order to attend camp.

Everyone: We must have your completed application by June 30th so that we can set up cabin assignments prior to camp. Please be sure to include a photocopy of your insurance card and Drivers License/Michigan I.D. with your application. These two items are absolutely required!

The application **DEADLINE IS JUNE 30th** so be sure to fill it out right away and get it back in the mail! Camp is on a first come, first serve basis, so please be so be sure to get your application back to us as soon as possible. Furthermore, **IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING CAMP** this year, please let us know as soon as possible. This will allow us to finalize our attendant and camper pairing as soon as possible. Reminder, if you attend any of the MDA summer camps, **as a camper,** you will not be qualified to attend VAD camp in the same year.

If you are a new VAD camper, you must bring your own attendant. Be sure to have them fill out a volunteer application and reference you as their desired camper. We will be setting up an interview with all new attendants that have not previously been to MDA or VAD camp.

Once we receive your application, you will be added to our camp 2009 roster. **You will receive a final camp packet in July** which confirms your acceptance and it will give you more detailed information about camp. Our theme this year is Peace, Love and Rock-N-Roll. If we do not receive your application, we will assume you are not attending and there will not be a cabin assignment made for you.

We hope you will be joining us as VAD celebrates our 18th year of adult, summer camp. We are all very proud of this accomplishment and look forward to having the best camp ever! See you at camp.

Shawn Hass, VAD President