



**Eden United Church of Christ  
Board of Community Ministries**



**Middle School Youth Group**

**Camp WOW!! "More Wonders of the Watershed"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outdoor Summer Camp Program**

**Sunday, July 26 – Saturday, August 1, 2009**

### **What?**

Celebrate our kinship with creation through exploration and discovery in local parks "close to home". Follow the course of San Leandro Creek as it descends an ancient volcano, flows through a forest, winds through a meadow, forms a lake, passes through neighborhoods, and empties into the Bay. We'll hike, swim, bicycle, boat, picnic, and camp as we immerse ourselves in our "sense of place."

### **Why?**

Deepen and expand upon themes examined during our middle school youth group sessions: belonging, being in community, experiencing the divine in nature, embracing diversity, the power of friendship, sharing our stories, empathy and compassion for all living things, spirit in action, interconnectedness with the whole of creation, experiencing grace, ways to pray, listening for God's voice, hearing one's inner voice, growth and change, adaptation and evolution, finding one's path.

### **Where?**

Each day will begin and end at the Fields Tyler home in Castro Valley (except for the overnight). Our trip leaders, Tom Tyler and Russ Miller, will carpool the group to a different location each day. During the course of the week, our day trips will take us to a variety of park and recreation areas in Oakland, Moraga, Alameda, Hayward, San Leandro, and Castro Valley. We'll explore ridge tops, forests, meadows, creeks, neighborhoods, canyons, lakes, and shorelines along the way.

### **When?**

Our week begins with a family barbecue at the Fields Tylers home Sunday, July 26, 6:00-9:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday, July 27-30, all participants will meet at the Fields Tyler home at 8:30. At the end of each of these days, we'll return to the Fields Tyler home by 4:00 P.M. On Friday, July 31 all participants and their families will meet at Bort Meadow in Anthony Chabot Regional Park at 5:00 for a finale cookout, night hike, games, campfire and overnight campout. We'll close out our week together with a big breakfast, morning walk, and departure by 12:00 noon.

### **Who?**

Camp WOW!! is open to the current Eden UCC middle school youth group and children who will be entering grades 6 through 9 next fall. Group size is limited to 12 children on a first-come, first-serve basis. Organization, facilitation, and transportation from Fields Tyler home provided by Eden Middle School Youth Group leaders: Cheryl & Tom Fields Tyler, Russ & Jenifer Miller, Patty & Blaine Cowick.

### **How?**

Cost is \$150 per child. Scholarship funds available on an individual basis-- contact pastor Arlene Nehring for assistance. For more information or to sign up, contact Tom Tyler at [tftyler@comcast.net](mailto:tftyler@comcast.net) or by phone at (510) 733-2296. For all children, a Parent Permission and Medical/Liability Release Form specific to this camp must be completed prior to participation. All participating adults must have on file or submit the Safe Congregation Program Confidential Volunteer Screening form for clearance.