

An invitation...



...to volunteer

Answers to common questions

•**What is RFKC?** Royal Family Kids' Camp is a one-week residential camp for 50 abused and neglected children, ages 7 to 12. The Houghton RFKC is one of 180 RFKCs worldwide. Our camp in 2010 will be our 16th annual.

•**When is camp?** Sunday, July 11th to Friday, July 16th 2010

•**Where is camp?** At Camp Asbury which is located on Silver Lake about one mile south of Perry, New York

•**Where do the children come from?** There are referred to us from county social service agencies. About 40% reside in foster care; the rest reside with a custodial parent, relative, or guardian.

•**What do volunteers do?** Individual counselors are assigned to campers for the entire week as their primary responsibility. Roving counselors offer relief and work more generally with all children. There are some staff positions available as well as opportunities for day workers.

•**What are the goals of RFKC?** RFKC provides positive memories for abused and neglected children. We have one counselor for every two campers and a caring staff that includes coaches, a nurse, activities helpers, a music and drama team, and even a camp grandma and grandpa and camp aunt and uncle. We are sponsored by the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

•**Would I receive any training?** First year volunteers receive specialized training in April prior to camp. We also do training on Sunday, July 11th before the campers arrive. We also offer opportunities for special assistance, as needed, during the week. We provide three well-deserved breaks for counselors each day.

What should I do if I want to volunteer?

Contact the RFKC Director or RFKC Assistant Director for an application by January 31st

•John Van Wicklin, Director [585 567 9441] or

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•Cindy Lastoria, Assistant Director [585 567 2763] or

cindy.lastoria@houghton.edu

Once your completed application has been received you will be scheduled for an interview in February. Those accepted for positions will undergo training in April. Camp begins with a commissioning service at Houghton Wesleyan Church on Sunday, July 11th 2010.

Houghton RFKC Staff 2009 – Willis/Beth Beardsley, Sandy Blake, David/Courtney Boslough, Bruce Brenneman, Dennis/Ruth Doell, Mike/Connie Doyle, Laurie Gillette, Ed/Christine Haag, Lyn Harter, Haleigh Johnson, Mike/Cindy Lastoria, Judi/Bitsy Mayhle, Dan/Kathy Moore, James/Darice/Jess/Tori Mullen, Nancy Murphy, Colleen/John/Jaime Myers, Tracy Olsen, JoAnn Purdy, Kathy/Matt/Krista Reitmour, Rick/Cindy Rumsey, Mark Satta, Amber Torrey, Annie Valkema, John/Barbara Van Wicklin

Houghton RFKC Counselors 2009 – Jeanie Brown, Betty Casey, MaryJo Cronk, Desiree Deaven, Chelsea Ellis, Becca Fuller, Emily Gaerte, Meredith Grausam, Leigh Haley, Nate Leshner, Chris/Becky Mancuso, Doug Mayhle, Mary Murdoch, Rob Myers, Janelle Potts, Ashley Powell, Zach Rhone, Shane Stegen, Nick Saylor, Justin Thomas, Kevin Thompson, Jeremiah Tyler, Andrea Walton, Emma Weigle, Jesse Woolsey

RFKC 2010 Bible Verse: "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation, His very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." *1 Peter 2:9*

Theme for week – Royal Court with Bible stories from the book of Esther

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