



2011 Mosaic International Event

2011 MOSAIC OUTDOOR CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EVENT WILD & WONDERFUL

Hello and Welcome,

This is the first of a series of emails you will be receiving about the 2011 Mosaic Outdoor Clubs International Event in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia. We are working hard to make sure we have a tremendous Event that will truly be Wild and Wonderful.

We have nearly 100 registrants already but we have room for more, so if you have a friend, acquaintance, relative or significant other who loves the outdoors let them know there is still time to join us for the fun and adventure we will be having over Labor Day weekend. **Late Registration will end on August 22, 2011!!!**

PLEASE READ EACH OF THESE EMAILS CAREFULLY AS THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

UPDATING REGISTRATION: We have been going through the registrations and we have been double checking to make sure that your registration is correct and that we have the information we need, as a result you may be hearing from us about possible issues, please respond to these emails promptly to help us eliminate problems before they occur. Also you can still go back and change your event schedule if you want, until August 15, this will not change your basic costs, however if you change events for which there are charges, you may incur some additional registration fees.

Any registration changes after August 14th, 2011 cannot be guaranteed and you will not receive any refund for activities which are outfitter run.

PRE-EVENT & POST-EVENT TRIPS There is still time to sign up and join the Pre or Post Event Trips, just go back in and change your registration; we have wonderful opportunities to make this a full vacation:

Pre-Event Trip: Explore the Metro Washington D.C area and meet some great people on the Pre-Event Trip. Wednesday afternoon will feature a walk around the monuments on the mall or some great nature photography exhibits. The afternoon will feature a boat cruise on the Potomac featuring the monuments from a different perspective. Wednesday Night brings a sumptuous dinner at Sequoia Restaurant featuring expansive views of the Potomac Waterfront. Thursday options include a hike at spectacular Mather Gorge along the Billy Goat Trail or an easier version along the Towpath to see Great Falls. Hope to see you there! We have gotten a great hotel rate, but the extra rooms will be dropped on August 17th, so get in now.

Post-Event Trip: Stay a couple of extra days, and join a smaller, more intimate group for a real adventure! During our "post-trip", we'll do a canopy tour; go white-water rafting on the Lower New River with some of the best rafting on the East Coast, and visit the last remaining ghost town in the East. Each night we'll hang with friends around a campfire right in front of our cabin. All meals will be eaten in the dining hall of the rafting outfitter, most of which are included in the price. If you have the time, please join us.

RELIGION: Mosaic is a Jewish organization and this is a core value for us, so of course this is an important element of the International Event. In addition to the Friday Night and Havdalah Services we are planning several other areas:

We have been asked if we can have a short daily minyan for a few minutes to allow those sitting Shiva to say Kaddish. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with this.

We are organizing a Shabbat morning minyan and Torah study group for Saturday morning, and we'd love to have your input. If you're interested in davvening with a group on Shabbat morning, please let us know what sort of service you'd like to see. Traditional? Modern? Orthodox? Egalitarian? All Hebrew, or would you prefer some

English? We're also seeking volunteers to lead Shacharit, Musaf, and a d'var Torah discussion. Please contact Miriam Lambert (lambertmiriam@gmail.com) to give feedback or to volunteer.

CAMP RIM ROCK: We are happy to have Camp Rim Rock in Yellow Spring, WV hosting us. The camp is very scenic and extremely well maintained, with clean cabins and bathhouses. We will have access to 2 solar heated pools, a small lake with kayaks, sports fields and plenty of other camp activities.

In planning for this Event please be aware that **all cars will be limited to the parking area**, all of your gear will be brought to your cabin via golf carts. Please try to pack so that we do not overwhelm the camp.

Please do not contact the camp directly, if you have a question send it to us at event@mosaicoutdoor.org.

PREPARATIONS: We will be sending you a complete packing list, but please be aware that for any of the moderate or strenuous hikes you will need broken in Hiking Boots, a hydration pack or water bottles capable of carrying up to 2 liters of water and a hat for sun protection.

We look forward to a great Labor Day Event and meeting all of you face to face.

Michele Renick & Steve Berger
Co-Chairs, 2011 Mosaic International Event