

2011 Staff & Volunteers,

I don't suppose I need to tell you but just in case... its only five days to Christmas! Enjoy it!

Just in case you missed the invitation on Facebook...

SPROUT - the new years retreat for IAWAH staff & volunteers

December 29, 2011 - January 1, 2012

Arrive: 7:00p on the 29th

Depart: 11:00a on the 1st

Cost: \$0.00

RSVP: by Dec 26, 2011

SPROUT is designed for the IAWAH staff community to both reconnect and to begin to prepare for the upcoming staff season. Regardless of what your plans might be for this next year, all are welcome - the full range of staff and volunteers... from the person who is retired and volunteered for a week to those who just completed Ass't Staff. The only catch is that you RSVP by December 26, 2011. Please try to have your plans figured out by then - it will be helpful!

Come for one day or the whole event. Come prepared to give and receive...

You may have learned some important lessons or discovered some amazing truths recently - there will be time to share those things. Scripture is full of hidden truths that are revealed to us over the course of our lives.

Bring a wrapped gift to give (yes, there will be rules on the giving and receiving process). The gift may not have cost you any money within the past 365 days. In other words bring something cool from your home that has been sitting around and you want to give it to someone. Get creative.

The event will feature: food, broomball, food, Bible teaching, food, games, food, friends, food, worship, food, lots of hang out time, food, discussion/planning/input regarding some of the new things that are going on (this conversation will be best with more food!). Not necessarily in that order.

Should you know of someone who is considering applying for the 2012 staff season and you want to invite them to come along with you - that is good, let us know and bring them along. It is a good time to be introduced to the staff community.

RSVP by Dec 26, 2011!

If you haven't joined us on facebook yet, now is a good time...

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

It is a great season to enjoy the festivities, family and friends. Its also the season to remember that some 2000 years ago life was about to take an incredible twist for two young people very much in love... A twist that would see them alone, misunderstood and in exile while holding as best they could to the revelation and understanding of God in them. Life with family and friends would never be the same again. Their peace, contentment and desire for life was about to get rooted in the revealing of Jesus into humanity. We have hindsight on matter - they did not, just faith and expectation that God would do and be exactly as he said. Is it any different for us today in our circumstances? Simple obedience - does God need more? Incredible.

Until we meet again...

With blessing.

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