

# Red Cedar Men's Camping Retreat



**May 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Overnight Men's Retreat at  
Manistee National Forest at  
a drive-in spot near the Tippy Dam  
Pond along the Manistee River  
that is accessible by hiking trails  
and vehicles.

## What to Bring

You will need a tent or hammock, sleeping bag, air mattress, toiletries, snacks for your hike, water bottle, change of clothes, good walking shoes and basic hiking/camping equipment. Optional: camp chair, canoes or kayaks.

## Cost

Overnight stay is free. There will be a cost for meals & gas for transportation. That cost will be determined as we know how many people will be going on the trip.

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## Friday Meals:

People will arrive to the campsite from 4pm to 6pm to set up camp and enjoy the night around the fire. Being that everyone will be arriving at different times, plan to eat your dinner on the road or at a local restaurant before heading to the campsite. There will be snacks around the campfire Friday night.

## Saturday Meals:

**Breakfast:** Meal will be made over the campfire and/or outdoor grill.

**Lunch:** Everyone brings their own lunch for the day. Make sure the lunch can travel on a hike or on the river. Make sure you have snacks as well.

**Dinner:** Meal will be pre-prepared meals that can be made over a campfire and/or outdoor grill. After dinner, we will have a campfire where we can share stories, ask questions and share the gospel.

## Sunday Meals:

Continental breakfast and time together for church at our camp. Break camp. Possibly stop at a local restaurant for brunch before hitting the road for home.

## Location:

A few men are heading to the Manistee National Forest on Thursday to scout and reserve a camp location off of Tippy Dam Pond (hopefully near Government Island). There is excellent fishing and boating. As such, if anyone wishes to fish or take a canoe on the Manistee River it is readily accessible.

The campsite is situated along a stream that has fresh water. This stream feeds the Manistee River. Water from the stream can be filtered and used for cooking and drinking and as such there is plenty of water access. The campsite is 2 hours & 45 minutes away from Red Cedar Church.

Once the specific campsite is reserved, we will notify all campers via text of the specific location.



## Campsite:

A pine tree grove within a hundred yards of the trail. The campsite is large enough to house 7 to 10 tents and sleeping would be in tents brought by the individuals attending. The location is secluded and a large campsite that has the feeling of being remote and isolated but is accessible by car.

The campsite is a first come first serve site. It is dispersed camping and as such the national forest allows for camping anywhere within the national forest with only a few limitations as to locations. The area where we will be does not provide any modern toilets (pooping is in the woods) and water is available via filtered fresh stream water.



There is no fire ring and as such it is just a ring of stones, and we clean up the fire afterwards. The focus at night will be enjoying the company of others surrounded by trees and stars above. Sleeping is in tents or hammocks. You are welcome to bring any camping comforts you like.

If you have any further questions or want to talk further, please call. This outing can be as few as only a handful of men, 3-6 or as large as 20 men (unlikely but manageable).

## Activities:

- Hiking
- Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking
- Fishing
- Campfire Time & Hanging Out
- Discussion & Devotions
- Games

### **Registration**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Register on our website, on paper in the foyer or scan the QR code.

