



April 24 & 25, 2009
Lakeview Arenas
Marquette, MI
www.fireup.org

FIRE UP ADULT & YOUTH CONFERENCES GENERAL INFORMATION

Fire UP Vision:

Each participant will have a significant experience that leads him or her to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ!

We're glad that you and/or your group are coming to FIRE UP 2009! God has used this event to bring hundreds of young people closer to Him for the past twenty-two years. It's also exciting to see the Christian communities in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Lower Michigan, and northeast Wisconsin unite across denominations each year. Whether this is your first FIRE UP or your twenty-third, there are some things you need to know, or may need to be reminded of. Please keep checking the website for the most recent information and changes.

You can also call us with any questions:

GENERAL, REGISTRATION, or VOLUNTEER QUESTIONS -

(906)228-4932, (906) 362-5455 or info@fireup.org

HOUSING QUESTIONS - (906)249-3588, housing@fireup.org

NEW THIS YEAR

LOCATION:

Please note that Fire UP will be held in a new location this year! The youth conference and the ALL-NEW adult conference will meet side-by-side in two arenas at Lakeview Arena, one block east (towards Lake Superior) from the Berry Events Center where the event was held last year. You may remember Lakeview Arena from last year's pizza party. Directions are below, and you can also check out the Map on our website.

DIRECTIONS:

Coming into Marquette from the West on US 41, you'll pass Wal-Mart, Target, and the Westwood Mall. As you come down hill, get into the left lane and watch for Business US41 to veer off to the left (just after you pass Wendy's). Take Business US41 past Shopko, McDonalds, etc. into downtown Marquette. Turn left on Front Street, the last street before you head down to the water front. Take Front Street all the way to the end. Wave at the Berry Events Center, then turn right on East Fair Ave. Lakeview Arena will be 1 ½ blocks down on your left, connected to the YMCA.

Coming into Marquette from the South on US 41 or from the East on M 28, follow US 41 along Lake Superior towards Marquette, then stay straight on Business US41 toward downtown Marquette. US 41 turns into Front Street. Continue straight through downtown, up the hill, and all the way to the end of Front Street. Turn right onto East Fair Ave. to Lakeview Arena on your left.

Parking will be available in front of Lakeview Arena, in the YMCA parking lot, behind the two buildings, and along East Fair Avenue in the designated street parking spots. Please do NOT park in the Berry Events Center parking lot. You may be ticketed by NMU public safety because our event is not on NMU's campus this year!

REGISTRATION:

All registration will take place in the middle entrance of Lakeview Arena. In order to expedite the process, please follow the signs for either on-site registration or pre-purchased tickets. If you have pre-purchased tickets, please have the back side of the ticket filled out (Sorry for the lack of space on the back of the ticket. As you will see, we goofed up when making the tickets☺) before you exchange your ticket for a wristband. Registration for both the on-site and pre-purchased tickets begins at 3:00pm on Friday, April 24th. However, entry into FIRE UP will occur at approximately 6:00pm.

CONCESSIONS, EXHIBITORS, AND VENDOR BOOTHS:

This year, the concessions area & Exhibitor/Vendor booths will only be open during the concerts, in between some main sessions, and during free time. They will **NOT** be open during the main stage speaker sessions and workshops. We do this in order to encourage people to be respectful and stay seated while the speakers and artists are presenting.

PIZZA PARTY/RECREATION TIME --> SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH 11:30AM-2:15PM:

This year, your registration fee automatically includes access to the Pizza Party. It will be held in the Olson Arena at Lakeview (same as last year). Pizza and drinks will be served from 11:30AM-1:30PM. You may eat in the Olson or Russell Arena.

The YMCA will be open to Fire UP participants for only \$3! Just show your Fire UP wristband at the YMCA front desk, give them your \$3, and enjoy a couple hours of swimming, exercising, games in the family room, relaxation in the hot tub, or cheering on your favorite players in the tournaments!

The basketball and volleyball tournaments will take place from 12:30-2PM. One will take place in the YMCA gym and the other will take place at an off-site location to be announced. The cost for the tournaments is \$4. There will be a sign up table Friday night at Fire UP when the doors open. Look for signs directing you to that table. The \$4 charge for tournaments will also cover your use of the YMCA if you choose to do so.

For you music lovers, there will be a concert in the Russell Arena during this time. And all our exhibitors/vendors booths will be open. **Recreation time will shut down at exactly 2:15pm to give everyone time to get to Session 3 in the main arenas!**

NOT NEW THIS YEAR - BUT IMPORTANT

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERS:

In order for us to have a safe and enjoyable event, we ask that you have **at least** one advisor with every ten youth. However, we do recommend that you shoot for a 1 to 5 ratio. We rely on you to supervise your own students during the entire weekend, especially during the main sessions and workshops. We desire FIRE UP to be a tool you can use to enhance your ministry, and therefore encourage your adult leaders to be fully involved in the event with your youth. We recognize that you have a relationship with your youth that extends far beyond this weekend, and we hope that we can compliment what you are doing at home.

Youth leaders may alternate between the youth and adult conferences, **but** please keep in mind that there should always be at least one adult with every ten youth in the youth conference.

BEHAVIOR IN HOST CHURCHES, HOTELS, AND RESTAURANTS:

Every year, FIRE UP has been blessed with gracious and generous people who open up their church buildings and offer special rates in their hotels/motels for FIRE UP participants. As guests in these places, please encourage your students to show respect for the hotel/church property and to employees and other guests. That way, we hope your hosts will feel comfortable opening up their buildings and businesses to you and FIRE UP in the future.

CHALLENGE/RESPONSE TIME:

During the weekend, our speakers will challenge students to grow deeper in their walk with Christ. We will follow up by providing an opportunity for youth and their leaders to respond to what God is doing. It's a time of reflection, sharing, and prayer, and most likely will take place right where you are seated. In order to encourage consistency in the students' lives, we are relying on your leaders to talk and pray with your youth. Our volunteers would love to spend time praying with you at any point during the weekend, but we believe that you and your other leaders are the best people to communicate directly with your youth about what God is doing in their lives.

SECURITY/SAFETY/CONDUCT GUIDELINES:

Your personal safety is of the utmost concern to us! Please talk to your group in advance about the following safety concerns:

- Do not to rush the stage.
- Body-surfing will not be allowed.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, and the use of laser-pointers or lighters will NOT be permitted under any circumstance. Laser pointers and lighters may be confiscated, and will not be returned.
- For those 18 and older using tobacco, please locate the appropriate areas outside the buildings.
- Skateboards, roller blades, and Heelys are not permitted inside Lakeview Arena. Please keep them locked in your vehicles.
- Fire UP and Lakeview Arena will not be held liable for any missing or stolen property.
- Everyone will be required to show their FIRE UP wristbands before entering the building for any FIRE UP event. Be sure your wristband is attached to your wrist properly, so you don't lose it.
- Lost and Found will be located at the Virtual Mom booth. We also encourage groups to use the Virtual Mom booth area as the designated meeting place in case someone in your group gets lost. If a student comes to one of the FIRE UP staff members or a Safety Team member and cannot find their group, we will guide them to the Virtual Mom area to wait until the group is located.
- For any Safety/Security/Emergency issues, please see our Safety Team in the yellow jackets.

RESTAURANTS:

Many area restaurants offer specials to FIRE UP participants when you show your FIRE UP wristband. A complete updated listing will be posted on the website under "sponsors" and will be provided at the registration booth on FIRE UP weekend. Below is a list of the participating restaurants so far!

- Big Boy - 10% off entire purchase
- Border Grill - special to be announced
- Hardee's - Free small fry & drink w/ purchase of a thick burger or sandwich of equal size
- Hudson's - 15% off entire purchase (no other coupons or specials permitted w/ this deal)
- Quizno's - \$2.00 off of a regular sized meal
- Subway - Free drink with purchase
- Culver's - Free drink with purchase
- Pizza Hut-- Free Soda with Purchase
- Perkins-- Free Soda with Purchase
- Bonanza-- 10% off entire purchase

PRAYING FOR YOU:

Above all, as you make your plans to come to FIRE UP, we want you to know that we are holding you and your group in our hearts and in our prayers. Thank you for all you do to make the Love and Grace of Christ real to the youth in your community. See you in 3 weeks!

Grace and Peace,

Jill Seppala, FIRE UP Director, & the FIRE UP Steering Committee

FIRE UP ADULT CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS*

*Subject to change. A complete, updated list of the workshops will be provided on the website and at the registration booth at the event.

SESSION 1 – FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 7:45PM

“The Critical Journey, Part 1” – Erik Racine & Chris Mosher – Location to be announced

Boldly going where no man or woman has gone before with God, others, and ourselves, (ok, well at least not where a lot of men and women have gone), Erik and Chris will share their own struggles and triumphs in maturing their faith and will give you some tools to help you experience God's love to deeper levels.

Erik Racine coaches international business leaders for Accenture, a global consulting company. He is also an entrepreneur, running his own business called Manamana Consulting, which focuses on leadership development, team building, communication, coaching/mentoring, and conflict resolution. He is certified as a professional coach in multiple leadership tools and holds an M.A. in Transformational Leadership from Bethel Seminary. As a former pastor, his heart is to see the church mature in love and leadership for the glory of God. He leads men's groups and weekend events, and is piloting new workshops for churches beginning in April of 2009. His ultimate aim is to create movements of passion, connection, transformation, and challenge in the church, in education, in businesses, and in families. You can follow his personal journey at: <http://erikracine.blogspot.com/>

Chris Mosher owns Frantic Cat Productions, a production company that specializes in music for corporate events (Chrysler, Miller Brewing co., Wells Fargo, Eli Lilly, Sepracor, State Farm etc) and broadcasting (American Idol, Dancing with the Stars, CSI,...). As a freelance musician he has recorded and/or toured with Sixpence None the Richer, Steven Curtis Chapman, Casting Crowns, Peter Gabriel, Lincoln Brewster, Bon Jovi, Rich Mullins, Dolly Parton, Avalon, and others. Chris leads men's groups and weekend events, and is trained in a variety of advanced leadership tools. As a Worship Pastor for Alpine Chapel, he strives to use music to bring people together in the presence of God, and to create a safe place for people to enter into a shared experience of self-awareness.

“Single and Satisfied” – Pastor Lew Pizzala – Location to be announced

If there is one area the body of Christ needs to adjust, it's the pity and sympathy we feel towards a grown adult just because they are not married. In this workshop we will see from God's Word that if you are in Christ, you are a complete person, apart from any romantic relationship you may ever have. Come and learn the six ways to be single and still happy, at any adult age.

Since the age of 22, Pastor Lew Pizzala has been senior pastor of various local churches. Currently he pastors New Life Church in Marquette. Pastor Lew's desire and passion is to see the Word of God, coupled with the Holy Spirit, go forth in a life-changing anointing. He longs to see God's Word transform people's lives. Over the past 30 years, Pastor Lew has been involved in preaching, teaching, missions, and all the work pertaining to the office of a Pastor. Pastor Lew and his wife, Cynthia, live in Negaunee. They have two grown daughters, two son-in-laws, and one grandson on the way!

“What’s the Right Choice?” – David Cadarette – Location to be announced

Do your choices take you closer to or further from God? “If you draw close to God, He will draw close to you,” we read in James 4:8. David agrees with John Bevere, author of “Drawing Near: A Life of Intimacy with God,” that these words still apply to us today. It is up to you how close you want to get to Him. Learn from David’s personal testimonies about how wrong choices can be turned around when you let God’s hand direct you to the right choices!

David lives in Boyne City, Michigan with Victoria, his wife of 3 years, and their 1 year old son, Lynus. He owns Insurance Agency in Boyne City, is a Health and Wellness franchisor, and is the Founder of HOPE OF NATIONS. As a hockey player, he helped lead his team to national championships with the Junior A Toledo Storm in 2001 (as team captain) and with the Huntsville Channel Cats (SEHL) in 2004. He has taken his drive to be the best in hockey and channeled it into communicating with others the hope and freedom that is through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SESSION 2 – SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10:40AM

“The Critical Journey Part 2” – Erik Racine & Chris Mosher – Location to be announced

See Session 1 description.

“Fire Proof Marriage” – Pastor Lew Pizzala – Location to be announced

When it comes to your marriage, there are God-inspired, devil-stopping "fire retardants" that will fireproof your relationship with your spouse. In this workshop, we will look at nine ways to fireproof your marriage, in order to keep it from going up in flames.

“Teaching Integrity to Your Teens” – Cheri Kellerman & Diana Friedli – Location to be announced

This workshop will support parents and youth workers in teaching biblical dating and how parents and youth workers can talk to and support their teens. We will also talk about sexual purity, secondary virginity, and "safe sex."

Cheri was adopted by a Christian family in Western Wisconsin and came to know God at a young age. She got pregnant at age 16 and placed her baby daughter up for adoption. Cheri has now been married for 12 years and has three boys and is expecting a baby girl in June. She is also the director of Calvary Women's Support Services, a ministry that supports women through unplanned pregnancy, parenting, sexual integrity, after abortion, rape, incest, and abuse.

Diana found herself pregnant as a young teen at the age of 15. After years of having backwards relationships, she turned to God. She got right with God, was obedient to Him and practiced secondary virginity and the Lord rewarded Diana's obedience by writing her a wonderful love story, bringing her husband John into her life. She loves being an RN, serving God and using her story to bring hope to others.

SESSION 3 – SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 3:50PM

“The Critical Journey Part 3” – Erik Racine & Chris Mosher – Location to be announced

See Session 1 description

“The Bible” – Josh Brindle – Location to be announced

The Bible is a living and breathing tool, even in today’s postmodern world. People under the age of 35 often aren’t expected to be able to understand the difficult themes, cultures, languages and long-winded ideas found in the Scriptures. Let us explore why so many churches and Christians are shying away from the teaching of God’s Word and how we can re-contextualize, but not re-interpret, the Bible to our lost and dying generation. Could this be a key to modern renewal and revival?

Josh Brindle is the worship leader at Calvary Chapel of Iron River, Michigan, and teaches classes at Calvary Chapel’s School of Ministry. He also does outreach ministry at He-Brews Coffee & Music and heads up a mobile music ministry with his wife and friends called the Tribe of Judah. Through this ministry, he has started a Bible study at Fire UP Network’s Cornerzone youth center in Marquette. Josh is a musician, singer and song writer, and enjoys Messianic Jewish studies and bike-riding for fun. He is married to Grace, and they have two little girls, Hosanna & Zuri-Shaddai.

“Lost & Found” – Pastor Gary Step – Location to be announced

Learn new ways to share the time-tested story of salvation with a generation lost in the confusion of the information age. Bring seekers to Christ through authentic relationships, listening to their stories and sharing your story.

Gary has pastored the Indian River United Methodist Church in Northern Lower Michigan for 8 years. In 2003 he was awarded the Denman Evangelism Award by the West Michigan United Methodist Conference. In 2000, the church had an attendance of 140 people; currently the average attendance is over 325. A significant part of the church’s growth has come through new believers who have found healing and wholeness in Christ. Gary preaches and teaches out of his gift of evangelism. Not only has he personally led many into the kingdom, but he has taught his congregation to be a witnessing community for Christ! He is very active in the ecumenical Emmaus movement, and served as their Community Spiritual Director for 3 years. He has also led seminars on worship, emerging worship, church growth and encountering the Holy Spirit. He spearheaded and leads “Hope,” an Evangelical movement in the West Michigan Conference.

He is married to Lori, his wife of 25 years. They have a teenage daughter, Rebecca, two sons in their twenties, Riley and Ryder, and a new daughter-in-law, Ashley. Gary’s pet peeve is people crunching their food loudly; he thinks country music is spiritual; and his favorite achromatic hue is black. In his past life he sold toys, beer, and bikes. Now he peddles Jesus to all who will listen.

“Financial Peace University, Introduction” – Dwight Wilkins & Karen Chandler – Location to be announced

According to the Wall Street Journal, nearly 70% of all consumers live from paycheck to paycheck. Americans are drowning in debt. The average household in the country owes nearly \$10,000 on credit cards...It's tough to get out of that black hole.

Dave Ramsey, personal money management expert and extremely popular national radio and “Fox Business Network” personality, offers life-changing financial advice through his course, **Financial Peace University**. This program helps you learn how to dump debt, get control of your money, and learn money management behaviors that are founded on Biblical principles. In this workshop, we will provide an introduction to this life-changing program.

Dwight Wilkins is the Minister of Administration and a member of the Financial Peace University team at Lake Superior Christian Church, where he has led many groups of people through FPU. He is married to, Gigi, has 2 children, and lives in Marquette.

Karen Chandler heads up a team of Financial Peace University instructors at Lake Superior Church, all FPU graduates themselves, who have led 250+ people in Marquette County through the FPU program. She has completed training to become a certified FPU counselor. Karen is also the Marquette Women's Center Finance Director and Lake Superior Christian Church Finance Deacon. She and her husband, Doug, have been married for 21 years. They have 4 children, 3 grandchildren, and live in Marquette.

FIRE UP YOUTH CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS*

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SESSION 1 – FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 7:45PM

“Figuring Out God’s Will” – Dave Michels – Location to be announced

Can we really figure out God’s will? Can we learn to make sound, godly decisions? OR is life really just a GIANT MONOPOLY GAME?

How do YOU make decisions? How do you decide what to do this summer? Do you buy that new bike or fancy new coat? What should you major in when you go to college? Whom should you marry? What kind of car should you buy? We all face decisions every day. Come to this workshop and learn how to figure out God’s will in your life.

Dave works full time with Campus Crusade for Christ. He connects with the College students in the U.P. Dave & his wife, Susan, have been on CCC Staff for over 30 years. They have 3 grown sons.

“Girl’s Only” – Sky & Chelsea of Morning Will Break – Location to be announced

God wants to meet you where you are, and He’s obsessed with you! Don’t ever hesitate to go hang out with Him, or to talk to Him about anything. Learn how to avoid things that are garbage to your heart and soul, and how to surround yourself with things and people that are going to encourage you in the Lord.

“Music Ministry” – Shawn and Michael Cavallo of Manic Drive – Location to be announced

Learn to use the gifts God has given you to live out His will in your life.

“Worth Dying For” – David Cadarette – Location to be announced

A lot of people, influenced by what they see on TV, see themselves as nobodies, not good enough, not worthy. Really they are WAY MORE THAN THAT! A KING died for YOU!

What does it mean to be a child of God? What lies does “the accuser” feed us? How can your life make a difference? Who cares anyway?

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SESSION 2 – SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10:40AM

“The Fight of Your Life” – David Cadarette – Location to be announced

Fighting on the ice vs. Fighting for Christ; driving toward the NHL vs. toward God; finding the next bar vs. finding the next Bible verse... Learn how to fight the right fight and find the freedom that is in Christ. (See bio from Session 1)

“A Relationship with God” – Jonathan Overmyer of Blessed is He – Location to be announced

Learn how to find God and to build a relationship with Him. Learn what He can do for you through prayer and Bible study.

Jonathan has been called to do the Will of the Father! Jonathan says, “I do the will of the father and that’s to tell people about His Love & Wrath... the Lord has blessed me & the band by making a name...HIS NAME "Blessed Is He" known and loved by others...which brings people to a place of actually caring about what we say and do.

SESSION 3 – SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 3:50PM

“Evangelism & Outreach” – John Vermilya – Location to be announced

Hear from our main session speaker John Vermilya on sharing the Gospel.

“Walking with God” – GUY’S ONLY - Seth Waters & the guys of Blessed is He – Location to be announced

In this workshop, Seth shares the struggles of growing up in the church while experiencing the tug of the world. “I knew God and still dove into all that the world offered.” Why? “But now, God has fully restored his life.” Wonder how? Come find out!

Seth Waters is a dedicated, died-in-the-wool musician. Seth has come to Calvary Chapel in Iron River through CC Bible College in Murietta, California and through a rehabilitation ministry in Tennessee called U-Turn for Christ. In addition to worship leading and teaching at Calvary, Seth runs most of the sound ministry there (He-Brews Coffee & Music) and at Fire UP Network’s Cornerzone teen center in Marquette. Seth loves Nike Cortez shoes, Mt. Dew, and writing his own music and playing with a myriad of talented friends in that arena. He also fancies motorbike riding when the weather’s nice.

“Consumed” – Morning Will Break – Location to be announced

What does it mean to have one, single burning passion for Christ and to be *consumed* by his love, sovereignty and mercy?

See Bands page on the website for a bio on Morning Will Break.