

Fairport UMC Wheels for the World

22nd Annual

Bike Trip and Camping Adventure

Hamlin Beach State Park

August 1-5, 2017



Bringing Hope - Our Service

What is 'Wheels for the World'?

Imagine you have lived in one room for many years, unable to go outside. Think of a husband pushing his wife down a rutted road in a wheelbarrow. Picture a man who needs to walk on hands and feet with flip-flops on his hands to protect them. Consider a 10 year-old boy who has never run or stood unaided, dependent on his parents to carry him everywhere.



What these people have in common with 18 million others world-wide is that they need a wheelchair and have no hope of purchasing one. In many areas of the world people with disabilities are neglected and forgotten by society and the

wheelchairs they need so much are simply unobtainable. Disability carries a stigma and is a source of shame.

Since 1994, Wheels for the World ministry has presented the Gospel by delivering wheelchairs and Bibles in developing countries. But Wheels for the World is not simply about "dropping off a wheelchair." It's about changing the hearts, minds, and lives of people. It's about transforming societies, village by village, person by person. Wheels for the World shares the love of Jesus Christ, extended through the gift of mobility, bringing hope, joy, and salvation to children and adults with disabilities around the world.

Through participation in our 22nd Annual "Wheels for the World" Bike Trip to Hamlin Beach State Park, the money that our youth group raises will go toward the parts and transportation costs for refurbishing and delivering wheelchairs all over the world.

Growing in Christ's Likeness - Our Purpose

We will have 4 days of camping, studying, rest and relaxation, and enjoying each other's company. We have our time at Hamlin designed to build Christian community and to learn more about God's purpose in our lives. The sense of community and building of history together that naturally happens on the Bike Trip is often the reason that youth have decided that they want to continue to attend youth functions.

The Bike Trip, as well as many other youth activities and events, creates for youth a memory of a time when they felt especially close to God. This is an intentional part of the ministry that we believe helps equip youth for their spiritual journey here in Jr. and Sr. High. In addition, we believe that these memories can play an especially significant role during the post high school years. A young adult may seek similar community because of their memories. These memories

may play a particularly important part in bringing a youth or young adult back from a time away from God and the church.



Bike Trip - Details and Requirements

The Fairport United Methodist Church Youth Ministry's 22nd Annual Bike Trip to Hamlin Beach State Park will take place August 1-5, 2018. Each participant involved will collect sponsor funds with all proceeds going to the *Wheels for the World* organization.

Requirements:

- Minimum *Wheels for the World* fundraising goal: \$50 per youth
- Each participant must fulfill **three service** events prior to attending trip
- Attendance at all three mandatory meetings (below), with parent to have all the information needed for this year's trip and to be aligned with the philosophy of the trip. Further sites will be booked if available as more registrations come in - **so if you want to guarantee a place on this trip, get your deposit in NOW!**

MARK these MANDATORY MEETING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

March 4: 10:00 or March 11: 5:30pm PARTICIPANT and PARENT plan to attend one – Youth Room

- Information, registration, parental consent forms.

June 10: 5:00pm – PARTICIPANT and PARENT must attend one of these meetings – Fellowship Hall. Information specific to THIS trip, pick up pledge packets, equipment needs determined. This meeting is run in stations. Once you have visited all stations and have completed all necessary paperwork you are free to leave!

July 29: 11:45am - PARTICIPANT and PARENT must attend – Fellowship Hall
All Wheels for the World pledges DUE, final details, drop off large equipment (tents, folding chairs, sleeping bags, stoves, coolers, etc.).

August 1: Meet at church at **6:00am**, check in, put personal gear in your assigned SAG wagon, drop off groceries; do your own final check on bike, helmet, etc. while you wait for the group to depart.

August 1-5: Camp at Hamlin Beach State Park (Wed. through Sun.)

August 5: Break camp and be on the road by 10:00am, arriving back at church between 4-5pm.

Deposit for Reservations

All the money raised through **sponsorship pledges goes directly to *Wheels for the World***. The money our youth group raises through various fundraisers and your reservation deposit will pay for the cost of the campsites and large food items for the trip (pizza the first night, meats, cheese, milk, ice, etc.).

The registration fee for youth and family members is \$70 per person (family maximum \$160). All people camping must pay the registration fee.

Biking:

- Children younger than 6th grade will need to be accompanied by parent at all times.
- Bikers need to stay in groups of three or more - AT NO TIME SHOULD A LONE BIKER BE OUT OF SIGHT OR HEARING DISTANCE OF THE GROUP!!
- This is not a race, but rather a paced excursion.
- We will always have a group mentality - what is best for the group must be our first concern.
- There are six rest stops during the trip where we will meet the Support Team vehicles to snack, refill water, and tend to any needs that arise for the bikers. **At all stops we will wait at least 20 minutes from the time the last biker arrives (to give everyone sufficient rest time), before setting out on the next leg.**
- We will always follow the "Rules of the Road" - people we pass along the way should never have a doubt that we are a Christian group, based on our actions and interactions.

Camping:

- Upon arrival at our campsites on Wednesday, each biker is required to set up their tent site, tend to their gear, and help set up the community areas, before they are free to relax. This will allow for **everyone** to relax shortly after arriving.
- Children younger than 6th grade need to be supervised by an adult or parent
- As with all youth events, we will adhere to the Covenant of Conduct and our Safe Sanctuary Policy at all times during the trip.

Wheels for the World CHECKLISTS

Bikers - required stuff that you have to bring

- Bike
- Helmet
- "Wheels for the World" T-shirt
- Water Bottle
- 2 Large Bottles of Juice/Gatorade/Sports Drink to Share
- Lunch for ride out to Hamlin on Wednesday
- Spare Bike Tube
- Sunglasses

Bikers - suggested additional gear

- Snack/Trail Mix/Hard candy
- Small bike bag, fanny-pack, backpack for additional storage on the trail
- Extra Clothes for Cold, Rain, etc.
- Small Tool Kit
- Padded Riding Gloves
- Padded Riding Shorts

Campers - this should be as compact as possible, to be stowed in a support vehicle

- Sleeping Bag & pillow
- Warm Weather Clothes
- Cool Weather Clothes
- Toiletries
- Bathing Suit
- Towels, Washcloths
- Flashlight
- Folding Chair - labeled with your name
- Insect Repellant
- Any Medication you require - clearly labeled and handed in to leader

Support and Gear Drivers

Support and Gear drivers will attend a separate meeting to learn of their responsibilities

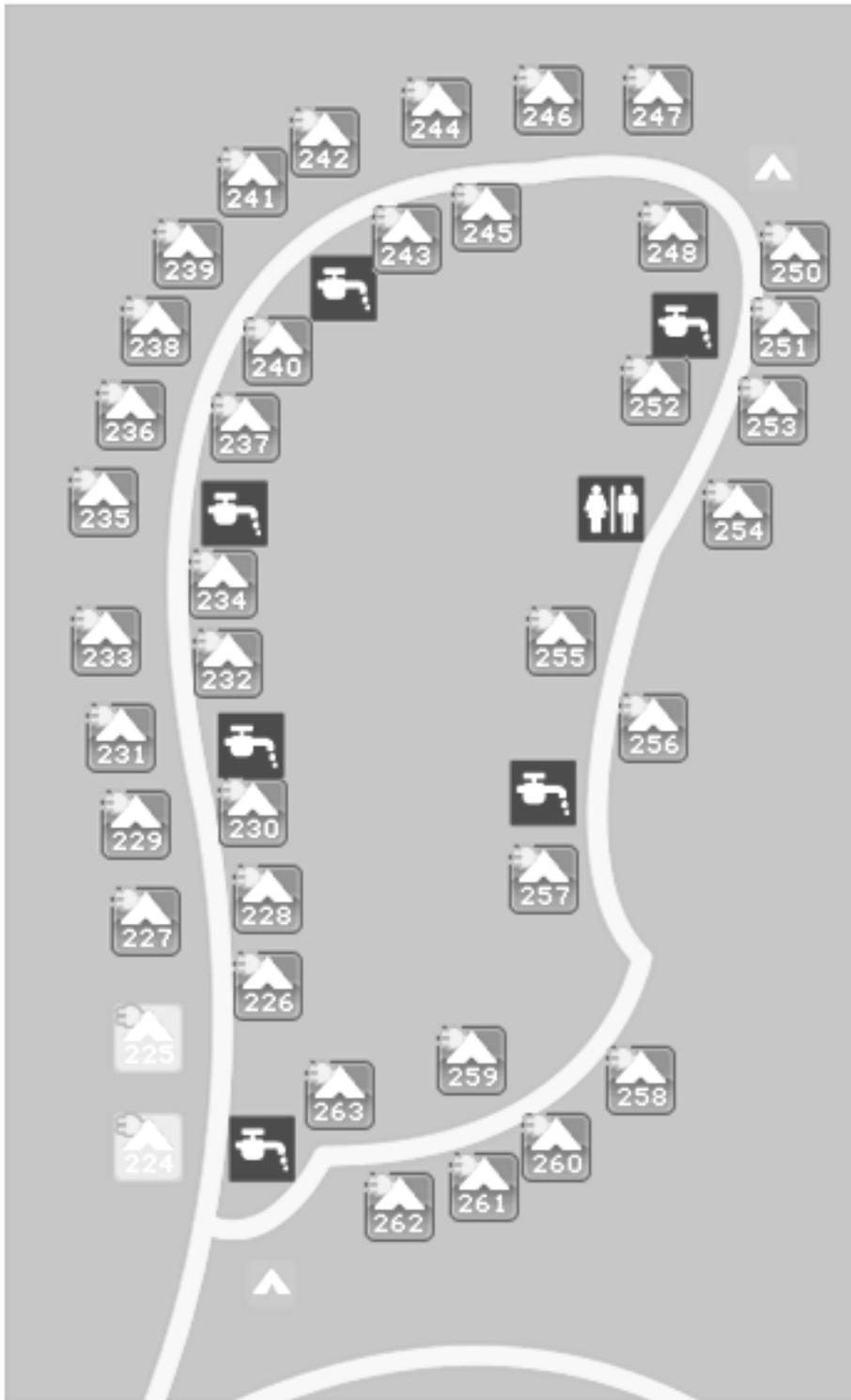
Need a *Wheels for the World* t-shirt



10+ Happy Hamlin Commandments

- Keep your personal belongings organized-you are sharing space with many others and it is important to be respectful of everyone's needs & belongings
- Tents are for sleeping only
- Only the residents of a tent are allowed in that tent
- Headphones/earbuds are for use in tents only – otherwise they are RUDE!
- On the trail and while at Hamlin, remember the rule of three or more
(Ex. If you are at the beach with friends and want to go back and no else does, either you stay or they walk you back or go back with another group returning to camp).
- If you are on a bike, you need to have a helmet on- NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
- Whenever you leave and re-enter camp, please sign out/in.
- Treat all the equipment at camp with respect and care
(while not fragile, chairs and tents can break- Do not put yourself in a position where you will have to replace someone's property!).
- For safety and security, all bikes must be in camp and put behind the rope by 8:00 PM
(while it is still light and they can be arranged out of the way).
- Group times and meetings are not optional! Please attend with an open mind, positive and supportive attitude and they will be more pleasant for all.
- The "Beach" is the area between Grandma's house and the swimming beach; any other "beach" must be identified and approved by the adults at Camp
(we ALWAYS need to be able to find you!)
- Stargazing is a privilege Hamlin graces us with each year. For our safety and respect to our hosts:
 - Only stargaze on Grandma's beach
 - All stargazers must be back in camp by midnight
 - Junior high youth can only attend stargazing with an adult and MUST stay with the group at ALL times.
- Everyone must be back in camp as soon as sun sets on the beach for evening activities. If the sun is gone you should be too!!
- Decisions made by adults at camp are not to be challenged!

While we always welcome input and have designed all youth programs based on what the youth have asked for, when a quick decision has to be made, the adult's word is final. Issues can be discussed at a later time. Many times we receive suggestions mid trip. Please understand that we usually cannot react to these suggestions during the trip as plans have been made and are set in motion. Re-informing everyone or changing things mid trip is difficult and has in the past created even more problems and concerns.



Bike Trip Sites we usually try to secure (in order of preference)

238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245(not for tents as light is too bright), 246, 247

This allows us to “take over” one section of the camping loop. This works to protect other campers from our noise.

**Fairport Youth Ministry's
Wheels for the World Bicycle/Camping Trip
August 1-5, 2018
Hamlin Beach State Park**

PARENT/YOUTH CONSENT FORM

I give my son/daughter, _____, permission to participate in the FairportUMC Bicycle/Camping Adventure to Hamlin Beach State Park, August 1-5, 2018.

I understand that supervision will be provided by the Fairport Youth Ministry counselors or designated parents of youth who will be participating in this event.

I reaffirm my commitment to conduct myself in accordance with the previously signed Covenant of Conduct.

For this particular event I have read and understand the following guidelines for my youth:

"Rules of the Road"

- 1) All riders will wear a bicycle helmet, at all times, when riding their bicycle.
- 2) The entire group will re-group at each of the 6 designated checkpoints along the route.
- 3) All bikers must follow the designated route.
- 4) **Never Bike Alone.**
- 5) An adult will always be at the back of the group.
- 6) There will be multiple vehicles available at each checkpoint for anyone who has reached their bicycling limit.
- 7) When passing pedestrians or other bikers, a call of, "Passing on the left" or "right," is necessary to avoid startling those on the path.

"Camping Rules"

- 1) No youth may leave our campsites without signing out.
- 2) The campground "Quiet Time," 10pm - 7am, will be observed.
- 3) A "lights out" time will be agreed upon by youth, and counselors. At this time everyone will retire to their designated sleeping quarters.

A more detailed list of our trip's rules is listed within this packet – please review with your youth.

If at any time during the weekend, my youth violates any of the above guidelines, I will be called to transport my son/daughter home.

In case of emergency, I can be reached at _____ (phone).

In the event I cannot be reached, please contact _____ at _____ (phone).

I understand, and agree to all of the above conditions _____ (PARENT).

I understand, and agree to all of the above conditions _____ (YOUTH).