

August 15, 2008

**Dear Rotarian, Host Parent, Rebound student, families etc.**

Due to the smoke from this year's fires along the Trinity River, we are changing the location of this year's inbound orientation camp next weekend, **August 22-24 (Friday-Sunday)**. To be sure of non-smoky conditions during the day and especially at night, **we will be camping and dining at the coast, near Arcata, at the Ralph property beside the Mad River Slough**. See the attached map and directions. **Rafting will be on the Trinity River.**

We have plenty of pastures for camping and parking RVs, as well as an enclosed swimming pool (but no shower), a barn, campfires, nearby dunes and sandy beach. It will be a lot cooler than inland, and nights likely to be foggy. Bring a jacket or a sweatshirt; mosquitoes are not abundant.

A few notes.

- **Whitewater rafting** will be from Big Rock (next to Willow Creek) to Tish Tang near Hoopa, on the Trinity River. We hope to have bus or van transport for the rafters. This is a very scenic and fun new stretch of the river for us... don't miss it!
- Those who would prefer motels to camping, please see the list below of nearby motels. These are all less than 15 minutes from the Ralphs (see the map).

For more information contact C.J. or Carol Ralph (707 822-2015 -- [theralphs@humboldt1.com](mailto:theralphs@humboldt1.com)).

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## **DIRECTIONS TO THE RALPHS' ON THE DUNES**

**IMPORTANT! YOU WILL BE GOING THROUGH ONE OR TWO GATES ... YOU MUST CLOSE THEM BEHIND YOU, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY GOING IN FOR "A MOMENT" IF THEY ARE ALREADY OPEN, PLEASE CLOSE THEM! ... THANKS!!!**

**From the north, on highway 101**

1. Go South on Highway 101
  2. Exit on Giuntoli Lane and Janes road and turn right (West) on Janes Road.
  - 3 Follow Janes Road, to opposite Mad River Hospital, to Upper Bay Road and then turn right (West)
  4. Upper Bay Road becomes Lanphere Road as you progress west.
  5. Go about 50 yards past a bridge on the Mad River Slough to end of road and take a left through the gate.
  6. Drive slowly and carefully on a gravel road 0.9 miles until see a barn on your left. Park around the barn.
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**Directions from the east, on Highway 299**

1. At intersection with Highway 101, go right, north, on Highway 101
  2. Take first exit, on Giuntoli Lane and Janes road and turn left, over the freeway (West) on Janes Road
  3. Follow above directions, #3 to 6.
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**Directions from the south (Eureka)**

1. Go north on Highway 101
  2. Turn right on highway 255 (this takes you across the Woodley Island Bridge).
  3. Turn right on Highway 255 at the other side of the bridge.
  4. Turn left onto Jackson Ranch Road.
  5. Turn left onto Seidel Road.
  6. Turn left onto Lanphere Road.
  7. Follow # 5 and 6 above.
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## **MOTELS NEAR TO THE RALPHS'**

Quality Inn  
3535 Janes Rd., Arcata, CA  
(707) 822-0409

Days Inn  
4975 Valley West Blvd, Arcata, CA  
(707) 822-4861

Comfort Inn  
4701 Valley W. Blvd., Arcata, CA  
(707) 826-2827

Howard Johnson Arcata  
4700 Valley West Blvd., Arcata, CA  
(707) 826-9660

Super 8 Arcata  
4887 Valley W. Blvd., Arcata, CA  
(707) 822-8888

Motel 6  
4755 Valley West Boulevard, Arcata, CA  
(707) 822-7061

Best Western  
4827 Valley West Blvd, Arcata, CA  
(707) 826-0313