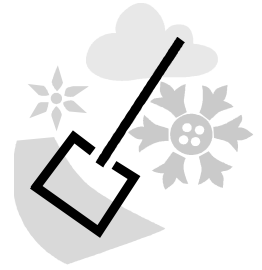




# Fre-E Dirt

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## Broomball Night: Great or Greatest Youth Event?

I only begin to feel like winter has truly come when the sounds of brooms swishing on ice and children tripping over each other fill the air. In general, this only occurs at the youth group Broomball night. Hop in and play alongside legendary broomball competitors like Kevin "The Rock" Watts, known for his ball handling and unstoppable drives to the goal line. He finished last season with a record setting 364\* points.

"But what if I have the misfortune of playing against "The Rock"? some would ask.

Don't worry; you'll still have other powerful players at your side. Take for instance Lee "The Incinerator" Cerier. Nicknamed from when he blew by a defender so fast the opponent's broom burst into flame. Seriously though, this is an awesome event! If you make it through the whole night you'll even be rewarded with a choice of hot drink from Caribou Coffee. Sounds like a good deal to me.

\*Note: All statistics courtesy of the USAABAA  
(United States of America American Broomball Association of America)

## Calendar O' Events

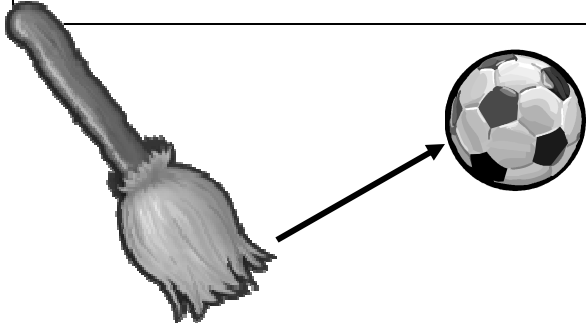
9<sup>th</sup> - YAC Meeting  
7-9pm @ UUCM

16<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group  
Retreat Planning

23<sup>rd</sup> - Youth Group  
Sledding/Tubing

30<sup>th</sup> - Broomball  
@ Klaprich's Park  
Meet at UUCM  
dressed and ready to  
go at 7pm.

**\*Youth Retreat\***  
**Feb. 8-10<sup>th</sup>**  
Coming up very quickly!



## April's Thoughts

Thanks to all who helped with and showed up to bake cookies!! It was wonderful to have so many people present and for so many yummy cookies to be made (and eaten!).

Our next big event is the Youth Retreat at Camp Iduhopi! It is February 8-10. PLEASE mark your calendars!!! This is open to all youth in grades 7-12. The youth will be planning events for this retreat. Please come! And if you can only come for one night, please know that we can work something out.

I will also need ADULT VOLUNTEERS to sleep over. Adults, feel free to email me at april@mninter.net with a night you could sleep over. I will be there both nights, but typically adults stay one night. If you're feeling adventurous, please come for two!

I wish all of you a blessed winter season. May there be warmth and laughter in your life during these dark nights. It is a gift to be working with the youth in this church. I find myself incredibly grateful for a job that is so rewarding because of the dynamic personalities of the youth in this church.

In the spirit of community,  
April

## Cookie Bake Recap

It was another great year of baking as record numbers of youth came to the Cerier house and helped out. We were able to get everything baked, packaged, and shipped to the church before 12am, the fastest time in recent years. I will vouch that the two plates I bought received much praise from friends and family. The money from this fundraiser is now waiting in the youth fund where it will be used to help finance any materials for the youth retreat, variety show, and summer programming. Thank you to everyone who came, especially the adults that stayed overnight, and remember, if you ate your cookies already, it's only 49 weeks until the next bake.



# 2008 UUCM Youth Retreat



February 8th (Fri) – 10th (Sun)

Registration/payment deadline: January 23th

Fee for the retreat is \$69, plus snacks to share (or an additional \$5). The fee includes meals, lodging, and all indoor and outdoor activities. Scholarships are available upon request (see below). Confirmation, maps & items to bring will be sent the week prior.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, represent that I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ . I grant permission for this youth to participate in the UUCM Youth Retreat held at Camp Iduhapi, Loretto, MN on Friday, February, 2008 at 7pm to Sunday, February 10, 2006 at 11am.

I release and hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka and adult sponsors from all liability for my youth's person or property during, or in transport to and from, the above activity. I agree to assume responsibility for any liability for the person or property of others that may be caused or contributed to by my youth.

I also give permission for emergency medical attention to be administered when I cannot be contacted and I will be responsible for all expenses which may incur as a result of such treatment. I, should my youth be asked to leave for disciplinary reasons, will provide transportation from the activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # during event \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Health Insurance provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications/special needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Special Diet Requests \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH RULES: I Agree To...

- ◆ remain on camp property, be in my cabin or with an adult during designated sleeping times, and participate wholly and respectfully in any activities.
- ◆ respect the facility and its property, and to clean up during and after this activity.
- ◆ respect the adults and other youth, being welcoming and inclusive; not participating in any sexual or exclusive behavior; and following the "no" rule.
- ◆ act in a safe and responsible manner, including not bringing or using fireworks, firearms or any illegal substances, including alcohol and tobacco.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules of this event, and to uphold the integrity of the community. I also realize that if I do not abide by any rules mentioned on this form, disciplinary action will be taken; this may include being expelled from this activity.

Participant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult sponsor suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help by leading a: \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop (describe - \_\_\_\_\_), or

\_\_\_\_\_ Touch group

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact me with scholarship information. (No one will be refused due to inability to pay.)