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Dear Camper/Parent/Care Provider,

Greetings from Camp Hebron! My apologies for the late arrival of this mailing and confusion it may have caused in your households. It's that time of year again to look ahead to Shalom Retreat, Camp Hebron's annual retreat for adults with developmental disabilities. This week of camp is offered for adults that have developmental challenges. Participants are able to experience the joys of camp in a safe environment that accommodates their needs. Campers, who must be at least 18 years of age, will have the opportunity to participate in crafts, nature activities, campfire, singing, swimming and Bible lessons led by Ulli Klemm. There will be one counselor overseeing 2-4 campers. These counselors are NOT trained professionals and we therefore are unable to accept campers with major behavioral problems or with demanding personal care needs. Campers must be ambulatory, able to communicate clearly and care for themselves independently. **Shalom Retreat 2010 will be June 14-18.** Arrival check-in begins at 2:30 pm on Monday and camper pick up is at 12:45 pm on Friday. In order to make the application process smooth, please read carefully.

**Application:** Fill out both sides of the application and health history forms (it's not necessary to get a physical to fill out the form) and send them to camp with a \$50 deposit. It is important that you answer the questions *thoroughly* and honestly so that we can determine whether we can provide appropriate & safe care for each individual. There is no guarantee that an individual who has previously attended camp will be approved this year, as medications and behaviors can change from year to year. Please fill out the application with the most current information available, including **all** dietary needs/restrictions, assistance needed in personal hygiene and behavioral habits. Attach additional pages if needed. Once we review an application we will either send you a postcard or email stating their acceptance to camp or call for more information. You may copy the enclosed forms if you are applying for more than one person. Make checks payable to Camp Hebron and address the envelope to Attention: Kendra Martin.

**Waiting List:** An applicant will be placed on the waiting list if we do not receive a complete application or if we have reached our maximum capacity. This retreat has limited space and fills quickly. If someone is placed on the waiting list because the camp is full, we will return the \$50 deposit. If a spot becomes available, payment in full is due at the time of notification. The \$50 deposit (non-refundable if client is accepted) will be deducted from the total price of \$353.

**Privacy:** We value the privacy of each person and want to provide the best care possible for each participant. If your child/client is accepted, select Camp Hebron staff members, such as our First Aid Consultants and the camper's group leader, will be able to view parts of their application & health forms to be better prepared to care for the individual.

I appreciate your patience with this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Kendra Martin*

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