

Survival Tips for RP International 2004

The RP International Conference is near. By God's grace, it will be a wonderful experience for those who attend. However, there are certain things you will want to do to be sure to survive it!

Pray before you come—for travel, weather, attendees, speakers, staff, facilities, programs, finances, witness, fellowship, worship, and for a mighty work of God among us. Ask God to give Pastor Ted Donnelly a special anointing of His Spirit to speak the truth with power. Over the years, we have seen that reliance on God through prayer is the most important ingredient in a successful conference that brings glory to Him and results in the salvation and sanctification of His people.

Be sure to pack: toothbrush, razor, Bible, *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, *Psalm Settings* book, notebook, pen, personal sports equipment (rackets, ball gloves, balls of various sorts, etc.), swimsuit, casual clothes, athletic clothes, one dressier outfit for the Lord's Day or other special occasions, jacket, umbrella.

Calvin College's residence halls are arranged in suites: two bedrooms with a connecting bath. Each room is carpeted and has two single beds. No cots or rollaways are provided; so bring a sleeping bag or mat for any child who will be sleeping on the floor of your room, and bring your own portacrib. *The college provides bed linens, a bedspread, a pillow, towels, and soap.*

Bring a fan, if you have room in your car, because the residence halls are not air-

conditioned. We had wonderfully cool weather four years ago, but we should not presume to be so blessed every year.

Bring toys, clearly marked with your name, for your children and others in the nursery.

Hey, 2- and 3-year-olds! Please have your mom or dad bring a large box or bag of snacks for your class to share during your fun week in Noah's Ark.

Drive safely. Directions to Calvin College are as follows: *I-196 and I-96 from Holland*, use East Beltline Exit and go south. *I-96 from Lansing*, take 28th Street West Exit to East Beltline and go north. *US-131 from Kalamazoo*, use Burton Street East Exit, go about 5 miles to campus on left.

If you are coming by plane, Grand Rapids International Airport is about a 10-minute drive from campus. The college will provide shuttle service for a nominal fee. Be sure that you have provided your arrival and departure times to the assistant registrars at (412) 492-0494 or SamandMeg@juno.com.

Please do not bring the following: a bad attitude, your dog, your cat, your boa constrictor, winter clothing, the kitchen sink.

Please do bring a desire to worship God, to meet new Christian friends, to learn and grow in your Christian life, and to be helpful and of service to others while at the conference.

Arrive in good time. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24. If you have prepaid in full, you may go directly to your dorm room. If you have not fully paid, come to the Fine Arts Building (FAC) to register in the west lobby. Be sure to get in the correct line and, after registering, you may move into your room(s).

If you have not prepaid in full, please bring your payment with you. If your congregation is covering some of your costs, you will not be considered to have paid in full until all monies are received. The deadline for prepayment was July 9.

After you arrive and are settled in your dorm room, *take time to read through the conference booklet and to get acquainted with the campus.*

The first meal available at the conference will be *dinner on Saturday, served from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.*

Come to the first meeting on time. It will be in the Fine Arts Building. Begin gathering at 6:45 p.m. The "Kick Off" program will start at 7 p.m.

The last program of the conference will be *Thursday night, July 29*. The last night in the dorms is also Thursday. *You will be on your own for breakfast on Friday morning, July 30.*

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