

Reeling & Healing Midwest

Fly-Fishing Retreats for Women Battling or Surviving Cancer

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REELING & HEALING MIDWEST ANNOUNCES 2006 MICHIGAN FLY-FISHING RETREAT SCHEDULE FOR WOMEN BATTLING & SURVIVING CANCER

BRANCH, MI, FEBRUARY 2, 2006: Reeling & Healing Midwest is proud to announce their 2006 Michigan Fly-Fishing Retreat Schedule for women battling and surviving cancer. "I can't wait for the opportunity to catch a trout again!" exclaimed Debra Beyer from the Muskegon area. Debra is a past participant and current volunteer. "I am forever grateful to have participated at a retreat. I was undergoing chemotherapy at the time and the support I received from the other women, plus the healing power of fishing in the river, well, it just gave me a new perspective on life. It renewed my hope. Moreover, I caught my first fish! I'll never forget it!"

Reeling & Healing Midwest offers different fly-fishing retreat opportunities. *New Participant Retreat* is open to any woman, 18 years or older, who is battling or surviving cancer. No fly-fishing experience is required. Equipment and lodging are provided by Reeling & Healing Midwest.

For many years, this type of retreat focused only women battling and surviving breast cancer. As word of the positive aspects of the retreat programs spread, numerous requests were received by Reeling & Healing Midwest to offer retreats for women battling and surviving other cancers. In response to these requests, this summer, Reeling & Healing Midwest is adding a retreat for women battling and surviving any cancer to their summer schedule. They will continue the retreats focused on women battling and surviving breast cancer as well. "This is a terrific idea," says Carol Meyers, a Detroit-area social worker specializing in assisting cancer patients.

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"There are many women suffering the turmoil of cancer - ovarian, brain, leukemia - you name it. The addition of a support program such as the fly-fishing retreats is much needed within the survivor community."

Over the years, many survivors have participated in the retreat programs. Many of those individuals have requested additional opportunities to get together and fly-fishing again. Reeling & Healing Midwest full-filled that request with the formation of *Reunion Retreats*, which were first offered in 2005. *Reunion Retreats* are open to any women who has participated in a New Participant program with Reeling & Healing Midwest or any similar organization. Equipment is available for use at these retreats.

The 2006 schedule of fly-fishing retreats is as follows:

2006 New Participant Retreat

July 25, 26 & 27, 2006 - All Cancer Types

July 30, 31 & August 1, 2006 - Breast Cancer

August 13, 14 & 15, 2006 - Breast Cancer

The location for the New Participant Retreats is Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling, MI.

2006 Reunion Retreats

April 28, 29 & 30 - Trout Opener Weekend, Wyandotte Lodge
in Grayling, MI

July 23, 24 & 25 - Gates Au Sable Lodge, Grayling, MI

July 29 - Sweetwater Creek Homestead, Branch, MI

September dates and locations to be announced.

Reeling & Healing Midwest is a Michigan-based charitable non-profit that is 100% donor-supported and 100% volunteer-supported. All contributions are applied directly to the sponsorship of participants and retreat costs.

For more information regarding participating, volunteering, sponsoring a participant or supporting Reeling & Healing Midwest, visit our website at www.reelingandhealingmidwest.org or phone 866-237-5725.

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