

# **W.H.A.M! – Tieton River - Wild Heart Adventure Ministries**

## **September 10 – 11, 2010**

### **Theme:**

***What to do with boys becoming men***

**Suggested Reading: Iron John by Robert Bly**

**Cost: \$25 for the retreat and \$65 for the rafting on Saturday**

. Our annual September weekend of wilderness and spiritual adventuring begins Friday, September 10 at 8:00 pm. **Dinner will not be served, but snacks will be available upon your arrival.** The weekend will include worship and study on Friday night and Saturday morning. Beginning about 11AM on Saturday, participants will be free to explore the mysteries of God's creation in one of the most stunning corners of God's world. While most will join the guided whitewater rafting adventure, others can pursue their own idea of how to kick back and enjoy God's marvelous creation. So bring your golf clubs, your fishing pole, your hiking shoes, your camera, or whatever equips you to pursue your favorite passion for outdoor recreation. The weekend will conclude as we worship with the Packwood congregation on Sunday morning.

**Rafting:** The Tieton River east of White Pass will be running hard and fast in September as we gather in Packwood, Washington. The Tieton River rises every September with the opening of the spillway on Rimrock Dam as thirsty fields and orchards in the Yakima Valley wait for the gift of life-giving water. What brings life to the surrounding countryside opens a river adventure to the rest of us.

**Hiking:** Numerous trails are available in the Packwood area, including hikes in beautiful Mt. Rainier National Park. Information about specific hikes will be available at the church when you arrive. Hikes vary in length from short to very long and in difficulty from wheel-chair accessible to "mountain-goat terrain".

### **Now to the nitty-gritty of the event:**

**Check in at the Packwood church after 7:00 pm Friday, September 10. The retreat ends with the rafting on Saturday, September 11. We'll likely eat pizza together in Packwood after we finish rafting, but that will be an extra personal expense for participants. You also have option of staying Saturday night to worship with the Packwood congregation but we will not be serving breakfast. The worship service begins at 9:00 am.**

**This W.H.A.M! Adventure is open to post-high school adults, age 18 and over.**

All group activities of worship, study and fellowship will be held at the Packwood Community Presbyterian Church (just east of Packwood on US Highway 12). These activities will happen Friday night and Saturday morning.