

Hello Wakefield Class of '74!

Classmate Rick Ewald has volunteered to let us use his home in Edgewater, MD as our venue. It's a great setting; with his yard backing up to a cove of the Chesapeake Bay. We'll be "tented" to allow for any inclement weather. He's about a 30 – 40 minute drive from DC which we hope will not be a deterrent for you. It's really not THAT far! Here are the weekend plans:

On Friday the 14th we have a happy hour/icebreaker at the Crystal City Sports Pub on S. 23rd Street. Stop in any time after 6pm. The main event will be the 15th at Rick's beginning at 5PM when we'll tap the kegs. A barbecue dinner/crab feast will be served beginning at 6PM. Red, Hot and Blue will be the caterer, providing barbecued chicken, pulled pork sandwiches and ribs, along with all the fixin's including potato salad, coleslaw, beans and rolls. Rick will arrange to have a couple of bushels of steamed crabs delivered as well for your smacking and cracking pleasure. We're renting tables, chairs and a big tent, all of which have been calculated into your "contribution." Beer and soda will also be included. If you prefer drinks beyond those, feel free to BYOB. Guests under 21 are welcome, but we ask you to ensure that all alcohol rules and regulations be strictly enforced.

And now for an unexpected – and very welcome – bonus. Classmate Darlene Russell Klingensmith has graciously volunteered the services of her husband and his classic rock band. Yes – there will be live music at this party! "Murphy's 2nd Law" will play starting at 7, and has a repertoire that likely includes a few tunes that will have you thinking of those dances in the Wakefield gym back in the day. Great Pumpkin anyone?!?! And they're doing this for no fee, though I have volunteered to set them up right next to the keg! Here are some more specific details:

Date: August 15, 2009

Time: 5PM til

Location: Rick Ewald's, 4111 Waterview Drive Edgewater, MD

Attire: Incredibly casual (but please wear SOMETHING!). You may even want to think about trunks and suits for a dip in the bay.

Lodging: No room blocks have been arranged. For those not wanting to drive back (probably a good idea), Annapolis is the best bet. About 5 miles from Edgewater, and tons of options.

Cost: For food, drinks, equipment and live music (not to mention the pleasure of each other's company!), the cost will be \$40 per person.

Payment Options: Mail a check to:
Bruce Fritzges
3716 Viewcrest Circle
Salt Lake City, UT 84124

If you prefer, you can pay by credit card using PayPal (www.paypal.com). Please add \$2.00 per person to allow for the PayPal fee. Send funds to Bruce using his email address as the recipient (fritzges@msn.com). If you don't have a PayPal account you'll need to create one, which is free, easy and secure.

Payment Date: So that we will have funds available for deposits, and to ensure an accurate count as far ahead as possible, please send your payment no later than July 1st.