

Reeling & Healing Midwest



Announces the 2006 Michigan Fly-fishing Retreat Schedule for Women Battling & Surviving Cancer

Branch, MI - 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. The 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 on 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. "There are many women suffering the turmoil of cancer – ovarian, brain, leukemia – you name it. And to add an additional 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-fish again. Reeling & Healing Midwest full-filled that request with the formation of Reunion Retreats.

The 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.



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