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February/March 2022 Newsletter

"The Impact of Equine Programs"

I recently had the opportunity to attend a birthday party for one of our YFC teens. This teen had set up a display for cards, presents and personal achievements during the past year. Represented in this display were YFC horse shows that she had participated in at our house and the Norwich fair. She had "placed" well at the horse shows and a plaque and ribbons were included in the display. This was so encouraging to see that the YFC Show Team program was an important part of her life.

As I reflected on her accomplishments, I was reminded of other achievements by YFC teens who had participated in the horseback riding program. Horseback riding can be a very expensive sport and many of our teens would not have the opportunity to ride and/or participate in horse shows without YFC's equine programs. We see lifetime achievements in teens during these programs that can boost confidence in other areas. I'm reminded of a boy from many years ago who came to one of our Adventure Programs, the programs include horseback riding. Initially, he was unable to lift the saddle onto a horse due to his lack of strength. However, by the end of the week he proudly showed his parents how well he could throw the saddle up on his horse. Years later I saw him at his place of employment and I believe that attending the Adventure Program provided him with attributes that helped to make him more employable.

Achievements and encouraging words can be very formative. Many of us remember a teacher or coach who believed in us and what a difference that made in our lives. The same is true with the YFC Show Team and Adventure Programs. However, in addition to encouraging teens in life we also have opportunities to tell them about the Creator of life.

This summer we are looking forward to having Cara Gielskie working for YFC with the Show Team, which will provide an opportunity for more teens to participate. She is also going to be running two Adventure Programs for girls. Please pray with us that teens participating in these programs will have lifetime achievements and make a life changing decision to follow Jesus.

In partnership with you, Dorothy Davidson

Teen Center-16 Watson St., Unadilla-Mondays-3:30-5:30 pm and Thursdays-6;00-8:00 pm

For your convenience, we now accept online donations securely through PayPal -





<u>ART/CRAFT Show-March 12th</u> Teen Center-16 Watson St., Unadilla-6:30pm

<u>Art/Craft Projects-</u> must be submitted by March 10th to Dorothy Davidson or Mike Knowlton. Contact Dorothy at 432-3343 and leave a message. Please put your Full Name, Age, Title on the Art Project and also have it in a "<u>displayable form</u>". Come and see the talents of our area teens. SOCCER DAYS-TEEN CENTER-May 28th

Contact the office 432-0594 or Mike Knowlton-988-3006 for information.

YFC, after much consideration and prayer has decided to cancel the Bike Trip.

<u> Praises</u>-

-Grant money for a front portico on the Teen Center.

Many VFC teens are attending the Community Gospel youth group.

-There is a lot of interest in the Show Team.

-YFC will be hiring Cara Gielskie and Brad Davidson for the summer.

Prayer Requests-

-For the new summer ministry in Laurens that Brad Davidson will be starting. -For ministry leaders to think of creative spring/summer programs that will increase teen participation.



Youth For Christ[®] 7th Annual "Joker 3.6 mi. Run/1.1 mi. Walk"

Join the FUN!!!!!

| WHEN: | Saturday, April 2, 2022 |
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| | Registration: 8:30-10:00 AM & number pick up |
| | Race Start: 10:30 AM |
| WHERE: | Unadilla, NY |
| | Start and End location: YFC Teen Center, 16 Watson St. |
| WHAT: | 3.6 mi. Run & 1.1 mi. Walk |
| WHO: | ALL Ages! |
| COST: | \$25 for the run and \$20 for the walk postmarked by March 18 th (children 10 and under |
| | free for the walk, \$30 and \$25 after 3/18 & day of race. |
| | Checks to: Central NY YFC |

Costumes encouraged!

Come join the fun & help support our Teen Center!

For Joker Run registration forms call 607-432-0594 or email <u>cnyyfco@cnyyfc.org</u>, a form can also be found at <u>https://www.cnyyfc.org/events</u>, or online registration is <u>https://www.raceentry.com/races/joker-runwalk/2022/register</u>.