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#### **Meeting Times**

#### Teen Center Saturdays

(6:30-10pm)

Laurens Wednesdays

(6:30-8pm)

Unadilla **Thursdays** 

(6:30-8:30pm)

Walton **Tuesdays** 

(6:30-8:20pm)

## **Upcoming Events**

Look for our annual Catalog

Mailing at the containing end of Nov. to Beg. of information about specific Dec.

needs.

Child-

Unadilla

Archery Tag + Thanksgiving Dinner +Word of Life Praise Team+ Operation Christmas

Teen Center-

Dinner 5:30

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Tag-1:00pm

Shoeboxes-After Dinner

# October/November 2018 Newsletter

# The Journey

While scrolling through Facebook the other day, I came across a picture of one of the YFC teens. The picture was a close-up shot taken at his home. Upon looking closer, I could see in the background horse show ribbons that he had received during a Laurens Adventure Program. The ribbons brought a smile to my face, causing me to ponder for a bit the meaning of that day in the life of this boy.

So often a lot of preparation and hard work goes into our YFC programs and we never see if and how the teens that have participated may have been affected. Although the ultimate mission is to see teens become followers of Jesus Christ, it is definitely a journey. Our YFC programs become a part of each individual's journey through life. For this boy the Adventure Program was part of his journey, and it served as a way that we could become involved with his life. Seeing his ribbons in the background was a reminder of how important the YFC programs and events can be for a teen. We never want to lose sight of the mission to connect with the teens and become part of their stories. The "3Story® Way of Life" approach is the "DNA" of Youth for Christ. It is how we should see relationships that we have with the teens and with God and how they can be connected. We tell our individual story, listen to each teen's story and share God's story.

Thank you for being a partner with YFC. Your support enables us to share the best story there is.

Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director

# Praises:

Helena Salati is taking on more responsibilities as she prepares to start a Campus Life Club in Jefferson.

For provisions that God has given us for growth.

For our new volunteer at the Teen Center and at Laurens Campus Life Club.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

For planning the bigger events that will take place this year.

For growth of the Campus Life Clubs in Laurens, Unatego and Walton.

For the new club starting in Jefferson.

For renewal and strength for Mike Knowlton.

For Kristian Berggren at his new job with ARC.

# Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director

Mike Knowlton, Ministry Staff

Helena Salati, Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse, Office Manager

### **Operation Christmas Child**

We would appreciate financial help to buy items and pay for shipping. We have averaged thirty boxes for the last couple of years. **November 10<sup>th</sup> after the Thanksgiving Dinner at approximately 6:30 pm** will be our Christmas Shoebox Packing Party at the Unadilla Teen Center. **Donations of Items Needed for Shoeboxes and for Shipping-\$9.00/box** 



I would like to thank Kristian Berggren for all his years of dedication and work with YFC. Throughout the years, I have appreciated all the times he worked out technical problems that popped up when we would try to use the computer and/or sound system. He also was very active as the Ministry Site leader in Laurens and with direct support for the Walton Campus Life Club. Kristian was given the responsibility of running games to keep the teens busy as various events and he was an important volunteer/staff person during the Bike Trip each year. During his involvement with YFC he also put in long hours at the Teen Center and many times provided the "muscle" whenever needed. Kristian's strong commitment to follow Jesus is evident in his life and I am thankful for that. Please pray with me that his new full time job with ARC is a good fit and a blessing to him.

Thank you, Kristian, for loving kids and being willing to share about God's love for them. Dorothy





\*\*\*As you know, Helena Salati has worked for YFC for several years hosting Adventure Programs in Jefferson. Helena is now taking on the responsibility of starting and managing a Campus Life Club in the Jefferson area. We look forward to having her continue with YFC, not just during the summers but throughout the school year.