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What's Happening

*All Campus Life Clubs will resume as school starts up in the fall (Unatego's last day is June 4).

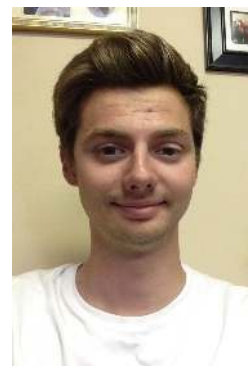
In the meantime...

Teen Center	Saturdays (6:30-10:00pm)
Living Water	June 6
Faith Fellowship	(8:00-2:00pm)
Yard Sale + Pancake Breakfast	Details in newsletter.
Brook's Bar-B-Q Fundraiser	June 7 (11-2) Details in newsletter.
Afton Raceway	June 19
Laurens Sr. High Camping	June 19-20
Walton Campfire	June 23
Boys Adventure Program	June 26-29

May 2015 Newsletter

From the Frontlines

Thanks to Dorothy, I have had the pleasure of volunteering at YFC programs for two years now. During those two years I have developed many meaningful relationships with the students that attend our programs. Our responsibilities as YFC volunteers involve driving students to and from campus life clubs, giving object lessons, taking students out for pizza, playing video games and sports with students, and helping with special YFC events and fundraisers.



The time that volunteers spend with students is one of the most meaningful ways we can show that we care. We listen as they talk about "where they are in life" and the issues that they struggle with each day. The lessons we give each week are meant to teach the students about God and to give them a desire to know Him as their personal Savior, but many times it is often the car rides or small group meals that help them to grow the most.

From my experience I have seen that in small group settings students are much more likely to open up and ask questions because they see you as a peer instead of an authority figure. Each week the students come to us with new questions and problems, and we answer, to the best of our abilities, with Scripture that applies and with personal experience. Unfortunately, we don't always have answers, which was the reason for my hesitation when initially asked to be a volunteer. It is only from working in YFC's outreach programs that I have realized the other important role YFC plays in addition to ministering to teens through scripture. A person does not have to be a skilled speaker or share the message of a personal Savior in a perfect way. As an organization, we can show God's love by being ears to listen, shoulders to cry on, and hands to serve. When we do this, we show that Christianity is about love, not legalism.

Austin Wilson
Volunteer



Praises!

The 2nd Annual 5K Joker Run was successful! It was a safe, fun day.

Our community really pulled together in sponsoring the 5K. We are very thankful for all their help!

There has been an increase in the number of teens going to the Teen Center in Unadilla. More opportunities to share the Good News and love of Christ!

The Otego Days Yard Sale went extremely well!

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for connections with teens to remain open during the summer.

Pray for the summer events and programs—that God would use them mightily.

Pray for our equine program. We are still in need of an employee to help handle it.



We're In This Together

“The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike.” (1 Samuel 30:24 NIV)

And those behind the scenes will see their reward (Matthew 6:4b).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers and support. As the verse above in Samuel explains, sometimes we will be the ones staying with the supplies, and at other times, we will be down on the frontlines--but each one is necessary.

Recently the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce selected me as “Good Neighbor of the Year.” A major reason for this selection was due to the many ways I have been able to serve at the Teen Center. Although I was the one named, each of you is also worthy of that title. Among my relatives and the family at Central New York Youth for Christ (YFC), there is never a shortage of people behind the scenes who use their God-given gifts to make YFC great. Isn't it wonderful that the secular world sees the work of YFC!? So thank you again, YFC family, supporters and partners.

Mike Knowlton, Ministry Staff

Living Waters 2nd Annual Community Crafts, Antiques & Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser-June 6 at Living Water Faith Fellowship, 7 Lewis St., Oneonta. YFC will have a booth with items for sale. Donations are needed for this sale! Our items to sell were depleted at the Otego Days Sale! Contact Mike Knowlton to donate items (988-3006). The pancake breakfast to benefit YFC will be from 8-10 am. There will also be face painting and door prizes equaling \$500.00.

Brooks BBQ Fundraiser-June 7 in the municipal parking lot across from the Red Apple in Unadilla, 11am-2pm. Chicken halves will be available for purchase to support the Teen Center at \$5.25/half.

2nd Annual YFC Joker Run April 25, 2015



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