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Upcoming Events

Laurens (started Sept. 18)	Thursdays (6:30- 8:00pm)
Unatego (starts Sept. 24)	Wednesdays (6:30- 8:30pm)
Walton (starts Oct 7)	Tuesdays (6:00- 8:30pm)
Teen Center	Saturdays (6:30- 10:00pm)
Jason Gray/ Lindsey McCaul Concert	Oct 9 (7:00pm)

Praises!

Events at Valley Stream Mobile Home Park have been received well. We've partnered with West Oneonta Baptist Church and several kids are attending AWANA there. Plus, some teens are interested in YFC activities.

September 2014 Newsletter

YFC Adventure Camp 2014



Another summer ... and again I ask: Why do I do this??? ... Four days out in the woods, the rain, sleeping in a tent (and the air mattress was flat too), the bugs, more rain, etc -- you get the picture. But God is good, and there are many bright spots!

This year our Bible focus was on having the girls develop meaningful and quiet times with the Lord. Each day we set aside a few times where we would grab our Bibles and go off to meet with Him alone. Our days at home always seem to be so busy, but being in the woods is a great place to be quiet before Him.



One goal for the week was to take trail rides on horseback. The second day we had a short ride in the woods, and we took longer rides in the days that followed. Now, these trails aren't your everyday, leisurely stroll-along-the-path trails! Everyone who has been to camp knows that there are not too many flat areas on the property. There were steep hills to climb, creeks to wade through, low hanging branches and fallen trees across the trail to maneuver around. We were learning how to rely on our horses' footings and how to trust in the Lord.

We also had a very close encounter with the power of nature, and we again saw God's protection. One day it had been raining (AGAIN), but it let up for a little while. It looked like it might be safe enough to venture out to one of our challenges in the woods. We came to a place on the trail where we stopped to

God kept all safe during the Bike Trip.

There was safe horseback riding, Adventure Programs and Show Team and Programs at Terry's and at Helena's.

We have a new employee to work with the Campus Life clubs in Walton and Laurens.

Prayer Requests

Kristian Berggren has signed on as our new employee! Pray for his involvement and all who he reaches for Jesus.

School has started! Please pray for new/returning teens at YFC clubs and events, as well as the planning for these programs to take place.

Pray for plans to start a sports tournament at the Teen Center. We hope to have more teens interested in coming.

With Every Act of Love Tour



Featuring Jason Gray with Unspoken and Lindsey McCaul

Thursday October 9, 2014 7pm

Oneonta High School

Auditorium

Presented by

Calvary Hill Retreat Center and Family Life Network

Tickets: \$15 Gen. Admission

Golden Circle \$25

(\$20 GA, \$25 GC Day of)

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think about which way we needed to go ... under low-hanging branches or off toward the other side. Suddenly, it started raining again so we chose to go back to shelter. We heard a very loud BOOM on the way back that shook the ground and hurried us along faster. Later that day we found out that the lightning had struck a tree very close to the challenge area where we would have been. Praise God for His Hand of protection.

During our last evening we took a field trip to a prayer walk at Hegler's Farm. The walk became a spiritual highlight for some of us. As we walked, we took time to stop at various spots and read about different burdens we might be holding on to. We were able to think about it, pray, and lay down a rock to represent that burden. At the end of the walk we came individually into a clearing in the woods where there was a large cross in front of us. This was the time to literally lay everything down at the foot of Jesus' cross.

So, considering everything, it is always a pleasure to spend those four days at YFC Adventure Camp! This year we met Helena, a wonderful lady who loves the Lord, loves teens and knows SO much about horses. She is going to be a treasured YFC volunteer in the years to come.

As always, it was great to watch the girls conquer some fears and learn to rely on the Lord a little more each day. Thank you for supporting YFC and enabling programs like this to continue.

Barb Fields
YFC Volunteer

Bike Trip First-Timer

I was familiar with the annual bike trip, as my sons and wife participated in the past. So, at the young age of 67, I decided to experience the 2014 bike trip first hand and volunteer as a support van driver.

I had already heard about the packing of the van, camping out, and the "inclines" (hills) experienced by the bikers. I also heard about the meals, including Dr. Zerbe's famous oatmeal (you have to see the recipe to believe it). The trip is planned so precisely that what I had heard is exactly what I experienced.

The exciting part of the bike trip was the evening meetings, songs and skits. This year one of the themes was "extraordinary service to others." Each night, several individuals shared how someone helped or served them in an extraordinary way. This may have been during the bike trip or while sitting around the campsite. Testimonies were not planned, but some people volunteered to share their testimonies in the hope that it would help others. God was truly at work in the hearts of these individuals, thereby enhancing the message and theme of the week.

The success of the bike trip comes down to the personality of each individual and how each person fits into the group as a whole. The leaders felt this was a great group that worked together to make the trip a success. I enjoyed the experience of interacting with a great group of teenagers, as well as the adults.

Dallas Gedney
YFC Board member

****YFC Online****

Check out the **Bike Trip 2014 Slideshow:**

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5myCAL-PKEA>

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