

June 2022

Summer Camp some of the BEST Memories of our Youth

Some of the best memories of our lives are made at summer camp. Experiencing nature, meeting new friends, independence from family (often for the first time ever at the middle school age) and encountering our loving and ever-present God.

Preparations are underway for our FREE annual YFFC Camp at Niobrara State Park. We are taking more kids than ever before...we have over 40 students signed up. Camp takes place July 19-21.

Our days will be packed with small group Bible studies, hiking, big group games, shared meal time, pool time, bonfires and worship music, team competitions and leadership skills training.

Our YFFC camp is three full days and two nights. We offer this camp free because we realize that most families cannot afford a camp like this and we want every teen to have camp memories when they grow old.

If you would like to help us offer this free camp to teens you can send a check and write camp in the memo.







Camper scholarships are \$150.



Upcoming Fundraiser...

Located at Clock Tower Mall

Tuesday June 28th

5pm -9pm or online all day with code - YFFC

YFFC will receive 10% of sales from the night.

Favorite memories of the staff from this last school year



Katie Loseke...

Listening to a young man share his testimony with other kids in a newly formed Bible study for our Monday Night Club. This student talked about the freedom he received once he started following Christ and the peace he has – even though his life is still problematic - he has learned to forgive and said he can hear God's voice. Just four short months ago he didn't believe in God. Then he started attending YFFC on Monday nights and he has not looked back...not to the years in foster care, or situations he has faced – but he is looking upward – to his Father in heaven.



Darla Neemeyer...

The joy of seeing a teenager come to the Saturday morning Madison Detention Center Bible Study carrying his new bible stuffed with 15 bookmarks. His new believer questions were precious and encouraging.

Joshua Muelhbauer...

The candle lesson. Kids tried to blow out someone else's flame. The lesson was about protecting the light and letting it shine for others despite the chaos around you.

Lyne Rerucha...

"Maybe my favorite memory is the teen parent graduation party. The evening started out with excitement because of the severe weather in the area so we ended up at Dusters restaurant for safety when the tornado sirens went off. (Dusters has a basement.) I think that was what broke the ice and set the mood for the rest of the evening as Marla and I sat with the graduates for over 2 hours reminiscing and dreaming about the future. Most importantly, this evening demonstrated the perseverance of our young teen parents...God allowed us to be a part of their success and celebration.

Logan Runge...

A special movie night at a staff members house for our Wednesday night club...The girls felt loved and wanted. We talked and laughed for hours and supported each other in ways we didn't even know we needed that night. There was lots of food and even more laughter – some of us laughed so hard we were rolling around on the ground.

Corenna Iverson...

There was a kid who was having a hard day and nearly walked out due to frustration with homework. We sat in my office – for the first 10 minutes – God loves you no matter what. I see the good in you. We all believe you are capable of doing anything.

Their disposition changed from frustration and overwhelming behavior – to confusion – to sobbing.

At the end of the day, they walked toward the door, then turned around and ran for a hug. And said – Thank you for seeing me and giving me a chance.

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YFFC Teen Parents Graduate with Perseverance







The month of May is known for many things;

Mother's Day, tulips, lilacs blooming, and graduation - just to name a few. What is it like to celebrate Mother's Day as you feverishly attempt to complete your school requirements so you are able to walk across the stage with your classmates to receive that valued diploma?

Becoming a teen parent adds to the work load seniors are expected to accomplish before graduation. For some, finishing their education seems unattainable, but others dig deep and face the challenges to reach another life goal.

Recently three teen parents were honored at a graduation celebration at Youth and Families for Christ. Delmi Carreto, Karen Gonzalez, and Emmanuel Zuniga didn't take what might have seemed like the easier path.

They worked hard, not only to set a good example for their child, but also to open doors in order to provide for themselves and their family.

NEEDS:

Office & Cleaning supplies:

- Clorox gallon jugs
- Pinesol
- Toilet paper
- paper towels
- Plates & napkins
- 8 oz Styrofoam cups
- School supplies
 - White-out
 - Binder folders
 - Copy paper
 - Color card stock
 - pens

Summer Program Supplies:

- Paint brushes
- Wine glasses
- Acrylic paint
- Art canvas
- Guitar strings
- Hot glue guns & glue sticks
- Tie-dye kits
- Strong ropes (50 ft for tug-o-war)
- Clothes pins

2 Liter Bottle of Pop (non diet) Kool-aid Cooking Class Supplies:

- Salt & pepper
- Chili powder
- Cumin
- Onion Powder
- Ground Garlic
- Whole Pickles
- Butter
- Olive oil
- Ketchup
- Bar-B-Que
- Gallon of Nacho
 Cheese
- Tortillas
- Cream Cheese
- Cream of Mushroom
- Cream of Chicken

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