

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 30-31
↻ Kearney Vacation Bible Camp

May 31-June 1
↻ YAC Work Weekend

June 1-7
↻ Project Camp

June 8-14
↻ All Girls Camp

June 16-18
↻ Beginners Session 1

June 19-21
↻ Beginners Session 2



DONATION NEEDS

- Dining Hall
- Commercial Kitchen Equipment
- Riding Lawn Mower
- Tractor
- Life Jackets
- Camp Scholarships
- Trees

Please mail your donation to:
Nebraska Youth Camp
315 Briggs Avenue
Hastings, NE 68901

If you would like your donation to go toward a specific need, just write it on your check! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

www.nebraskayouthcamp.com

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God is Good!

God has recently blessed us with enough donations to purchase a much needed new lawn tractor as well as allowing us to hit a benchmark \$400k in donations toward the new Dining Hall!



Praise God!

The Fund Raising Picture

The Dining Hall Fund raising Picture is coming into focus! As the project has developed and we got a construction figure from a builder for what the camp needs in a dining hall, we were presented with a "turn-key" cost of \$611,000. At first, in fact, it was hard to see that big of a number and hard to see where that money would come



Mark Your Calendars Now!

The 2008 Annual Dinner will be held this year in York on September 20th at East Hill Church fellowship hall with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. This year you will be able to come in and be seated at your favorite cabin. Each table will be set up as one of the NYC cabins or other buildings at camp. Don't miss the fun! You will get hear about all happenings of the 2008 camp season and also what is up and coming. It's a great time to fellowship other NYC camp supporters. If you would like information about the dinner or becoming a member, please contact Eric Tremaine at eric.tremaine@gmail.com. Plan on bringing a van full!!!



...THE FUND RAISING PICTURE

from. With the generosity of Christians from all over the region, we have recently gone over \$400,000 in cash and pledges. That's why things are in a little better focus now. It's as if that end goal is coming into view.

Volunteers on the facilities committee of the NYC board have spent many long hours helping to get us to this point. They have looked at wants and needs and communicated them to the builders involved. They've listened to feedback, made adjustments and again communicated those changes with the builders to work into the plan. They have looked at drawings, marked them up and... you guessed it: back to communicate again with the builders. You can see that a lot of time has been given to the planning for the new dining hall. It has been a labor of love for all involved.

Others have been out telling the story of the NYC dining hall to raise the money. Others have been talking to friends and family to raise the money. We want to say a special thank you to the Southwest Church of Christ in Omaha and the Leavenworth Church of Christ in Leavenworth, Kansas for fundraising Sundays hosted last month. It was their gifts that pushed us over the \$400,000 mark. Others have been writing letters. Still others have been washing cars and baking... another, labor of love.

You can watch the efforts come into focus at www.nebraskayouthcamp.com. Jerry has helped us on the web site with a graph that keeps us up to date on where we are in the fundraising project. With that tool we can see God working in the gifts and by the hands of Christians, friends and neighbors; all for the good of kids at NYC.

As the goal gets closer won't you please help to keep this momentum going with a special gift to NYC? Your tax deductible gift could take us to the next level as we see results of this good work.



PROJECT CAMP

Project Camp is a time for High School students to work together on camp improvement projects. Older volunteers will head a crew of campers in various camp projects. There will be time for worship of God, visiting with your friends, and a lot of hard work. Free room and board is exchanged for your work in getting the camp in shape for another year. Come and share in the excitement of beginning another year of camping at NYC. Get an application and sign up soon. -Harold Tandy

DAD'S-N-LADS

Mark your calendar for September 5-7, 2008 – That's the weekend for the Dads-n-Lads retreat at NYC!

What is it? It is a weekend of blessing. That's the best way to describe it. We do stuff and we have fun, but people come back year after year because it is a blessing in the lives of fathers and sons. Time alone with dad is at a premium so here is a weekend away to get back some of that precious time.

The men and boys who come to the Dads-n-Lads retreat get 4 things from being there. Good fellowship: this is a Friday to Sunday weekend with godly men from all over. Good time with God: we spend time in God's word and in prayer in order to take

something home from being with Him. Good Fun: it's guy stuff; ask someone who has been there. Good Food: Wow is there good food!! Bacon etc. in the morning and something on the grill in the evening... need I say more?

Last year we were blessed by Bob Mills from Aurora who helped with our lesson times. Bob is a black smith and he showed us how to work metal with a hot forge, a hammer, and an anvil. We saw the metaphor of being "On The Anvil" – allowing God to shape us. Thanks to Bob for sharing that blessing.

Join us in September for the blessing of Dads-n-Lads. It's always the weekend after Labor Day every year. Mark that on your calendars as far out as you can! For this year, it's September 5-7... See you at Dads-n-Lads.

NYC VISITOR POLICIES

As a Board, we try to provide an atmosphere and physical setting that will allow your children to be safe as they take advantage of these summer opportunities to develop Christian friendships and grow closer to God. Please be aware of the following policies and recommendations designed to enhance the camp experience during the Youth Session camping season of June 8 -Aug 2.

-Due to insurance liabilities and space issues, NO overnight visitors are allowed.

-To limit liability and health issues, PETS may not be loose on the campground and are not allowed in any buildings.

-ALL visitors other than parents MUST call the Director BEFORE planning a visit. (Meal availability may be limited, a small fee is charged)

-Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the campground for health and safety reasons. (We are in a tree and grass area with wood buildings)

-Please respect our dress code and dress modestly -no short shorts or tank tops.

-A special note concerning the three day Beginner Sessions: Recognizing that there is an especially limited amount of time, the Directors request that parents limit their visits so that their child does not miss out on the planned activities. Please remember that a big part of this camp experience is learning to be part of a group OTHER than family.

WE WANT YOU!

Have you ever considered serving on the Nebraska Youth Camp Board of Directors? If so, we would love to hear from you! The Board of Directors meets monthly and oversees all the different aspects of running camp, including programs, finances, facilities, fund raising, policies, etc. Each member is elected to serve a three year term. If you have a love for Nebraska Youth Camp and want give some of your time to serve with us on the board, please contact me at eric.tremaine@gmail.com or 402-362-7450. I would be happy to visit with you and answer any questions you might have. God Bless!

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For me, the longest day of the year, every year, was the Sunday camp started. I can remember this day very vividly as a child. On this day, services were longer than any other day because I was so excited to leave for camp!

While this experience for me is long in the past, in about a month this is exactly what will be going on in churches all around Nebraska. Bags will be packed, cars will be loaded and kids will be driving their parents crazy just trying to get on the road back out to NYC. This place out in western Nebraska nestled on the sandy shores of the Platte River is the summer home away from home for hundreds of kids across the Great Plains. And while most of us will be stuck in the daily routine of life and work these lucky young people will be pulled out of the world of TV, video games, cell phones, iPods, newspapers, and the internet and will settle into a world of quiet devotion, recreation, and spiritual nourishment. It is in this place that I truly came to know who Jesus was. It is in this place that I developed the friendships that will last me the rest of my life. It is in this place that my life changed forever and I realized that I was made for something more than what this Earth has to offer. And in a few weeks God will do that to other young people as they step foot once again on this sandy place known as Nebraska Youth Camp.

-Lane Hinton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please turn in your 2009 camp theme ideas by May 31st. It will be a **God** focussed theme year.
- Early Camper Applications are due June 1st in order to receive the early application discount.
- Mark your calendars! The Annual Camp Dinner will be held in York, NE on September 20th.
- If you know a child in the Beginners age group, please pass along their parents' information! We would love to have more Beginners campers!