



## calendar of events

May 16  
NYC Work Weekend

May 31st-June 6th  
NYC Project Camp

June 7th-June 13th  
NYC Girls Camp

June 14th-20th  
York College Soul Qwest

June 15th-17th  
NYC Beginner's Session 1

June 18th-20th  
NYC Beginner's Session 2



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# newsletter

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## TREASURES IN HEAVEN

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The last several months many from the Nebraska Youth Camp Board have been out visiting Churches to raise money for the new dining hall. It has been a treat to be a part of this. One blessing has been to go to different places and see so many friends of NYC. We get to tell the current camp story and listen to others remember their camp story.

When scheduling a church visit we offer to present a Sunday morning class and a sermon for worship too. In tying a class lesson to what we do at camp, we can present the need at camp for the new dining hall. Class time gives us the opportunity



what camp is all about. We have presented the message in different formats but always keep the main point the same: at NYC we teach kids about Jesus and the dining hall is the next 'tool' we

need in order to continue to do that job. We've also enlisted the help of campers from our local Churches to share what NYC means to them.

One of the greatest blessings has been to listen to our teens talk about their experience at camp. When asked to tell their NYC story, they focus on what's important. They tell how NYC has changed their lives. When they talk about Camp, they tell how they got to know Jesus at NYC. They don't talk about the 'rustic' cabins or the heat or the sand, they talk about life-time friendships and they talk about committing their lives to Jesus at Nebraska Youth Camp.

Among the blessings of our church visits is the chance to see up close the generosity of our NYC friends. Matthew 6:20 refers to storing up 'treasures in Heaven.' What greater 'treasure' could there be than our children. Thank you so much for your gifts and pledges. The new dining hall, where NYC will continue to minister to our children, is closer than ever because of your generous giving.

If we haven't been to your home church yet, please let us know when would be a good time for a visit. Just call or write to Greg Clark: 402-432-2300 or greg@dadsnlads.org.



## President's Corner



I have just returned from my first visit to our campground since it was forever changed by the fire. Driving through the gate I was greeted by the NYC I knew, with little evidence of a fire. As I pulled up to the mess hall I could

see some blackened areas behind the craft cabin and in the gully, but the magnitude of the impact on our property was yet to be seen. So my son Simeon and I unloaded our stuff into one of the staff cabins, and headed

out to see the rest of the camp. Walking over to the boys' area we were greeted by the evidence of the fire, which was clearly

seen. The path of the fire seemed to advance against all of the cabins near the river and I found myself thanking God for protecting them. It seemed to me that with the rage of the fire and the strength of the wind, all of the boys' cabins should have burned. Heading on toward the point we saw a camp completely different than ever before: Only a few pockets scattered here and there had any

underbrush and most of the trees had no foliage. At one point in our walk this was all I could see no matter which direction



I looked. Yet within all the blackness, the green of the new grass was making itself known. Refreshingly, we made it back to the girls' cabin

area where things looked a little more normal. The fire had impacted this area as well, but not as severely. I must say that it was an interesting view from the top of Mt. Bob-O-Link, the mound of dirt upon which the new Bob-O-Link cabin will be built. I looked toward where the cabin used to be and thought of how for future generations this will be



“normal”.

Trying to soak in all that we had seen on our brief little walk I was reminded

of a few things about our God. One is that no matter what changes come our way in this life, He does not change; He is forever our rock and refuge. Second, our lives are full of change and uncertainties, and it is only through our relationship with the unchanging God that we can find peace in this life. May God continue to watch over and protect the ministry of Nebraska Youth Camp, and may we continue to set our hopes in His unchanging nature.

God is Good! All the Time!



## girls camp

Back in the day when I was a camper, I remember wishing from time to time that the guys weren't there. It wasn't that they were too stinky or that I didn't like them. It was simply that sometimes we girls spent a little too much time waiting for the guys to do something so we could respond. We spent a little too much of our cabin time talking about them. We missed out on bonding between sisters, on our own spiritual growth because those boys are just so extremely distracting.

When I heard about another camp having a session just for girls, I got very excited. I wanted to do it at Nebraska Youth Camp. With the board's approval, the Girls' Camp was born. We



have had a number of small years, and I am hoping to see some greater growth this year. We have started a few traditions like our water balloon launching pirate attack activity, but we have lots of room for more. Because it is all girls all the time our classes can go beyond the normal "girls' topics". It is a great time for us to find out what it really means to be Christian sisters.

Michele Tandy

Any one interested in information about Girl's Camp should contact Michele Tandy (402) 362-3405 larsenteacher@teacher.com

## Project Camp

If you have completed 8th grade or higher, this is an inexpensive way to put your time and effort into getting camp ready while



enjoying good times with other teens. There will be lots of opportunities to put your skills to work as well as learn some new ones. We hope

for a good turn out of both campers and group leaders.

Currently, standard clean up and opening jobs include getting the camper cabins, dining hall, kitchen and craft room ready to go, setting out the picnic tables, benches, swings and boats and doing any needed screen and door repair. As a result of the fire, we will be replacing the campfire seating, repairing the boat dock walkway, making campfire woodpiles, and cleaning up brush piles and paths. Special project will be to clear excess items from the Crafts storage area as we get ready for removing that building to make way for the new dining hall. Some of these items may be completed by other volunteers before Project Camp, but there will still be lots to do.

If you are an adult with the ability to work with a small group of teens in a work setting like this, we would like to hear from you to be sure we have enough leaders. Please contact Harold Tandy- 402-362-3405 or ht61435@windstream.net Camper applications are on the camp web site.