# The Big News

Nebraska Youth Camp Newsletter

October 2011

### Golf Fundraiser

As the sun kissed the rolling fairways and challenging greens of Willow Lakes Golf Course located in Bellevue, NE, golfers (maybe more appropriately "hackers") from across the Midwest congregated to support the 3rd annual Churches of Christ Golf Tournament. What started as a fun excuse for a group of guys at the Bellevue congregation to play golf, has now turned into a full-fledged fundraiser supporting Nebraska Youth Camp.

Every year around Labor Day, a foursome of friends from Bellevue would gather together to enjoy a fun round of golf. As the word spread of this golf outing, more people began and more seeking participation. Always up for more fun with their brothers and sisters, the small group of friends invited the entire congregation and a "scramble" format was adopted. This allowed golfers of all abilities to join in on the fun by only taking the good shots and picking up the bad ones... if they could find their ball.

Soon, the news of the golf outing had spread even further and neighboring congregations began taking part in the fun. Local businesses started donating an array of prizes such as golf balls, pies, oil changes, gift cards, and other discounted services. As the number of participants grew so did the demands of the event.

Members of the Bellevue congregation who had worked diligently to host the event started asking, "This event is a great time of fellowship, but with all this participation, how can we use this to serve

the Lord?" Former board member and NYC enthusiast Frank Estaniqui (who now heads up the event) suggested that remaining monies be donated to the camp. Without hesitation the rest of the group agreed and the fundraising effort began.

This year was little different being that the tournament was held in mid-October as opposed to the Labor Day time frame. With that said participation numbers were a bit down due to other area conflicts. Nonetheless, approximately 50 golfers of all shapes, sizes, and abilities enjoyed a beautiful, crisp, fall morning. All in all, the camp was served, golf balls were lost, fun was had, but most importantly, God was glorified! We hope to see you there next year. FORE!!!

Would your church like to hold an NYC fundraiser? Let us know how we can help!

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# President's Corner

What does it take to run an outstanding youth camp? Ask a lot of people, and I'm sure you get a lot of answers. But if you ask me, there's one simple answer: People.



From top to bottom it takes people to make a camp great. Obviously it takes campers. I'm sure I speak for everyone involved in Nebraska Youth Camp when I say our campers are our primary focus. The Ministry of NYC makes a long lasting impact for Jesus.

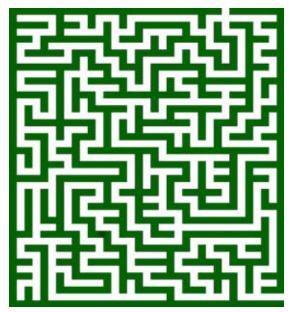
It takes volunteers... lots and lots of volunteers for camp to function every summer. At NYC, ALL of the staff positions: counselors, session directors, support staff, etc. are volunteers as are all members of the board of directors. All those people give of their time and talent to help camp go. Thank you to all who volunteer for NYC.

It also takes people who give financially. Over the past few years we've focused a lot of effort on raising money for building projects. What a blessing those have been! There are a couple other less obvious areas of financial impact that I'd like to point out. Families searching for summer youth camp opportunities find that NYC is among the least costly camps. That affordability is by design and only happens with your financial help. Secondly, more than 75 campers were assisted financially last summer with camping scholarships. People giving to NYC made it possible for these young people to attend. Even in times of economic hardship across our nation, people continue to support Nebraska Youth Camp. Thank You!

NYC is an outstanding camp, a great camp... just ask our campers when you see them at Church next Sunday. A great camp runs on PEOPLE who give. People are already giving of time and talent to prepare for next summer's camping season. Please help in any way you can to continue to make camp great. If you'd like to volunteer, let me know. Your financial help is so important. If you can, send a year end gift to NYC to help make an impact on young lives for Jesus.

Greg Clark, President







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## **Camp Trivia!**

Zac Shields

Easy

What is the name of the girl who haunts the camp grounds?

Medium

How many campfire sites are there currently?

Hard

How much was the camp ground purchased for back in 1966?

Check your answers on our website!

#### NYC BFF! <3

When walking around camp, have you ever seen a note scratched into a tree, or a table?

I've been to many camps and, without fail, can find notes like these left behind: "Jill and Sandra: Best Friends Forever!"

Camp is a great place to make friends. It's a place where you can get outside your comfort zone and, well, create a new comfort zone! At camp, we can let people see us for who we really are and still be accepted.



But, friendships take work!

Do you have a friend that you know will fight for your friendship? Will they stick with you through anything? Will they stand by you when everyone else runs away? If you find that friend, hang onto them! They are a true gift from God.

Proverbs 18:24 says: "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Check up on your friends today. Be a "Proverbs 18" friend - Franklin Wood





#### News & Info

We were happy to see those who attended the Annual Dinner this past September. If you didn't come, you missed a great fellowship and recap of NYC 2011. Thank you to all who donate, volunteer, and pray for the ministry of Nebraska Youth Camp year after year. And thank you to all who made this event possible.

This fall the programs committee has been looking at the Numbers. Each year we keep track of the number of campers we have in each grade level and it is very interesting to watch how those numbers affect the different sessions as that class moves through. It appears like the summer of 2012 may turn out to be a summer of high attendance at all of our sessions. So we would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to get their applications in early next year to secure your spot at NYC 2012.

We've updated our website! Take a look at www.nebraskayouthcamp.com

2012 Camper Registration forms and Staff Applications will be available in January.

Instead of NYC Day in 2012, we are planning a different kind of get together. Stay tuned for more info!

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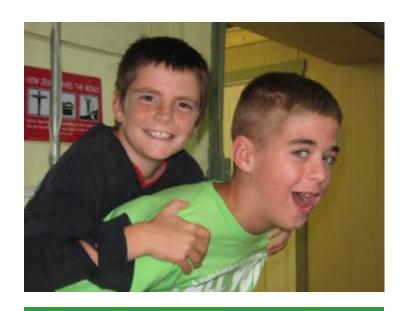
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Please continue to pray for the Board of Directors as they make decisions and plans for the future of Nebraska Youth Camp.



## 2012 Session Dates

Family Camp June 6th-10th

Beginners Camp 1 June 11th-13th

Beginners Camp 2 June 14th-16th

Junior Camp 1 June 17th-23rd

Junior Camp 2 June 24th-30th

Intermediate Camp 1 July 1st-7th

Intermediate Camp 2 July 8th-14th

Senior Camp 1 July 15th-21st

Senior Camp 2 July 22nd-28th

Midwest Youth Rally September 1st-3rd

Project Camp TBA

Girls Camp TBA

Men's Retreat TBA

