

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: By the time you read this, we will be gassing up the vehicles, packing our bags, and getting last-minute preparations done for summer camp June 10-14. Did YOU get to go to camp when you were young? For me, I knew nothing of it until a friend invited me to a Christian camp the summer of my junior year in high school. Someone - I have no idea who - scholarshiped me. At that time I had a belief in God, but absolutely no understanding that he is a personal and loving God who came from heaven in the form of his son Jesus. **I didn't even know I needed him.** On Day 1 I got my first Bible, met my leaders and had a blast. On Day

2, I heard the "bad news" of sin and separation from Christ. I've got to tell you, it was tough to sleep that night! But on Day 3 I was told the Good News of the gospel! My heart soared, and when we were invited to accept Christ, I jumped to my feet! We see a similar response EVERY year from several kids who are so tired of being tired... weary of the world... lonely, lost, and depressed. Or, safe and happy but wondering the meaning of it all. Jesus is our hope, our purpose, and our reason!

I am so excited to be taking nearly 200 kids to camp this summer. It is not too late to support our efforts, and we need it, as we scholarship most of our campers. See the giving insert and consider a gift today. A kid like me will be glad you did!

BY OMAR TURNER: I work with one of the Elk Grove School District officers who goes around from school to school and maintains order in the schools. He's a friend of mine and he came across a couple of kids at an elementary school that the vice-principal needed him to talk to because they were getting into trouble. Upon talking to them, he found out they like basketball. He told them about our YFC Crossover Basketball program and said he could get them a scholarship because they come from low-income families.



The day they came out was the day we had our All Play Faith Day, where we allow kids to play 10-minute games and, halfway through the day, we have someone come and share the gospel. We had Boomer, one of our YFC staff members, share his testimony and present the gospel. More than 40 kids came forward, and **at least 25 made first-time commitments.** Elementary students all the way to adults came forward to accept Christ. YFC staff and church volunteers followed up with each kid. After that, we played the rest of our games. At the end of the day, the officer—my friend—went up to the kids and asked if they had a good time.

One of the kids was head over heels that he got to play in a championship and said that when Boomer spoke, he was the first to go forward to accept Christ. We've done follow-up with him, and we're working on plugging him into a local church. He is on one of our Crossover teams now, and I had the opportunity to go to a practice and he was just having a great time. And the two kids haven't been in trouble since.



STAFF DEPARTURES:



Boomer Bennett has accepted a position with Turning Point USA as a regional network manager. Boomer founded our Campus Life clubs in Placer County and has frequently served as speaker at YFC events. He will continue to serve at such events and in our Point Break school assemblies as his schedule allows. We pray God's blessing on Boomer's journey!



Emily Cabrera will be stepping off staff after serving in a part time role with McClatchy High School. She will continue pursuing her college education at Sacramento City College. Thank you for your service, and God bless you, Emily!

ROB MAXEY LEGACY BBQ EVENT: Raised over \$85,000 toward our \$150,000 goal for Campus Life programs and summer camp! Thank you sponsors and donors!

DATES TO REMEMBER: (Sign-ups and information will be available at yfcsacramento.org)

- **June 28-July 4: YFC Fireworks stands** at three locations: Safeway Woodcreek Oaks/Blue Oaks, Roseville; Safeway Pleasant Grove/Roseville Parkway, Roseville; Safeway 4805 Granite Drive, Rocklin.
- **Saturday, September 28: YFC Comedy Café Dessert Night**, celebrating 20 years at the Collings Teen Center! Details coming soon.

CURRENT NEEDS LIST: in addition to general fund needs:

\$499: Total cost per kid for summer camp 2024 scholarships (goal remaining 100 kids)

COVERED!! \$5,500: Tuff Shed purchase/installation – for tools at Barn

Thank you for your support and prayer!

Together for the Gospel,

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