

# YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: *Come Laugh with us!*** It's our YFC Comedy Café on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>! We want to fill the room with 150+ friends and supporters of YFC. Visit the Collings Teen Center in West Sacramento, where thousands of young people's lives have been transformed over these past 20 years, going back to the days of Gary Fox's leadership. Meet the YFC team and some of the kids who have benefitted from community support for the center. Learn the history of the center, hear the stories, and be treated to the sidesplitting comedy of professional comedian Daren Streblov. Enjoy coffee or tea and a sweet dessert. **As a fundraiser for Sacramento Youth For Christ, we need YOU!** Gifts and pledges will be invited at the end of the evening. *And you'll go home blessed, happy, and smiling!* See the special insert for registration and sponsorship details.



**SUMMER CAMP REVIVAL:** In early August we enjoyed Daybreak Camp in Santa Cruz with 50 Middle School kids. We visited the beach boardwalk, frolicked in the ocean, built cardboard carts, went out for homestyle ice cream; swam, played volleyball, played crazy games, rocketed down the slip-n-slide, and much more! Our daily talks were about the fatherhood of God. Our heavenly father is there for us, even if no one is there for us where we

live. On Thursday's decision night, something remarkable happened. More than 25 hands went up to accept Christ and as many went on stage to pray, weep, and worship for a long, lingering half hour plus. In my 30+ years of ministry **I have rarely seen such a powerful move of the Holy Spirit.** It seemed that kids were shedding the weight of the pain and hardship and loss in their lives while finding hope in Christ. Our staff and volunteer team demonstrated a fresh sense of unity and togetherness at camp, and there was such a sweet spirit among the kids. It was awesome.



**VOLUNTEER TRAINING:** About 30 volunteers/potential volunteers, student leaders, and staff gathered one Saturday in August at the Sayonara Center for a volunteer orientation and training. It was a fun, informative, and meaningful way to further our mission. In a recent staff meeting, **I declared 2024 as "The year of the volunteer"**. We want YFC to be the best place to volunteer in the Sacramento region. Volunteers are crucial to growing our ministry and extending our reach, beyond what our paid staff leadership can accomplish on their own. This type of training is such an important element for our teams going forward, to connect with new volunteers, resource existing ones, and build unity and community among all of us. If you would like to look into volunteering, visit our website or call Trina at our main office at (916) 857-0660.



**NEVADA COUNTY CAMPUS LIFE** in Ben Mills' words: *Our trips went great! We took around 70 people on each of them and had an incredible time. We had quite a few first-time decisions on the two trips and a lot of kids recommitted their lives to Jesus. We baptized 7 students and one staff in the North Fork of the American River on our Royal Gorge trip. We are so thankful for God's hand of protection over our group and His spirit that moved within it!*



**STAFF MOVES:** This summer **Zach Claiborne, Robyn Matthews,** and **Elizabeth Kirkman** departed our staff team. We are so grateful for their service and we pray God's best for their next steps! **Brendan Hammer** joined our Campus Life team - Roseville area. Welcome Brendan!

- CURRENT NEEDS LIST:** in addition to general fund needs:
- Tools (new or good-quality second hand) to fill new tool shed at Granite Bay Barn
  - Yard work volunteers at the Barn (raking, hedging, etc.)
  - Sponsors for the YFC Golf Challenge on Sept. 10
  - Sponsors for Comedy Café on Sept. 28

On behalf of our YFC team and the kids they serve, thank you for your commitment to YFC!

Together for the Gospel,



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