YFC MONTHLY NEWS





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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Our unified team of local youth ministry leaders representing Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, Decision Point, Urban Youth Collaborative, Youth For Christ, and many others, put on an event for more than 140 student leaders and adults through Campus United 2025 (campusunited.net). It was held at River City Christian Church on July 26, and it was a game changer! Kids worshipped,



prayed, conversed, shared, and encouraged one another, all around the subject of reaching their campuses for Christ in the upcoming school year. **Student attendees came from an estimated**



50+ different high schools and middle schools! They discovered that they are part of the bigger picture of the expansion of God's kingdom through middle and high school campus clubs. They received resources and support for their clubs; ideas about how to start a club - and how to keep it legal. They learned about all the supporting organizations and churches who want to help. Speakers and panelists shared encouragement and ideas for outreach. It was a really great event, one that we hope to repeat in years to come. I can't think of a mission field more ready for harvest than our middle and high school campuses!

SUMMER SNIPPETS: Many people wonder what YFC/Campus Life does in the summer. The answer is: a lot! Our creative team of staff, interns, and volunteers comes up with a variety of events, Bible studies, day trips, camps, and overnight retreats that keep kids engaged and built up in their faith. Here are a few glimpses from around the YFC Sacramento ministry - which stretches from Nevada City to Elk Grove:



Garden of Eatin': Kids in the Crossover Basketball program in the



Elk Grove area get to assist with our partner church's garden - and enjoy the fruits of their labor. The partnership with Light of the Valley Lutheran Church has been a real blessing. The church has set aside two larger rooms for



our programs and tutoring throughout the year.

Campus Life Gold Country: This group takes numerous day trips, beach



trips, and camping groups out to connect with God's creation, learn to surf, abide in the presence of the Lord, and get to know each other better. Nathaniel and Kendra are expert nature guides - and spiritual guides! They have seen many kids come to the Lord, get baptized, and start attending local churches. The relationships built and memories made on their trips are priceless!



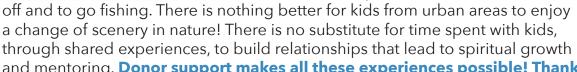
Whitney on the Water: Deana and intern Kristina took a group of young ladies from their Whitney High Campus Life club up to Lake of the Pines for a day of swimming and paddleboarding. One of the girls had never attended club before and had no idea what it was. She saw the paddleboard invitation on social media and decided to ask if she could come, to meet new friends. She came alone - but now she plans to join our Campus Life club for her senior year!



Lazy Summer Daze: Carrin loves to hang out with her McClatchy high school



kids, as well as Eich MS kids. A pool party is the perfect time to relax, have fun, and beat the heat. Many of her students graduated from high school this year, which for us is a mixed blessing! She will miss them and will turn her focus to Eich and the high schools fed by Eich graduates. Justin enjoys taking kids from West Sacramento to the nearby river or local lakes to cool





and mentoring. Donor support makes all these experiences possible! Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 29-Aug. 1: High School Summer Camp** at Daybreak Camp in Felton. By the time you read this, we will be back home; please pray for those who made a decision to follow Christ, and for their follow-up discipleship.
- Tuesday, Sept. 9th: YFC Golf Challenge at Winchester CC. Join us for a top-rate golf tournament in support of the ministry! Go to <u>vfcsacramento.org/events</u> for more information.
- Friday, Nov. 7th: YFC Dinner/Auction at River City Christian Church. We need you to attend and bring a friend! We'll have a brief presentation on the ministry, a great meal, lots of desserts (some will be auctioned) and some amazing auction items, including trips and items that will make great Christmas gifts! Go to <u>vfcsacramento.org/events</u> for information and registration.

YFC NEEDS:

- Trip for 20 West Sacramento kids to Six Flags theme park \$1,100. This need was met by a few donors! The trip will happen this fall. Thank you!!
- A tall cabinet for the Barn (to store plates/bowls/cups) This need was met by Nemy Cabinets with a custom build! Thank you!!
- A Chevy Suburban in excellent condition! (Really helps get kids from here to there safely)
- Nets or fence to keep balls inside the Barn basketball court

Thank you for mobilizing our team to share Christ!

Together for kids,

Ed Kaczmarek, Executive Director

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