

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



MAY 2026

YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN
CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

WERE YOU THERE? PART 2 OF 2: Last month's newsletter called for your memories of YFC/ Campus Life over the years. Since then, we've received several items - much more than we can print here! So I've collected and edited some great stories here that will fit on three pages... but the May newsletter that we upload to the website will be the "Xtra" edition with more stories and photos! To see that special edition, simply go to this web page: yfcsacramento.org/stories. Click on "Newsletters", then select the May 2026 newsletter.

"In the 50's YFC held a statewide contest featuring preaching, song leading, instrumental and vocal soloists, music groups and a Bible quiz contest. In 1957 I entered our guy's quartet (playing the bass and singing) in the self-accompanying group category, and we won third place. Of course there were only three entries in that category, but we still celebrated the trophy we got.



In the late 60s and early 70's I was in youth ministry in Los Gatos and I had a great relationship with a volunteer campus life leader who would bring kids that had accepted Christ from his club in one of our local high schools to our church's youth meeting to get them involved in the church.

Many years later our sons, Thom and Jonathan were both active leaders in Campus Life ministry, and our granddaughter Ashley was a summer intern. It's a legacy that we have been blessed in for over 70 years." **-Tom McKee**

"I started coming to the barn on Friday nights in late 2011 (my 7th grade year) after being invited to Valley Springs Presbyterian Church's annual VBS. At that time, nearly all of the volunteers for middle school were from Valley Springs. My friends and I looked forward to the barn every week! At first it was because of the hamburgers and video games, but it eventually was more than that. We used to do such fun things like dodgeball on the tennis courts, games that always resulted in volunteers getting covered in who-knows-what, and even a guys' all-nighter with airsoft in the morning!





I can't thank the Campus Life volunteers and staff enough for what they did for me in my middle school years. They made sure my friends and I had rides each week, helped us get to activities at Valley Springs and cared for our families. That's not an easy task - the students who came to the barn in my era were a tough crowd with so much going on at home (single parents, jail, poverty, drugs), but they did it because they loved us and wanted our time at the barn to be a safe place and the highlight of our week. YFC Sacramento and the barn will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm where I am today because of YFC's involvement in my life in the past 15 years. **-Isaac Noschka**



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Celebrity Chili Cookoff: In 2012, Rob Maxey and a team of dedicated volunteers created the Roseville Celebrity Chili Cookoff benefitting the Campus Life/Point Break anti-bullying program. The event became a staple in Roseville, featuring local leaders like Fox 40's Paul Robins and various political and community leaders. After Rob's passing in 2017, Dan Palmer continued the tradition; Covid was a primary factor contributing to the cancellation of the event!



From the Youth For Christ Sacramento Facebook Page:

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Most relevant

Melissa Ossont Van Horn
 Volunteer 1996- 2016. Had so much fun!! Camp reunions, snow trips, weekly hang outs, south land .Such an awesome ministry.

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Katie Anne
 Melissa Ossont Van Horn Mel you made campus life so much Thank you for pouring into my life and so many others.

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It's been great to revisit what God has done through YFC. Won't you consider joining us for the **YFC Campus Life Legacy BBQ** fundraiser on May 13? Details below. *See you there!*

PRAYERS FOR PROGRAMS: Please lift up a special prayer for these YFC programs (more prayer requests in our monthly Prayer Calendar):

- **Campus Life Clubs:** Various high schools and middle schools: for favor on campus, and for student leadership to solidify for next year's clubs. For the year end to finish well for all our Campus Life clubs.
- **City Life Teen Center ministries:** At Sayonara Center: For staffing in our elementary school program, and for kids to sign up for summer camp. At the Collings Teen Center: for kids to join us at camp, and for the volunteer need at camp to be met.
- **Crossover Basketball:** A constant pressure point is for the rental of public school gyms. We often run into schedule conflicts and cancellation of our practices. For a solution to this challenge.
- **Juvenile Justice:** We have one excellent volunteer chaplain in the Youth Detention Center in Rosemont; pray the Lord would send several more!
- **Point Break:** We are struggling to book two more assemblies in the Rancho Cordova area, which is where we want to deliver this service. Pray the schools will find the time in their schedule and the adult leaders to allow us to host this lifechanging assembly before the end of the school year!

FUNDING NEEDS:

Summer Camp \$25,935: We are still seeking funding for 65 camp scholarships.

COVERED! Sound System Upgrades at the Barn \$1,200

UPCOMING EVENTS: Register to attend and/or sponsor these events at YFCSacramento.org.

- **Wednesday, May 13:** Campus Life Legacy BBQ at Hillenbrand! Sponsors needed.
- **Monday, June 15:** Swing for Youth Golf Tournament. Sponsors needed.

Together, **geared to the times and anchored to the Rock-**



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Chuck and Frances Collings cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the YFC Collings Teen Center in West Sacramento - 2004.



YFC has served thousands of youth since the opening of the Collings Teen Center.

Copy and paste this link for a video of the first decade of Youth For Christ!

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