

Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...." 1 Nephi 3:187

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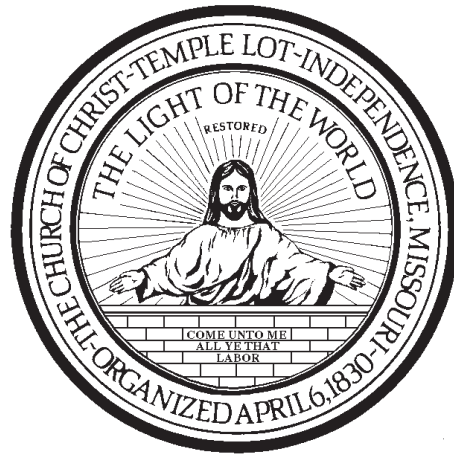
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What's Facing Our Youth and What Do We Do?



Elder Aadam Yates

"...And there is nothing new under the sun" Ecclesiastes 1:9.

This scripture is true...mankind hasn't changed throughout time, nor have the challenges or temptations. But we all must admit that there is something different about our day which probably no one reading this has faced—availability and scope. The cell phone some of you are reading this on is more powerful than nearly any computer when I was a preteen. Consider that even 30 years ago the idea of being able to view content from all over the world (and digital

world) from something that can fit in your pocket was unfathomable. The challenges for our youth are beyond cell phones and social media, but many of the challenges they are facing stem from them. There is literally nothing that is unavailable.

As society is changing, it is important that we (parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, close friends, etc.) recognize that if we are going to help our youth be prepared for this spiritual battle, we must ourselves be engaged in the battle. This warfare has been waged for years, and there is no new tool or weapon for this battle. God's word is the only effective tool; it has always been, and always will be. Are you engaged in the spiritual battle? Have you experienced victories and can share how you overcame without shame or embarrassment? Have you experienced failures, only to learn and overcome? Can you share those without shame or embarrassment? One of the most effective tools for teaching our youth today is being willing to share those failures and mistakes with them, and then tes-

tify how God helped you to overcome. This open and bare conversation builds connections as they recognize you are willing to show your vulnerabilities to them. A good example of this is in the book of Alma in the 17th, 18th and 19th chapters, where Alma is telling his sons about his failures in life, and how God delivered him from those things.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

As you consider your role in the lives of the rising generation, consider the role of God in your life. How is your relationship with Him? Are you exercising your prayer life? Are you feeling the Spirit moving you, guiding your thoughts and heart? Are you honoring God in your life, in your thoughts, in your private moments?

God's word gives us direc-

tion for our lives. It gives hope in times of trial. 1 Peter 3:15: *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* One big trial facing our youth today is the growing rate of teenage suicide. This is a disturbing but growing trend, and it is affecting the lives of our youth. When you interact with the youth in your life, are you telling about what gives you hope?

We need to be talking to our youth about the importance of baptism. This world is about non-commitment—there is no need to commit to a relationship, to a career choice, to a gender. But God wants us to commit ourselves to Him. And this commitment, this relationship, is not one-sided on either side. We serve God through the commandments Christ gave us. In return, we are offered forgiveness for sins, the blessed gift of the Holy Ghost—a constant connection to the Lord to guide us in life and, ultimately, we are offered eternal life. Consider some of Christ's words about the Holy Ghost and why it is essential for our spiritual walk. John 14:16-18, 26-27:

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye

know him; for he dwelleth in you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 15:26: *"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."*

I want to give a few more thoughts from scripture to consider:

Ephesians 6:10-12: *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

It's easy for us, and especially easy for our youth, to become overwhelmed. Part of our responsibility is to help them to know that we aren't necessarily in a battle against people. Satan is working through people, through circumstance, through governments and organizations. Our battle is in holding onto our faith despite all the things that

look to influence us.

Ephesians 6:13: *"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."*

Consider what you would want to be equipped with if today you were told you were going to the most war-torn place on earth, where you were certain to get into a fight for your life. This is where we are today, this is where our youth are at. But it is hard to see because we aren't attuned to see the spiritual casualties around us.

Ephesians 6:14-17: *"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

Finally, I will leave you with this thought—

Ephesians 6:18: *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;...."*

Be active in prayer. Be quick to speak for God. Be ready to give a reason for hope. Be diligent in serving our Lord and Savior and encouraging the rising generation.

REPORT

2017 TEEN CAMP

The 2018 Teen Camp will be here before we know it! We have been finalizing our classes, themes, and staff and are truly excited for this year's Teen Camp.

In 2017 we had a total of

greater spiritual depth to our classes and our focus overall. For some of our Campers, this is the only church they have ever attended. This is the only opportunity to pour the love

One way we encouraged that spiritual growth was to pair another more seasoned staff member with each cabin and counselor to provide a mentor whose role included praying for



68 Campers. Last year one camper reported to her mom that it was her best year ever. While we make no promises on delivering the best camp experience, we do strive to bring a

of Christ into them. However, we also take time to enjoy some good, clean fun while making Godly friends, creating shared memories, and bridging the generation gap.

the Campers each day, providing another set of eyes to make sure Campers made it to their classes and activities, and to build relationships to encourage Campers in their spiritual lives.



changing battles was to utilize one of our police officers to point out digital dangers that they all face with technology, and how to guard their location, their hearts, and their value. In addition, she offered the girls some self-



God was truly at work in the lives of our young people. They face spiritual battles that increase with our ever-changing digital world. Another way we tried to help them face these

defense techniques and the lesson of responding to threats with a powerful, "NO!"

A nationwide trend among young people seems

to be emerging. Suicide. We would be irresponsible if we did not address this difficult topic with our youth this year. We have been prayerfully preparing, studying, and developing



lessons. We modified our theme to prepare our youth to face this latest battle with the spiritual tools they need to be victorious in Christ. We would invite you to contact us if you have questions on how we will present this topic. Our youth need every spiritual advantage and preparation they can get to face this issue that has already affected so many of them.

As you noticed on the camp form, the camp fees are going up to pay for the



additional cost to facilitate campground rental. Even though the fee is rising, that should never be a reason why you don't send your young person to camp. Please contact Liza if you want to make payments or need some help.

A special thank you to all

of you who support this outreach to our youth with your heartfelt prayers, financial donations, and uplifting encouragement. We are grateful! They are the Church of Christ. They need this opportunity. They need these spiritual tools and relationships.

Love in Christ,
Bob and Liza Hedrick



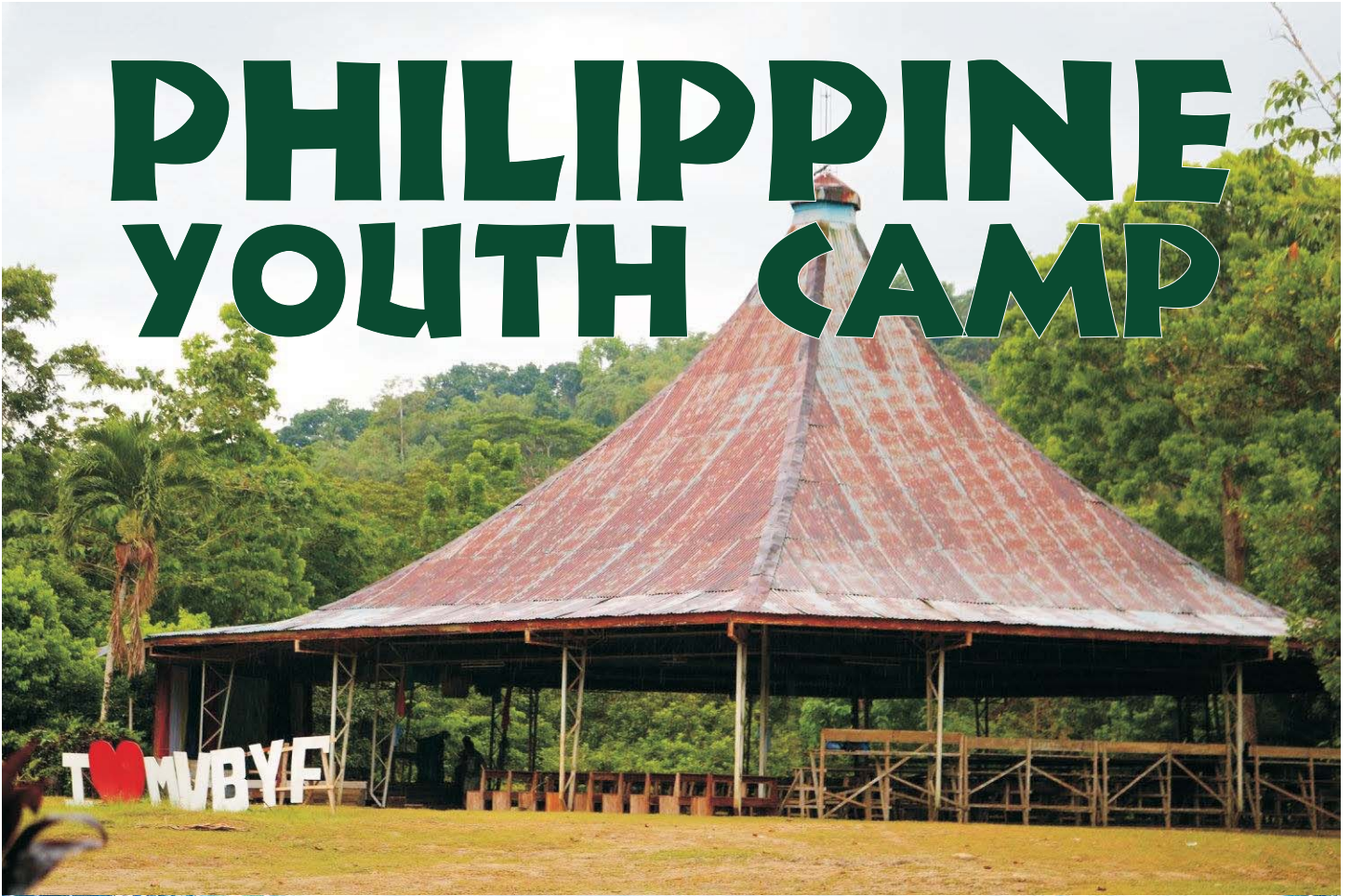
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PHILIPPINE YOUTH CAMP





UPPER CABINS & DINING AREA



LOWER CABIN AREA



ZONES 1-6



CAMP DATES: Sunday, July 22 - Friday, July 27

CAMP COST: \$200.00 per camper
(\$225.00 if paid after July 1, 2018)



CAMP BASICS

Age Group: Junior and Senior High School, Ages 12 - 18

Ministry: There will be members of COC Priesthood in attendance at all times.

Chaperones: There will be AT LEAST one adult for every eight campers. There will be a **certified lifeguard**.

Food: Camp provides 3 meals and 1 evening snack per day - SNACK BAR AVAILABLE

T-Shirts: Shirt included in camp cost. Sizes must be received by early July.

Transportation: For those needing a ride from the KC area, a bus will be leaving the Temple Lot at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 22. Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers should NOT arrive at Camp Far Westa before 3:30 pm on 22nd - camper check-in is from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at camp. Bus will return campers to the Temple Lot on Friday, July 27 at approximately 2:30 pm.

Dress up day is Tuesday and the theme is "When in Rome" -- think Gladiators, togas, laurel crowns, etc.

Interested in a payment plan to fulfill camp fee? Contact Liza Hedrick, (contact information below.)

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

ALSO SEE CAMP RULES AND ITEMS TO BRING LIST.

1. Complete the Personal Information on the enclosed Registration Form.
2. Read through Camper & Parent Pledge, Photo Release, and Medical Release.
Parent and camper MUST sign form and it must be NOTARIZED!
3. Make a copy of your health insurance card to include with registration materials.
4. If you plan to ride the bus to and from Camp, check "YES" in the space provided.
5. Select a T-Shirt Size
6. On Class Schedule Form, choose a 9:00 am, 10:05 am, and 1:15 pm class preference. Indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice!
7. Mail in the following items - WE CANNOT PROCESS YOUR REGISTRATION UNTIL WE HAVE ALL OF THESE ITEMS:
 - o Registration Fee - Make check payable to "Teen Camp"
 - o Class Schedule Form with completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for each class time.
 - o NOTARIZED Registration Form with parent and camper signatures.
 - o Copy of health insurance card/information AND signed camp WAIVER form (required by Far Westa)..



Mission Statement

The Church of Christ TEEN CAMP is committed to edifying all who attend through spiritual education and Godly Association in a fun and moral atmosphere. Commitment to this goal will create an environment where the youth will be invited and encouraged to engage in a spiritual commitment that will help to equip them to take their place in the service of **Jesus Christ**.

CAMP FAR WESTA

Directions to Camp Far Westa from Kansas City: Take Interstate 35 north to Highway 36 at Cameron, MO. Take Highway 36 west at Cameron for approximately 10 miles. There is a sign for Camp Far Westa on the right (north) side of Highway 36 and then you will turn right onto the gravel driveway entrance shortly after sign.

Mailing Address:

Camp Far Westa c/o Church of Christ TL Teen Camp
6091 US-36, Stewartville, MO 64490
816.669.3359

Mail forms and check to:

Liza Hedrick

333 34 Road, Palisade, CO 81526

Questions? liza.hedrick@gmail.com

(970) 462-8200

CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Camper's Name:		Parent's name:
Year in school, fall 2018 :		Street Address:
Age:	Date of Birth:	City, ST Zip:
Street Address		Home Phone:
City, State, Zip		Parent's email:
Phone Number:		Insurance Carrier:
Camper's e-mail:		Policy Number:
T-shirt size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL		

Will you be riding the bus? Yes No. If not, who will be responsible for transportation to/from camp? _____

Campers must leave on the bus unless written permission is given. Campers will be dropped off at the Missouri Reunion on July 27. If other arrangements are needed, please specify:

Camper and Parent Pledge:

I have read the Rules of the Camp and agree to abide by them. I know that if I break the rules I may be sent home at my parent's expense, at the discretion of the Camp Director. I agree to be respectful of other campers, staff and all facilities. I will be on time and prepared for all activities. I understand that I can only leave and return to Camp for emergencies or with prior permission from the Camp Director. I understand that I must bring a Bible and Book of Mormon.

Photo Release:

I hereby grant permission to interview my child and/or to use his/her likeness in photograph(s)/video in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by the Church of Christ Teen Camp, in perpetuity, and for other use by Church of Christ Teen Camp. I will make no monetary or other claim against Church of Christ Teen Camp for the use of the interview and/or the photograph(s), video.

Medical:

In the event of a medical emergency, by my signature below I give permission for Camp Personnel to administer and/or obtain any necessary treatment for my minor child. I give permission for camp personnel to administer over the counter medications to my minor child as deemed necessary. **NOTE: This form must be notarized to attend Camp.**

Please list any medical conditions (allergies, asthma, etc): _____

Any medication brought to camp must be in the original container and given to the Camp nurse to be dispensed. Please list medications that will be brought to camp:

Please include a copy of your health insurance card.

Camper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

NOTARIZATION:

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2018

Notary Public _____
 County of _____
 State of _____
 My Commission Expires _____

CHURCH OF CHRIST TEEN CAMP 2018 CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Please mark your first, second and third class choices at 9 AM, 10 AM and 1:15 PM, by using a "1" for top choice, "2" for second choice, etc., for each timeframe.

Rank top 3	9-9:55AM	Class	Description/Class size information
	16 and up	A Few Good Men	Man class for 16 years and older.
	all ages	Archeology/Geography of the BOM	Examine and review evidence related to the Book of Mormon.
	all ages	God's Creation	
	all ages	Goals and How to Achieve Them	
	all ages	Spiritual Warfare 1	Boot camp-style lessons to equip teens for spiritual battles.
	all ages	Peer Pressure	
	all ages	Living Stones in God's Kingdom	Dig deeper into your relationship with the Lord. Class size: 3-20
	16 and up	Prime Rib: Perfection for Women...	Women's class for 16 years and older.
	all ages	Women of the Bible	
	all ages	You're Baptized or Thinking...	
Rank top 3	10-10:55AM	Class	Description/Class size information
	all ages	Cursive and Coloring with Jenn	Creatively and artistically express yourself in writing and coloring.
	all ages	Candy Making	Class size: 6
	all ages	Soccer	
	all ages	Woodcarving	
	all ages	Fly Tying and Lure Making	Create flies and/or lures to use fishing.
	all ages	Camp Video Class	Learn video shooting basics and help create the camp video.
	all ages	Frisbee	
	all ages	Auto Mechanics	Learn basic auto maintenance to keep your wheels road ready.
	all ages	Volleyball	
	all ages	Reading and Relaxing	Relax for an hour reading or coloring.
	all ages	Clay Jewelry	Create jewelry with sculpting clay.
	all ages	Culinary Concoctions in a Cup	Microwave some tasty snacks in a coffee cup. Class size: 6
	all ages	Benefits of Bodily Exercise	A fitness class to strengthen both the body and the spirit.
	11-11:55AM	Theme Study Class	All campers participate; after first day, split into three random groups.
Rank top 3	1:15-2:05PM	Class	Description/Class size information
	all ages	Boating	
	all ages	Fishing	
	all ages	Archery	
	all ages	Candy Making	Class size: 6
	all ages	Women's Personal Safety	Learning basic self defense moves for women.
	all ages	Paracord Creations	
	all ages	Sew Creative	Learn hand sewing while creating fun accessories. Class size: 3-12
	all ages	Astronomy & Telescope	Learn to use a telescope to view objects in the night sky.
	all ages	Board Games	
	all ages	Spiritual Warfare 3	Applying spiritual warfare to every day battles.
	all ages	Cardio with Kait	Join Kaitlyn for cardio-dancing and laughter.
	all ages	Electricity	Learn how electricity is created, stored and safely used.
	6:45-7:45PM	Age Group Study Classes	No Ranking - all campers participate in the class for their age group.
	12 y.o.	Building a Foundation	
	13 y.o.	Absolute Truth	
	14 y.o.	Leadership	
	15 y.o.	Why the Church of Christ?	
	16 y.o.	Dating	
	17 y.o.	Marriage	
	18 y.o./ CIT	Apologetics	

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK
& INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

NOTE: This form should be included in the advance packet prior to registration. The completed form must be on file at camp and only those persons with a completed form shall be permitted to participate.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE UNDERSIGNED'S PARTICIPATION IN HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- _____
- _____

SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SUCH ACTIVITY, PARTICIPANT'S PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) WAIVE, RELEASE AND RELINQUISH ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR LIABILITY AND CAUSE(S) OF ACTION AGAINST COMMUNITY OF CHRIST, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH OCCURRING TO PARTICIPANT, ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION, AND/OR ACTIVITIES INCIDENTAL THERETO, INCLUDING ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE, WHENEVER OR HOWEVER THEY OCCUR AND FOR SUCH PERIOD SAID ACTIVITIES MAY CONTINUE, AND BY THIS AGREEMENT ANY SUCH CLAIMS, RIGHTS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION THAT PARTICIPANT (AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) MAY HAVE ARE HEREBY WAIVED, RELEASED AND RELINQUISHED, AND PARTICIPANT (AND PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) DOES(DO) SO ON BEHALF OF MY/OUR AND PARTICIPANT'S HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS.

Participant and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s) if participant is under 18 years of age, acknowledges, understands and assumes all risks arising out of the above referenced activity and related activities, and understands that participation in the activity involves risks and dangers, including but not limited to transportation to and from said activities, and drowning, bodily injury, closed head injury, concussion, partial or total disability, paralysis and death to participant's person and damages which may arise therefrom, and that I/we acknowledge said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence of others, including the Releasees. I/We further acknowledge that there may be risks and dangers not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and agree that all of the risks and dangers described throughout this agreement, including those caused by the negligence of participant and/or others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment described in this release.

It is the purpose of this release to exempt, waive and relieve Releasees from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any, of Releasees. "Releasees" include the Community of Christ, and its officers, directors, agents, affiliates and employees.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agree if any claim for participant's personal injury or wrongful death is commenced against Releasees, he/she shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Releasees from any and all claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for participant's personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death.

PARTICIPANT (AND PARTICIPANT'S PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S), IF APPLICABLE) ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AND HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS AND HAVE NOT RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OF RELEASEES, THAT THEY ARE FULLY ADVISED OF THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED HEREINABOVE, AND UNDERSTAND THESE WAIVERS AND RELEASES ARE NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE EXISTENCE OF THE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.

Participant	Parent or Guardian if under 18 years old*
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
_____ Print Name	_____ Print Name
_____ Date	_____ Date
_____ Age	

[* 19 years in Alabama, Alaska, Nebraska & Wyoming; 21 years in Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and Mississippi]

2018 TEEN CAMP SCRIPTURE THEME

2nd Nephi 13:29-30.

29 Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men.
30 Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: ye shall have eternal life.



CAMP RULES AND SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING OR NOT TO BRING:

CAMP RULES are to facilitate the camp mission and maintain the safety and well-being of all campers and staff. Campers who do not obey the rules will be subject to disciplinary action which may include being sent home at their parent's expense.

1. You are expected to behave in a Christian manner at all times.
2. You are expected to obey all safety rules.
3. You are expected to participate in all classes and activities.
4. You are expected to stay with the group unless special permission is given. Pairing off or groups found in unapproved areas will not be tolerated.
5. Sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.
6. You are expected to remain on the camp grounds at all times.
7. You are expected to wear modest apparel at all times. Inappropriate clothing includes bikini swimsuits, tank tops with straps less than 1.5 inches or with drooping armholes, T-shirts with inappropriate slogans or innuendo, concert T-shirts, shirts that expose the midriff or short shorts. All campers are required to wear a colored T-shirt while in the swimming pool.
8. You **MUST** turn in all prescription medication to the camp nurse.
9. You are expected to leave all body piercing jewelry at home, including gauges. Girls can wear one pair of earrings in their ears.
10. You are expected to turn your vehicle keys over to the Camp Director if you drive to Camp. Keys will be returned when Camp is over. Access to vehicles will not be allowed during Camp. Vehicles will be parked in designated areas.
11. Absolutely no pranks at Camp. Any materials for pranks will be confiscated.
12. Absolutely no electronic equipment, including but not limited to video or electronic games, radios, or MP3 players or cell phones. Phones will be available for emergency calls only.
13. Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons (including knives) or fireworks of any kind are permitted at Camp. Use of these items at Camp will be grounds for sending a camper home at their parent's expense.

This is a suggested list of items to bring to camp. Where clothing items are listed, bring enough for 5 days; packing may be in a suitcase, duffel bag or camp box. Please clearly mark items with your name or initials.

PLEASE BRING:

- o Bible, Book of Mormon, book bag and notebook are mandatory.
- o Lightweight sleeping bag or 2 twin size sheets and 1 light blanket.
- o 1 lightweight raincoat, poncho or jacket
- o 1 laundry bag or pillow case
- o Modest one-piece swimsuit or tankini
- o Flashlight
- o Tennis shoes (old & worn are best)
- o 6 pairs of socks
- o Modest shorts or cutoffs
- o 1 long sleeve shirt
- o Kleenex
- o Pillow and pillowcase
- o Extra shoes
- o 1 pair of jeans/pants
- o Short sleeve shirts
- o Underclothes
- o Sandals

PERSONAL ARTICLES:

- o Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush, shampoo, soap, towels, deodorant, etc.
- o Insect repellent (we recommend Cutters or Deep Woods Off)
- o Please do not bring expensive jewelry which might be lost or broken.

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- o Camera and film
- o Stationery, envelopes and stamps
- o Day pack or knapsack
- o Alarm Clock (no clock radios)
- o Money—snacks may be purchased at the Canteen when open.
- o Cabin Decorations
- o Musical instrument
- o Baseball gloves
- o Fishing pole and lures

LEAVE AT HOME:

- o Immodest and inappropriate clothing
- o Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes
- o All knives, weapons or fireworks
- o Electronic music devices, cell phones, etc.
- o Candy or pop
- o Video and electronic games
- o Body piercing jewelry

FROM the ARCHIVES

This photo was taken at Conference time in 1954 at our Temple Lot building. We would love to have your help in identifying all we can. Please contact anyone on the Archive Committee: Apostle Roland Sarratt, Elder Rick Olson or Sister Deb Haines.



GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The General Sunday School Association (GSSA) is providing portions of lessons for several age groups on a common topic. Please visit the Church of Christ's Audio Visual Aid (AVA) committee website at www.cocsermons.net and click on the "Resources" tab to view all complete lessons and studies for children and adults. Contact Susan Porter at: porter_susan@sbcglobal.net, or 9 Market Street, Middleville, MI 49333, for more information. The GSSA has a private Facebook group for all members; if you would like to be added contact Betsy Trudgen at trucooking@yahoo.com.



Sunday

School

Snapshots

Amanda Stratton's preschool class: Haddie Lee, Payton Lee and Daniel Stratton

We are talking about the topic of LOVE. First, we discussed the two great commandments: love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, and soul, and love thy neighbor as thyself. We talked about different ways we can show love to those around us. We did two activities.

Our first activity was using a paper towel, water, and a red marker to show that when we show love to one another it spreads. We drew a heart on one corner of the paper towel with our red marker and then dipped it in water to watch the color spread.

The second activity we did was "catching the love bug" and the kids had a few minutes to stick as many stickers onto each other as they could.

Matthew 22:36-40

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Heidi Jones' class: 7-11 year olds (Jayden Lee, Hailey Lee, Adalynn Moran, Clara Moran)



7 Days of Kindness

Objective: Put the scriptures into action!

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-10

Discuss: Charity is the pure love of God. Whatever we do, whether we feed the hungry, or give to the poor, we must have charity or else it's meaningless. Everything we do, we will do with the love of Jesus in our hearts.

Activity: We will create "7 Days of Kindness" calendars with the purpose of showing love to our families.

Materials: Old calendar, pens, scissors, glue, stickers, paper, ruler.

Directions: Make a table with a column for each family member, plus one for days of week. Then, make 7 rows for each day of the week. Kids fill in each box with something nice to show love to each family member (such as the example below).

Differentiation: For younger children, use less days of the week, or fewer family members.

Remind students throughout the project that whatever we do for others, we must have **CHARITY** in our ❤️.

	Mom	Dad	Brother	Sister
Sunday	Hug mom	Hug dad	Hug brother	Hug sister
Monday	Hold door open	Take out small trash bags	Read brother a story	Play game with sister
Tuesday	Make toast	Give dad a neck massage	Play game with brother	Read sister a story
Wednesday	Make tea	Make coffee	Pour cereal	Pour cereal
Thursday	Brush mom's hair	Draw dad a picture	Play football with brother	Brush sister's hair
Friday	Carry grocery bags	Make dad's lunch	Share favorite toy	Share favorite toy
Saturday	Paint mom's nails	Hang out with dad	Make a snack	Make a snack

NEWS

PHOENIX LOCAL NEWS



By Katie Ely

A warm welcome from Phoenix! The weather has been gorgeous, as is usual for winters in this beautiful state. Lots of things have been going on at the Phoenix local, and in this issue I'd like to highlight not only the most recent events, but also what the youth have been up to lately through their studies!

The Sunday school classes have been very active in their studies, with each class addressing a unique and engaging set of topics. Gary Jacobsen's class learned about the power of prayer and faith through the 14th chapter of 2nd Nephi. Jenny and Debra Yates' class found out how God gives us all special talents that we can use to glorify Him, and Sasha Yates' and Natasha Brown's class read the story of Lehi and his 8-year travel into the desert. "Bible Jeopardy" was the name of the game for Holly Bartlett's class as they studied later how biblical truths best relate to current events. Kim and Kaitlyn Yates' class was hard at work sending out "Get Well Soon" cards for those in need, and also learned best practices for delving into scriptural study through the use of references and concordances. I think we all could learn a thing or two from these classes, even as adults!

Young people's activities have also been hopping, with Intermediate Young People's enjoying a fun and educational night of pizza dinner with back-to-back Veggie Tales, and Young People's studying the Christmas Story. Junior Young People's did a scavenger hunt game and plan on playing Valentine's bingo and making cookies for February. Can I tag along too?

In addition to all the youth activities was a yard sale to benefit the Building Fund, and a great many items were do-



nated. The yard sale was carried out for two consecutive Saturdays, making sure that the community was given an opportunity to stop by, say hello, and also purchase an item or two. Everything from clothes to lawn equipment to furniture and decor was out on display. (Early) Spring cleaning for a wonderful cause!



Let's all remember to pray for our youth, that through their studies, loving guidance from their instructors, and God's power they continue to grow up strong in the Lord and be prepared to enter the world once the time comes. Also pray for those who have wandered away from following the Lord, that they might come back and see how richly blessed their lives can be through His grace.

God Bless,
Katie Ely



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