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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l



Merry Christmas Paul,

Can you believe it's already December and Christmas is only 22 days away? Here at Reach Workcamps, we know that you have a lot to do during the Christmas season, but we'd encourage you to take 5 minutes and read this newsletter. It's filled with lots of good stuff including current registration numbers so you can tell how much space is left at the workcamp your group wants to attend.

We wish you a Merry Christmas! Enjoy time with your friends and loved ones. Don't get yourself too busy that you forget to celebrate the birth of our Savior. See you in 2009!

The Reach Workcamps Staff
(Mike, Paul, Heather, Annie, Neil, and Joel)

November's Trivia Answer...

November's trivia question was...

"What was the name of the news anchor in the 2007 Safety Slideshow?"

The answer was Dan Rathernot! Jeremy Glovitch was the first person to respond correctly and will be receiving a free Reach T-shirt for his guess. Way to go, Jeremy!

December's Trivia Question...

In what year, what city, and what country was the only *international* Reach Workcamp?

Whoever e-mails us first at workcamps@reachwc.org with the correct answer will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until December 20th. Good luck!

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Curt Solomon

RW: How many Reach Workcamps have you attended?

CS: I just finished my 10th summer with Reach.

RW: How do the morning and evening programs affect the lives of your youth?

CS: They set up the day and they complete the day. It's obvious that Reach has done this for years because the programs address where we are and prepare us for the unique things we are going to experience. I



always say that Reach is the best sequence of days in a year. With travel, it's Sunday to Sunday. Eight perfect days in a row. You set us up so well for that by sharing the Gospel through the dramas and programs. We are then able to go home and debrief and then share our experience with others.

RW: What about Reach would you like to share with other leaders?

CS: Stop thinking about it and make it

2009 Schedule...

June 14 - 20
OAK RIDGE, TN*

June 21 - 27
ANNVILLE, PA*

June 28 - July 4
NIAGARA FALLS, NY*

July 5 - 11
NIAGARA FALLS, NY
PETERSTOWN, WV*

July 12 - 18
PETERSTOWN, WV

July 19 - 25
HURRICANE, WV*

July 26 - August 1
HURRICANE, WV
CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH*

** Combination Jr. and St. High Camp is FULL*

June 14-20	Oak Ridge, TN* (90)
June 21-27	Anncville, PA* (FULL)
June 28-July 4	Niagara Falls, NY* (85)
July 5-11	Niagara Falls, NY (230)
July 5-11	Peterstown, WV* (214)
July 12-18	Peterstown, WV (FULL)
July 19-25	Hurricane, WV* (209)
July 26-Aug 1	Hurricane, WV (31)
July 26-Aug 1	Cuyahoga Falls, OH* (62)

happen! There's very little chance for disappointment. There are several reasons for this. First off, Reach does a great job of hiring staff that are dedicated to the Lord and to serving youth. Having worked with many organizations, I've never worked with anyone with staff as good as Reach Workcamps. Also, Reach has such a tremendous handle on all of the many details. From the arrival of materials on site to the drama and program to the food and bags of ice for the coolers, Reach handles it all so I can focus on my youth. I'll just reiterate that it's the best seven or eight days of the year. Better than vacation. There's not going to be a better summer. There's no way the kids aren't going to be changed, impacted, and affected. They are going to be ready to then positively affect the world around them.

[Click here](#) to see the entire interview.

*Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps (the # in parenthesis is how many are currently registered)

Fundraiser of the Month...

Christmas Decorations

Do your neighbors always decorate their homes for the Christmas season? If so, then you can steal all the decorations and sell them on eBay! I'm just kidding, of course. But you could ask around your neighborhood and see if anyone is willing to hire the youth group to decorate their house. Maybe the homeowners don't feel comfortable climbing ladders or getting on the roof. What a perfect job for your youth as they prepare for workcamp!

Do you have an idea for us to share with your fellow readers? Email Heather (hmoulton@reachwc.org) and you might be featured in a future newsletter.

Reach Devotion...

The Christmas music has been coming through my speakers for almost a month now, and everyday I get a little more excited for that glorious day. There are so many reasons that Christmas is my favorite time of year, including carols, lights, presents, and peppermint milkshakes from Chick-fil-A. Of course these things pale in comparison to the birth of our Savior!

There are a lot of distractions around Christmas. We inevitably get distracted by the endless tasks of decorating, shopping, wrapping, planning, and traveling. Sometimes we let our focus get so diluted that we may realize that we've forgotten what the celebration is all about!

"Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'"

- Luke 2:10-11

On December 25th, we celebrate the day when God offered his only



Son so that every man, woman, and child can be saved from death. God could have demonstrated His love for us in no greater way, and that is why we celebrate!

Merry Christmas,
Joel Minter

[Email Joel](#) with thoughts of this devotion.



We look forward to serving with all of you in 2009!
Please call us at 1-888-REACH-WC (1-888-732-2492) for more information about Reach Workcamps or check us out on the web at <http://www.reachwc.org>.

Blessings,

The Reach Staff



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