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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Dear Reach,

When you hear the month February, you almost always think of Valentine's Day. The two go together like pretzels and mustard, like peanut butter and jelly, like Sonny and Cher, like maple syrup and white rice...I think you get the point. (By the way, trust me with the last combo, it is delicious.) We all have memories that surround Valentine's Day; exchanging valentine's, going out for a special dinner, red roses, that special crush, and so forth and so on. Today, we want to give you the ability to celebrate Valentine's Day with a special valentine to share with a friend of yours. Just print this page, get some scissors, fill in the blanks, circle man or woman, and you are golden.

Happy Valentine's Day, _____!

You are so special to my life for all the times you _____ and for the way you make me feel _____. Your _____ always makes me smile and I feel so thankful for your _____. Whenever I hear the song " _____ " on my iPod, my heart seems to skip a beat. I am counting down the days until _____ and _____...oh what a great time that will be!!! I am such a lucky (man/woman) for having you in my life.

With All the Love I Have Inside Me,



Be a Part of the Hope...



Once again, we will be serving in [Gulfport, Mississippi](#), to aid in hurricane relief. While this coming summer will mark the three year anniversary of the devastating storm, the communities are still trying to pick up the pieces and re-start their lives. So much progress has been made, but there is still a lot to be done. We cannot forget. Be a part of the hope. Reach would love to offer as much aid as possible. If you are looking for a mission trip this summer, prayerfully consider joining us in Gulfport. There are two separate weeks of camp available starting with June 15th and also June 22nd. Call the Reach Office at (888) 732-2492 for special registration information.



January Trivia Answer...

January's question was the following:

Among the applications in our possession as of January 3, 2008, what is the ratio of women's applications to men's applications?

The closest guess was from David Crates with a guess of 10 women 20 men. The correct answer was 7 women 13 men. Hope you enjoy the sweatshirt David and we look forward to having you on summer staff...Just kidding! You think we would pull something like that?

New Full-Timer...

Reach Workcamps is proud to introduce our newest full-time employee, Neil Fisher. Neil comes to us from North Carolina and will be taking over the Worksite Department. We are so thankful to have Neil join our staff.



February Trivia Question...

This trivia question is focused on the newest Reach Workcamps Full Timer, Neil Fisher. Some of you reading this may know Neil, but with this trivia question, we will all know Mr. Neil Fisher a little better.



If Neil was standing at the counter of your local Baskin Robbins Ice Cream store and was asked the following question; "What can I get for you today sir?", what would be his response?

Submit your guess with the words that would come out of Neil's mouth, and see if you win this month's trivia.

Whoever e-mails us first at workcamps@reachwc.org with the closest answer will win a free Reach Sweatshirt. We will take answers until February 20th.

[Find out more about Neil](#) or [send him a welcome e-mail](#). Heck, you can even do both!

2008 Schedule...

June 15 - 21
Greenup, KY
Mississippi Gulf Coast*

June 22 - 28
Mississippi Gulf Coast

June 29 - July 5
Lockport, NY*

July 6 - 12
Cuyahoga Falls, OH*

July 13 - 19
Oceana, WV

July 20 - 26
Oceana, WV*
Monroe, NC

July 27 - August 2
Monroe, NC*

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

June 15-21 Greenup, KY (313 registered)
 June 15-21 Mississippi Gulf Coast* (83)
 June 22-28 Mississippi Gulf Coast (264)
 June 29-July 5 Lockport, NY* (242)
 July 6-12 Cuyahoga Falls, OH* (**FULL**)
 July 13-19 Oceana, WV (**FULL**)
 July 20-26 Oceana, WV* (**FULL**)
 July 20-26 Monroe, NC (409)
 July 27-Aug 2 Monroe, NC* (261)

*Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps

Humor Corner...

Letters To A Pastor:

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister.

Yours sincerely,
Arnold, Age 8.

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?

Love,
Patty, Age 10.

Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold.

Yours truly,
Annette, Age 9.

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.

Loreen, Age 9.

Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher.

Thank you,
Alexander, Age 10.

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished.

Ralph, Age 11.

These letters were found at:
<http://www.crosswalk.com>

Facebook.com...

As you decide which camp you're attending, join the Facebook group and see who else is going. There are also some general Reach Workcamps groups that have been started for you to say hello to previous workcampers.

Visit www.facebook.com to get started.



Send Us Your Pics...

We are looking for any pictures that you may have of your youth group getting ready to come to camp this summer... this could be taken during a fundraising event or a youth group meeting. We want to see what you guys have been up to and perhaps they might show up at some point this summer...



We will be accepting pictures until April 1st, so start taking some pictures and send them our way!

[Here's how to upload them...](#)

Reach Devotional...

I do listen to AM talk radio and I will be the first to say, "probably too much at times," but all I hear currently is what you probably find in your area too; politics. (Dennis Prager is my favorite show to listen to.) I like to be as informed as possible, so out of curiosity, I did a Google Search on several topics relating to the upcoming Presidential election and here is what I found.

"So where does all this religious fervor leave modern Pagans, agnostics, atheists, and adherents to minority faiths? Out in the cold. Second-class citizens in the race to build a "Kingdom" based around a single religious outlook." *Jason Pitzl-Waters*

"I firmly believe that everyone should go vote. It upsets me that some just don't care who we put in as president. The person elected by the people is the person who represents us....The United States. We should vote, not based on who our next door neighbor votes for but after our own personal research on the candidates and deciding who will serve our country best."
Voter from Russell Springs, KY

"The outcome of the 2008 White House election remains up in the air, but one thing is certain -- the bid to succeed President George W. Bush will be the most expensive race in history."
Washington (AFP)

So why do so many keep listening, reading, and watching? I am not sure what the answer would be to that question and it would probably be different for each of us. However, the author of Proverbs encourages me with this verse, no matter who may be in the oval office.

"The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."
Proverbs 21:1 (NIV)

I also like to combine Proverbs 19:21 for extra measure and a sense of security...

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."
Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

Therefore, keep listening, reading, and watching; being "*wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove*,"[1] and let's all enjoy a Grande Americano on Tuesday November 4, 2008.

[1] Matthew 10:16 reference

In Him,
[Craig A. Burden](#)

Reach News...

- **2008 CAMP LOCATIONS** - Find out more information about each of the [2008 Locations](#) such as things to do in each area and local restaurants.
- **ON-LINE GROUP INFORMATION** - Once you register for camp, view your group's current registered campers and print forms on-line with our web features that aren't available anywhere else in the industry. [LOGIN NOW](#).
- **ON-LINE HANDOUTS & FORMS** - We've recently added more of our handouts, forms, and information to the website for you to print out for parents, pastors, meetings, etc. [Check 'em out!](#)
- **REACH WEAR** - Forget to buy cool Reach Merchandise at camp or maybe they didn't have your size? [Check out the full supply of Reach Wear](#).
- **20,000+ PICTURES** - Check out our website for [all pictures](#) that were taken during the 2007 Workcamp Season.
- **DONATE TO REACH** - Making any on-line purchases soon? Be sure to join [iGive](#) to raise money for Reach Workcamps with every purchase. It costs nothing to join and works behind-the-scenes while you shop.

We look forward to serving with all of you in 2008! 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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