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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Happy 2008 Reach,

With every New Year comes more New Year Resolutions. Here are a few that have come across our desks that we'd like to share with you...

- See the movie, "The Bucket List"
- Workout 3x a day with 80 lbs. bags of sacrete
- Turn all Workcamper Forms in on-time (April 1st)
- Have at least 5 lock-ins (24 hours each) with no additional adult volunteers
- Write bible studies for every Pixar movie ever made
- Find out what is on page 47 of the President's Book of Secrets (watch *National Treasure 2* for more details)
- Not to make any further New Year's Resolutions, but to still have life long goals
- Order more pizza for youth group events than last year
- Have cholesterol levels checked by June 25, 2008

Whatever your resolutions are for 2008, may you have the spiritual wisdom and understanding to know God's will and to walk confidently in it. Know that you are blessed as you serve the youth the Lord has brought to your ministry.

Happy New Year,
The Reach Workcamp Staff
<http://www.reachwc.org>

New Videos On-Line...

Our new promotional videos are now available for viewing on-line at <http://www.reachwc.org/pages/video.shtml>. So grab your warm, fuzzy blanket and cozy up on the couch with some popcorn and soda in order to enjoy these new feature films.

[Request A Free DVD](#)

Reach Devotional...

"When you cross that finish line, no matter how slow or how fast, it will change your life forever."¹

This line is full of profound truth. The writer of Hebrews could very well agree with it. The author encourages us to fix our eyes, persevere, get rid of the junk, train to win and endure hardships.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." - Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Let me ask you three simple questions to start off your year of 2008:

1) Who are your witnesses cheering you on to the finish line?

"Come on, keep your faith and walk not by sight. You're not alone"

"GO, GO, GO!!! Get rid of that stuff, you don't need it. GO, GO, GO!!!"

"I will never leave you nor forsake you"

2) What are the hindrances that are holding you back?

pride, fear, jealousy, self, envy, ambition

3) Who are your eyes fixed on?

The author of our faith, the mirror, self accomplishments

Crossing the finish line is a great accomplishment and it does change a person's life. Running the race that the Lord has set before me is something that I can only imagine within my limited perspective, but if I set before me the race to be run and not look back, I ponder how the words will sound; *"Well done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your master's happiness."*²

Run the Race,
Craig A. Burden

¹ Dick Beardsley "Spirit of the Marathon" movie trailer
<http://www.marathonmovie.com/home.html>

² Matthew 25:23 (NIV)

[Email Craig](#)

Reach Trivia...

The 2007 December trivia question was, "How many youth leaders came to the Reach Workcamps convention booths in St. Louis and Atlanta to print our sheets of labels?" The closest guess was submitted by James Lemire of North Greenbush, NY. The correct answer was 2109 youth leaders and James' guess was 1966. Hope the free sweatshirt you've won keeps you warm this winter in NY!

Trivia for 2008 has arrived!!!

Among the Summer Staff applications in our possession as of January 7, 2008, what is the ratio of women's applications to men's applications? (For example; 15 women to 35 men.)

This could go down in Reach Trivia history as the toughest ever!!! Email us at workcamps@reachwc.org with your answers. We will take answers until January 20th, but only the first correct answer wins a Reach sweatshirt.

[Submit Your Answer](#)

2008 Workcamp Schedule...



2008 Workcamps
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 - June 21 [Greenup, Kentucky](#) (286 registered)

June 15 - June 21 [Mississippi Gulf Coast*](#) (73 registered)

June 22 - June 28 [Mississippi Gulf Coast](#) (214 registered)

June 29 - July 5 [Lockport, New York*](#) (218 registered)
July 6 - July 12 [Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*](#) (**CAMP IS FULL**)
July 13 - July 19 [Oceana, West Virginia](#) (258 registered)
July 20 - July 26 [Oceana, West Virginia*](#) (235 registered)
July 20 - July 26 [Monroe, North Carolina](#) (362 registered)
July 27 - August 2 [Monroe, North Carolina*](#) (199 registered)

*Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High workcamps

Humor Corner...

Top 10 Things Never Said On Noah's Ark . . .

10. "Did anyone bring a couple of umbrellas?"
9. "Hey, there are more than two flies in here!"
8. "Wasn't someone supposed to put two shovels on board?"
7. "OK, who's the wise-guy who brought the mosquitoes on board?"
6. "Help! I need some Pepto for the elephants, QUICK!"
5. "Don't Make Me Pull This Ark Over And Come Back There!"
4. "No Ham, you cannot eat the Pig!"
3. "And whatever you do, DO NOT pull this plug out."
2. "Nice Doggie!"

AND THE NUMBER ONE THING NEVER HEARD ON NOAH'S ARK.....

1. "Are We There Yet?"

These jokes were found at: <http://www.crosswalk.com/fun/religion/1343442/>.

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!](#)
- **FACEBOOK** - 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.
- **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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