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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Dear Reach,

Welcome once again to what is commonly called "*MARCH MADNESS!*" Winter is almost over and the thought of spring weather may bring a warm sensation through your veins. Do I sound like I am ready for warmer weather? I am, and we here at Reach Workcamps are on fire as we're getting ready to enter into full prep mode for this summer. Neighbors are being met, job descriptions are being written, summer staff is being hired, and we are all counting down to the first day of Workcamp. Which, by the way, is 105 days!?!? Wow, this paragraph must come to an end as we've got lots of work to do. Godspeed to you all and keep up the great service for the Kingdom!

The Reach Workcamps Staff

Workcamper Forms...

All workcamper forms, adult background checks, vehicle forms and first payments are due in one month on **April 1st**. Please help us out and have everything to us on-time so we can properly plan for the summer. You are also guaranteed all correct T-shirt sizes for any forms that are turned in by **April 1st!**

Thank you to all the youth leaders who have already turned in their forms!!

Input Forms On-Line...

*****Registered Groups Only*****

With forms being due April 1st, don't forget you can 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.](#)

February Trivia Answer...

February's question was the following:

If Neil Fisher, our newest full-time employee, was standing at the counter of a Baskin Robbins Ice Cream store and was asked the following question; "What can I get for you today sir?" what would be his response?

And the winners are... Pastor Jamie Hamblet and Keisha Martin with banana split guesses. These two winners were chosen because of the fact a banana split includes strawberry. Neil's actual answer was, "Strawberry waffle cone please."^[1] So if you are ever at a Baskin Robbins with Neil, you now know what to order for him. Thank you all for your guesses and participation in this unique trivia question.

^[1] Recorded January 29, 2008 at approximately 3:46 pm MST.

March's Trivia Question...

What do the following letters have in common?
YNLHOCVWOYKGCNMCGM

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

Humor Corner...

Is Wal-Mart Heaven???

Heaven: St. Peter greets you at the gates.

Wal-Mart: Some old geezer named Peter greets you at the automatic doors.

Heaven: Eternal

Wal-Mart: Open 24 hours

Heaven: Where old people go when they expire.

Wal-Mart: Where old people go when they retire.

Heaven: Plenty of room for everyone who loves God.

Wal-Mart: Plenty of parking for everyone.

Heaven: Golden-haired angels shouting the glory of God.

Wal-Mart: Purple-haired women shouting for a price check on diapers.

Heaven: Salvation and redemption no matter what your sin.

Wal-Mart: Full money refund on no matter what your complaint.

Heaven: Sam Walton -- now a resident!

Wal-Mart: Sam's Choice Cola -- now on sale!

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 Sr. High
Camp is FULL*

June 15-21 Greenup, KY (313 registered)

June 15-21 Mississippi Gulf Coast* (84)

June 22-28 Mississippi Gulf Coast (264)

June 29-July 5 Lockport, NY* (257)

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* (334)

**Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps*

This joke was found at:
<http://www.crosswalk.com>

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...



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

Reach Devotional...

I recently read a Guest Columnist article, by 8th grader Leif Swanborn, in our local paper that explains a true servanthood lifestyle. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did...

"I Am Third"

Two years ago I got this old beat-up book as a gift from someone in my family. At first I knew nothing of Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo, and the friendship the two had, or the saying "I am third." I first heard this saying in this biography of one of the greatest football players to ever play the game, Sayers. In the 1967 football season, he tore every ligament and muscle off his right knee in a football game against the San Francisco 49ers when he took a hit from a defensive lineman. At the time, a football player had a 5 percent chance of making a comeback from a major injury and playing as well as he did before. After Sayers got word he might never play again, he thought his life had ended. Though he felt like a dying 22-year-old man, his teammate at the time, Brian Piccolo, actually was dying of brain cancer. Still, Piccolo helped Sayers start to recover from his injury.

Piccolo sat out all the 1969 season, with Sayers as his great encourager and best friend. Sayers had made his comeback in the NFL and was nominated for being the "the most courageous player." He accepted the award and said, simply, "I accept this for Pic," and walked off the stage. Later that week, Piccolo died. Sayers really put meaning into "I am third."

What is "I am third"? Well this quote is described in very simple words. First on the chain is the Lord. You try to do as many good deeds as you can for Jesus. Second is your friends and family. Your family is most valued. Your friends are also with your family. You wouldn't be who you are if you didn't have friends. Take, for example, the friendship between Sayers and Piccolo. They were brothers from different races at a time when people thought black and white friendships wouldn't work.

This is how I am trying to live. I try to put myself behind others in time of need. I think everyone's purpose in life is to help others in any way they can. Everyone has a purpose to be here on Earth.

I have my own story to back this up. In the summer of 2006, my sister had ankle surgery. The cartilage had grown down between her joints and she could no longer run or play soccer, the sport she had played to get a college scholarship. She was devastated. The university gave her a medical hardship, a scholarship that paid for her education, but she could no longer play soccer for the NCAA. That summer, I learned how to be a helpful brother and friend. Since she was on crutches and in a wheelchair, I was her runner. I would ride my bike to Wal-Mart, 3 miles from my house, so I could buy eggs for her when she baked cookies.

I learned another valuable lesson from helping my sister. I learned to play every game like it was the last. Her final game was in the NCAA tournament. Her team lost 5-1. When she came home from school for Christmas, all she could talk about was playing in the NCAA tournament again and winning, but when she went back to school and started playing again, she just couldn't run. It was just too painful.

I really understood "I am third" that summer. I had to help her get out of the ditches and back on her feet. So from the story about Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo to the story of me and my sister, I've grown to appreciate the meaning of friendship and that "I am third." I have drawn a straight line between my purpose in life and being "third." It is my Golden Rule and I will always stand by it.

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[\[1\]](#) Greeley Tribune Leif Swanbom Feb 2, 2008

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20080202/READERS/283760926/-1/TRIBEDIT>

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

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- **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.
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Blessings,

The Reach Staff

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