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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Merry Christmas Paul,

It's almost Christmas, so there's a good chance you've already watched Elf or The Santa Clause at least three times. Here at the Reach Workcamp office, we have a fake, potted tree sitting in the middle of all of our desks with pretty white lights. Unfortunately, sometime between last year and now the pretty white lights have decided to quit working. You know you've had this decision before...Do you check each bulb one by one or do you just scrap the entire strand?

While we begin to remove, check, and replace each bulb, why don't you start reading this email newsletter. We hope you have a great Christmas season. We'll see you all in 2010!!!

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

A New Addition...

The Reach family is proud to announce the arrival of Hannah Grace Richardson. Hannah is the daughter of Paul Richardson, Director of Workcamps. She was born at 5:35pm on October 10th, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and she was 21.5" long.



50% Off All Reach Wear

The Reach Outlet Store is helping you get ready for Christmas by slashing prices on all its inventory. Use the promotion code **HANNAH** to receive 50% off your entire order. [Start shopping now!](#)



2010 Schedule...

November's Trivia Answer...

The November trivia question was...
What is the most trouble your youth group has gotten into during a youth group activity?

Marie Hallberg of Plainfield, IL, had the funniest response and she will get a free Reach T-shirt! Here is Marie's story:

For one of our events a couple of years ago, my youth group was having what we call a Road Rally. The winning team receives a trophy and first dibs on the pizza afterwards. My team had just gotten a clue at another church in the area and we turned out of the parking lot to start heading towards the next location. By the time we had gotten about a mile down the road, we heard sirens going off behind us. We were really confused because we had not been speeding or doing anything to attract the attention of the police.

After being pulled over, the police officer told our driver that he had failed to signal 200 feet before he turned at the stop sign. He had turned his signal on and so we didn't really believe he had a reason to pull us over. He casually asked us what we were doing that night because they had seen other cars pull out of the parking lot-we figured he only pulled us over as an excuse to find out what was going on. After explaining that we were on a scavenger hunt (and after one of our girls started crying), we were let off on a warning and told to drive more carefully.

In all, we sat there for about an

JUNE 6 - 12
GREELEY, CO *

JUNE 13 - 19
SOUTH WEBSTER, OH

JUNE 20 - 26
GALVESTON, TX *

JUNE 27 - JULY 3
LOCKPORT, NY

JULY 4 - 10
WARRENTON, VA *

JULY 11 - 17
WINDSOR, ME

JULY 18 - 24
HURRICANE, WV *

JULY 25 - 31
HURRICANE, WV
MICHIGAN CITY, IN *

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

- June 6-12 [Greeley, CO*](#) (39)
- June 13-19 [South Webster, OH](#) (FULL)
- June 20-26 [Galveston, TX*](#) (63)
- June 27-July 3 [Lockport, NY](#) (363)
- July 4-10 [Warrenton, VA *](#) (145)
- July 11-17 [Windsor, ME](#) (FULL)
- July 18-24 [Hurricane, WV*](#) (378)
- July 25-31 [Hurricane, WV](#) (199)
- July 25-31 [Michigan City, IN*](#) (35)

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

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Jennie August

RW: Why do you keep coming back to Reach Workcamps?

JA: The reason our youth look forward to coming to Reach every summer involves one thing...the relationships. From the adults to the youth, every impacting story that returns home with us has to do with a relationship in one way or another. Most importantly, it is the way Reach provides a journey for



hour with the officer. Needless to say, our group did not come in first place.

December's Trivia Question...

How many youth leaders stopped by the Reach Workcamps booth at either Youth Specialties convention and printed free labels?

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

Hurricane, West Virginia...

If you want to attend the July 18th - 24th workcamp in [Hurricane, West Virginia](#), you better hurry up and register. We are going to close this workcamp at 450 participants and we currently have 378 registered, so don't delay!

each camper to explore and further their relationship with Christ that really keeps us coming back.

RW: What is your favorite part of the camp week?

JA: My favorite day of the whole camp is Miracle Friday. When you arrive that first day, everyone comes as individuals from different parts of the country, but on Friday there is just an overwhelming sense of community where you have 400 people working to accomplish one goal. Projects that were impossible to complete on Thursday are completed on Friday. Crews come together to help each other finish. It's an amazing thing to be a part of!

RW: How has Reach inspired your youth?

JA: Reach inspires our youth to take what they have learned at camp and bring it back to our own community. After camp, our kids are fired up and start searching for things that they can do in our area. They know that there is poverty in our country, and they know that they should help those in need, but Reach helps them put that into practice.

[Click here](#) to read Jennie's entire interview.

Fundraiser of the Month...

Old Fashioned Sale!

A tried and true method for fundraising is selling something from a fundraising company. One method that worked for my youth group was selling from those cases of Hershey's Candy Bars. You bought the cases from Hershey, and then sold each bar for a dollar. Since then, numerous companies have developed ways for you to sell their product and earn money for your group. I've been told of groups selling coffee, candy, pizzas, popcorn, cookies, candles... and the list goes on.

Search the internet and find a fundraising company that sells something that appeals to your church body and your local town (personally, I'm going with candy. It's universal!) This fundraiser requires an initial purchase for the products you will sell, but is usually low maintenance and easy to do for extended periods of time.

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

Reach Devotion...

I'm glad that Christmas follows Thanksgiving so closely. I can't think of a better way to start the Christmas season than with a day completely dedicated to giving thanks. No matter what happened in the last twelve months, we put aside all fallbacks or tragedies and focus on all the ways that God has blessed us.

I'm always thankful for things like friends and family, and I'm especially thankful for God sending His only Son to take my place as a sinner. I recently read a verse in 1 Samuel that really affected my perspective on God's gift. Eli, a priest, learned of the wicked deeds for which his sons were responsible, and he is understandably upset. When he confronts them, he hits them with this Old Testament truth:

"If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?"
- 1 Samuel 2:25a

I realized at this point in my reading how incredibly privileged we are to have Jesus as our intercessor. There was a time when Christ's coming was promised, but not realized. God's people knew that their animal sacrifices were incapable of total redemption; that came only through Christ, not so long ago.

This Christmas, God has really impressed on my heart that some people still think like Eli. There are people that don't know that God has provided an Intercessor on our behalf. God sent His only Son to die in our place and act as an intercessor for our sins, and there are people all around us who may still be wondering who could intercede for them.

Let's make Christmas about the Good News of our Savior, who came, born to die for us, so many years ago.

In Him,
Joel Minter

[Email Joel](mailto:jminter@reachwc.org) with thoughts of this devotion.



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Blessings,
The Reach Staff

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