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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l



It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Hello Reach,

We heard many great responses after last month's newsletter with the Jaws Summer Staff bios. And now you've waited patiently an entire month to see the bios of the Big Bird Crew. We tried our best to find "fun" pictures of the returners. Hope you enjoy it!

By the way, this is our last newsletter until August when all other features including the Youth Leader Interview, Reach Devotion, and Fundraiser of the Month will be continued. See you at workcamp!

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

April's Trivia Answer...

April's trivia question was...

"How many total years of Summer Staff experience does this year's staff bring into the upcoming summer?"

The answer is 12 years! Russ Klein from Ontario, NY, had the correct answer of 12 years and he'll be receiving a free Reach T-shirt. Way to go, Russ!

There is not a trivia question for May as the next newsletter won't be sent until August and we didn't want to keep you in suspense that long!

Hey Youth Leaders...

Are you on schedule?

April 1st (ie. 1 month ago)

- First Payment Due
- All forms sent to Reach Office
 - workcamper forms
 - background check form
 - vehicle form

May 24th

- Last day to change information on-line

May 31st (ie. 1 month from now)

- Final Payment Due

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](#)* (324)
June 21-27 [Anncville, PA](#)* (FULL)
June 28-July 4 [Niagara Falls, NY](#)* (FULL)
July 5-11 [Niagara Falls, NY](#) (FULL)
July 5-11 [Peterstown, WV](#)* (185)
July 12-18 [Peterstown, WV](#) (FULL)
July 19-25 [Hurricane, WV](#)* (FULL)
July 26-Aug 1 [Hurricane, WV](#) (166)
July 26-Aug 1 [Cuyahoga Falls, OH](#)* (140)

*Indicates combination Jr. & Sr. High Workcamps

- Last day to drop campers

(the # in parenthesis is how many are currently registered)

Last Call For Volunteers...

We still need troubleshooters at these camps...

June 14 Oak Ridge, TN
June 28 Niagara Falls, NY
July 5 Niagara Falls, NY
July 26 Hurricane, WV

We also need general volunteers at this camp...

July 5 Peterstown, WV

You don't need to come with your youth group, simply let the office know you're interested and then you can show up and we'll put you to work. [Email Heather](#) if you're interested.

Please Welcome The 2009 Big Bird Summer Staff

This is the Summer Staff Crew that will be serving in Annville, Pennsylvania, Peterstown, West Virginia, and Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. They will be the ones acting on stage, delivering materials, answering phone calls, organizing the Reach Game, and having a blast!

Erin Wimer Office Manager

I AM PUMPED FOR MY 3RD YEAR ON SUMMER STAFF...WOOOOOHOOOOOO!

Every aspect of my life revolves around chocolate.
Raised in Lancaster County, PA with farmland and Amish.
I am slightly OCD when it comes to being organized.
Next spring I'll be student teaching then graduating!

When not inside, outdoor adventures make my life exciting.
I enjoy dancing, singing, reading, and baking/cooking.
My dog Kody is the most handsome little man on earth!
English Education major, Dance and Women's Studies minors at Wilkes University.
Recently, on March 14 2009 to be exact, I became ENGAGED!



Mandie Costello Hospitality Manager

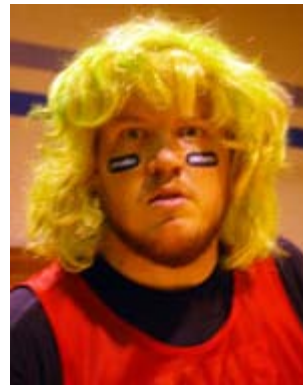


I'm Amanda, but you can call me Mandie! This will be my ninth summer with Reach, and my first summer on Summer Staff. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all! I'm currently a junior at Grove City College studying Mechanical Engineering. I grew up in Lockport, New York and still live there with my mom, my dad, my 18-year-old brother, Billy, and our dog, Buddy. I play field hockey and enjoy running. I also like to read for fun (that is, if I ever actually have any free time!). Even though I go to school deep in Steelers country, I still root for the Buffalo Bills! I love the way that rain smells, adore dark chocolate, and climbing trees is still one of my favorite summer pastimes.

I'm not sure what the future holds for me, but I do know that God is in control! I hope you're as excited as I am for this summer!

Kenny Smith Sound Manager

Konnichiwa!! I am sooo excited to be a part of the Reach Summer Staff for the 3rd year in a row! I have had so much fun the past two years, and I'm pumped to get going this summer. I am from a small town in Florida called Clermont, but for the past 7 months I have been living in Beaufort, SC, working for a church as the Student Ministries Intern. After the summer, I am going back to school in Florida and I am really excited. I have two amazingly wonderful parents, Ken and Diane. I have a brother and a sister, Greg and Kimberly. I love my family with all of my being. I love to play sports, watch football, play Nertz and Spoons, and I'm a music freak! I always have to be listening to or humming something. I like a wide range of music, but my favorite band is Norma Jean. I have three favorite holidays and they are; Tall Sock Tuesday, Overalls Wednesday, and Plaid Shorts Thursday. The best thing about these holidays is; they occur EVERY WEEK! I would be honored if everyone would celebrate them with me! One random fact about me is that last summer in Monroe, NC I decided to jump on the front of a moving van and slammed my face into the front windshield chipping my tooth! Not a smart move! If I could give you one piece of advice it would be; stay off of the hoods of moving vans! I look forward to meeting new people and seeing those of you that I have had the pleasure of meeting over the past two years!



Katie Jones

Program Manager



Hey Everybody! I am so excited to be back on summer staff this year! I am currently a sophomore Elementary Education major at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. I grew up in Colorado as the oldest of three kids, and my family still means everything to me. I'm a huge fan of hanging out with friends, cookie-dough, skiing, running, babysitting, taking pictures and playing the piano. Even though I'm a country girl at heart, I love living in the big city and someday my dream is to be a missionary teacher overseas. One really random thing about me is that I have asked for a puppy for Christmas every year since I was ten and I'm still holding out for one! Dad? :O) I can't wait to get to know all of you, and I'm really looking forward to serving with you all this summer!

Jessica Skelly

Logistics Manager

I'm the eldest of 4 kids. Growing up I enjoyed playing a lot of sports and still today stay involved through refereeing soccer and basketball. My random hobby is scrapbooking, as I've always loved picture taking and it's a good creative outlet. I'm also interested in other people and places, and though I haven't traveled internationally as I would like, I did get to spend time in Australia in college. I am finishing up my masters in social work and plan on "getting a job", whatever that means... I'm up for working with all sorts of people so I'm waiting to see what positions God opens up for me! One interesting/unique fact... in the spirit of workcamp memories, I can't see anything truly more fun than getting together with a large group of friends and playing cards, especially spoons!!



Mike Houston

Tools Manager

Hi my name is Mike Houston I am from the wonderful state of Pennsylvania. I live in a small town (my life is a country song) with the most wonderful people in the world, my Nan and Pap. Seriously they are the best and do so much for me



and I'm truly blessed. I recently graduated from Millersville University with a degree in Technology Education. I plan to start teaching in the Fall, somewhere! I love to do anything that involves ripping things apart and/or building something from scratch. I have this obsession to obtain a wealth of knowledge that will do absolutely nothing for me. Due to this obsession, I know just about everything there is to know about polymers, which is the fancy name for plastics. Feel free to test me on that! Well besides that, I also enjoy running, building with my hand tools, hiking, hunting, fishing, and playing music...in my car. This is usually done way too loud and while I'm singing along. I am so excited to be back with Reach this summer for my 2nd year on summer staff and I cannot wait to see what God has in store. I couldn't possibly think of a better way to spend my summer!

Ryan Bullock

Materials Manager

My name is Ryan and I grew up in Stedman, NC. I have lived in the same house my entire life and I have two loving parents and an older sister. I enjoy long walks in parks, meadows, the beach, and wherever I find myself walking. I am currently a junior at Appalachian State University majoring in Special Education and will hopefully become a teacher in another year. In the mean time, I am soaking up the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Boone, NC. I enjoy hiking, "hammocking", snowboarding, horseback riding, playing soccer, guitar, and straight praising God. My future plans consist of teaching for a few years and going where God leads. Hopefully I will find myself working for a ministry glorifying God as I get older.



We look forward to serving with all of you this summer!
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Blessings,

The Reach Staff

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