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A monthly newsletter from Reach Ministries Int'l



It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Look Reach,

You should be a smartie and not a dum dum by registering your youth group for a red hot Reach Workcamp. Because you can register on-line, you can sign up now and later and it won't cost you 100 grand! Only nerds or butterfingers would let this life saver opportunity slip through their chunky hands. The sour patch kids in your group will start calling you the big hunk or fun dip for "skoring" such a payday trip. There are mounds of information in this newsletter, so be sure to read it through to the very last dots.

So what is gobstopping you from reading more? Get going all ready!

Forever Yours,

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

P.S. How many candy bar names did you count in this introduction? To find the answer, scroll all the way down to the closing paragraph!

Windsor, Maine...

If you want to attend the 2010 workcamp in [Windsor, Maine](#), you better hurry up and register. The host school is smaller than normal and is limiting the number of participants. We are going to close this workcamp at only 250 participants and we currently have 209 registered, so don't delay.

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Youth Leader Spotlight... with Reverend Mira Hewlett

RW: What separates Reach from other organizations?

MH: Reach provides both great work projects and comprehensive programs that tie together worship through our hands and worship through our



2010 Schedule...





presence as Christians living together for a week. The preparation work that occurs before our youth group hits the workcamp, with the host site, the neighbors, having supplies out, the school ready to go, and the supplies delivered is amazing.

RW: Who has been the most memorable neighbor you've served?

MH: This past year in Niagara Falls I worked with Mr Belmont, who was an elderly man who used to be a church organist. He was delightful and everything we did was a great pleasure, just showing up brightened his day. I loved how he reminded me that taking time to talk and listen is more important than the paint we attempted to put on his house. His love of God and love of the youth on our site was inspiring.

RW: How does Reach both challenge and encourage your youth?

MH: I think the best answer for this comes from Joe Charette, a current senior in my youth group in his reflection on workcamp: A year of High School, and life in general, puts so much stress on you that sometimes it's hard to maintain the relationship with God that you'd like to. With so much else going on, I feel as though God gets shoved to the bottom of my backpack. Leaving everything for a week of service is the most amazing spiritual carwash that I could experience.

RW: Anything else you would like to share?

MH: We started Reach Workcamps with my church because I knew that if brought five people or thirty five, we would have a great time. As we started the youth ministry in getting involved in workcamp and moving forward in general, it was important that EVERYTHING we did was a good event with energy and positive experiences for the youth and adults. Reach provided that and has since come to be the highlight of our youth

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*

June 6-12	Greeley, CO* (35)
June 13-19	South Webster, OH (105)
June 20-26	Galveston, TX* (18)
June 27-July 3	Lockport, NY (0)
July 4-10	Warrenton, VA* (52)
July 11-17	Windsor, ME (209)
July 18-24	Hurricane, WV* (234)
July 25-31	Hurricane, WV (130)
July 25-31	Michigan City, IN* (0)

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

September's Trivia Answer...

The September trivia question was...

How many homes were worked on this past summer at all the Reach Workcamps?

The correct answer was 245 homes. That may seem way low, but remember we asked for the number of homes, not the number of crews!

Dave Henry of Jefferson City, MO, had the closest guess with 267 and he will get a free Reach T-shirt! Way to go, Dave!



October's Trivia Question...

We got lots of guesses for the September trivia question, so here is another one...

How many total pictures were taken this past summer at all the Reach Workcamps?

Whoever e-mails us first at

year where youth have to "earn" their place through expectations of worship, service, and participation in our church's ministry. Thanks for helping to ignite God's flame within our young people and trusting that God will continue to inspire them locally too.

[Click here](#) to see the entire interview.

workcamps@reachwc.org with the correct answer will win a free Reach T-shirt. We will take answers until October 20th. Good luck!

Fundraiser of the Month...

It's A Match!

Many local businesses make room in their budget for donating to different organizations, and your youth group's mission trip may qualify! Once you've settled on a fundraiser, find out if businesses in your neighborhood would be willing to match your earnings up to a certain amount. Don't forget to thank this business profusely. Make their generosity known among the fundraiser participants.

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 always thinking. My mind always seems to be racing around, usually trying to figure something out. I've even tried to plan conversations before I have them by guessing what the other person's responses would be. Next thing I know, I'm sitting there frustrated with clenched fists about what my friend just said to me, or laughing out loud at something someone did...in my imaginary scenario.

What we do with our thoughts is extremely important. Our minds can wander all over the place and, left to their own devices, get into trouble. If we don't pay attention to our thoughts, our minds can very quickly become absorbed in forbidden territory. At least it's just in our minds though...right?

Paul knew that thoughts were important and he writes in Philippians 4:8...

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."

Paul knew that what goes on in our heads is more than just fleeting. It impacts and shapes us as a person. Paul explains in verse 9 that our thoughts can become our practices. If our thoughts are about things that are noble and true, we can act on those thoughts instead of trying to separate our thoughts from our actions.

So what do you find yourself thinking about? Could you describe it as noble, right, pure, lovely, or admirable? If not, maybe it's time to start making some adjustments and take control of your thought life.



In Him,
Joel Minter

[Email Joel](#) with thoughts of this devotion.

We look forward to serving with all of you this summer at a Reach Workcamp! 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

P.S. There are 20 candy bar names in the introduction section: 100 Grand, Big Hunk, Butterfinger, Chunky, Dots, Dum Dum, Forever Yours (Milky Way Midnight), Fun Dip, Gobstoppers, Good and Plenty, Life Savers, Look, Mounds, Nerds, Now and Later, Pay Day, Red Hots, Skor, Smarties, and Sour Patch Kids. Check out this fun [website](#) to learn more about each candy bar.

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