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It's A Great Day For A Workcamp!

Happy New Year Reach,

Two camps are full, seven more remain open. Now that the new year is upon us, it's time to get signed up for your summer mission trip! Keep reading to find out what's happening at Reach Workcamps and how your youth group can be a part of the life-changing experience.

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

December's Trivia Answer...

December's trivia question was...

"In what year, what city, and what country was the only international Reach Workcamp?"

The answer was 1994 in Monterrey, Mexico! Can you believe we only had 82 campers at that camp? Melissa Tieslink from New York had the first correct answer and she'll be receiving a free Reach T-shirt.

Youth Leader Spotlight... with Kimberly Ritter

RW: How did you first hear about Reach Workcamps?

KR: I attended a Reach Workcamp as

January's Trivia Question...

What is the longest consecutive streak (in years) for a church attending a Reach Workcamp?

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

Extreme Website Makeover...

Have you pointed your web browser towards reachwc.org lately? The entire site got a total makeover and it even includes some new features such as a new [video player](#), new [discussion](#)

a teenager for the first time in 2001. Since I had such a great experience myself, several years later when I was leading a youth group, I took them to a Reach camp. I worked on the Reach summer staff in 2006, and now work full time as a youth pastor and continue to bring my group to Reach. I've enjoyed Reach from a variety of perspectives: a workcamper, a staff member, and a youth pastor.



RW: How have the relationships within your youth group changed since attending with your youth?

KR: Spending a week away serving others allows the youth to open up their lives more freely and gives God room to step in. As the youth grow closer to Jesus, it also brings our entire group closer together. I have been able to get to know each of the youth on a much more personal level through our Reach Workcamps experience.

RW: What is your favorite component of a Reach Workcamp?

KR: There are too many to just pick one! At the last Reach Workcamp I attended, my favorite component was the youth group reflection time at the end of the day. After a thought provoking drama and worship time as an entire camp, we then split into individual youth groups to discuss our days, the challenges we faced, and reflect on what was happening in the evening drama. My group loved this time of sharing with one another and of drawing closer as a group.

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

[forums](#) for all the 2009 camps, and new [youth leader interviews](#).

Reach Board Meeting...

The annual Board of Directors Meeting is Saturday, January 31st. Please play for wisdom as we discuss future policies and celebrate how the Lord is using Reach to impact thousands.

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 * (105)
June 21-27	Annville, PA * (FULL)
June 28-July 4	Niagara Falls, NY * (138)
July 5-11	Niagara Falls, NY (239)
July 5-11	Peterstown, WV * (220)
July 12-18	Peterstown, WV (FULL)
July 19-25	Hurricane, WV * (229)
July 26-Aug 1	Hurricane, WV (42)
July 26-Aug 1	Cuyahoga Falls, OH * (74)

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

Fundraiser of the Month...

Stock Holders

Let me take a guess...there are some people in your church that want to help and support the youth program, but there is no way you could ever get them to be a chaperone on your summer mission trip. Here's what you can offer. Have them buy stock in some of the youth that will help fund your trip. For their purchase, they receive 3 postcards from the youth while at workcamp and they also gain admission to your post-workcamp dinner. This dinner is a great place to show pictures and have the youth talk about their experience at workcamp. What a great way to get funded for workcamp and also get the rest of the church body involved in the youth program!

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

Reach Devotion...

Happy New Year! The years certainly do fly by, and already it's time to start trying to remember to write a "9" instead of an "8" (something that usually takes me several months). It's also time for that infamous tradition of making New Year's resolutions. There are always the typical ones, like resolving to get in shape or be more financially responsible, but the Minter resolutions are usually more interesting. My mom had us write resolutions for every other member in the family, which usually made for some fun laughs.

This year I've been pondering about resolutions and it got me thinking: What makes January 1st so much different from every other day of the year? Why do we wait for this date to start making a change in our lives?

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"

- Luke 12:16-20 (NIV)

Let's keep this passage in mind as we make our resolutions and plans for 2009. It's great to make plans and store up for this year, but we really don't know how much time we have. Life is a very precious gift, and the time to make a difference is now.

In Him,
Joel Minter

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



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