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# What's Up @ NFCLYO

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**Hello!**
What's UP @ NFCLYO has a new look! Well, this is sort of an experiment with our monthly email newsletter. Instead of getting a plain-text email with a link to the "real" newsletter, you now get it all here in a much more "appealing" format. We hope you enjoy our experimental format. Please let us know what you think...send comments and suggestions to whatsup@nfclyo.org. Enjoy!

**As always...go to www.nfclyo.org**
**for the latest updates, pictures, event info and more!**

## NFCLYO 2008 Harvest Bash at Harvest House

2008 Harvest Bash at Harvest House

This 07-08 first-time event returns! An overnight at Harvest House in south Buffalo that calls attention to the ministry to children and families Harvest House provides. We collect loose change for Harvest House, and we have a ton of fun too! Worship, games, mixers, basketball, foursquare, arcade games, movies, and more!

Harvest Bash at Harvest House is for all in grades 6-12 (that's right, 6-12!) on Friday-Saturday, November 7-8 from 8 pm to 8 am. The cost is $12 per person with all proceeds going to support Harvest House in their ministries. Any and all baby bottles with loose change (especially paper change) are welcome too. As with other NFCLYO events, all youth must come as a group with a minimum of one adult for every 9 youth attending. A minimum deposit of $6 per person (adult chaperones are free) must be with your group's RSVP form and mailed by Wednesday, October 29. Download the registration forms, get directions and more info by clicking here for the Harvest Bash at Harvest House page.

## 08-09 Kickoff at Lasertron a blast

121 youth and adults from across the NFCLYO gathered at Lasertron the night of September 27 for re-connecting with friends, a devotion, a great night of Lasertron, cybersport and more. Thanks to all that came!

## 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering

Be a part of the next ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA in the summer of 2009! Go to www.elca.org/gathering to find out more! Do you have youth interested in going to the ELCA Gathering but no adults? Call St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville at (716) 835-0407. They have room to accommodate a limited number of youth.

## WNY Christian Basketball League 2008 Tip Off Clinic

**Featuring Bay Forrest, NBA Center/Forward**
**November 22, 2008**

One Team, One Priority: Changed Lives

This day-long event opens with registration at 7:30 am, and features a scrimmage between Depew and Orchard Park, a basketball clinic, lunch, a talk with Bay Forrest, beakout sessions and a tournament for participants.

The cost is only $10 and includes a t-shirt, food, basketball and life-changing insight. The clinic takes place at the HUB at Hamburg Wesleyan Church. Questions? Call Mark Jentsch at (716) 553-4346

## NFC Youth Ministry Network is BACK!!!

**Join us for breakfast on October 22**

Are you a youth worker (volunteer or paid), a pastor, or are interested in finding support for your church's youth ministry program? Come to our first 08-09 NFC Youth Ministry Network get together to pray, talk, get ideas and connect with others just like you! There's a devo in there too.
We're meeting for breakfast at 8:30 am on Wednesday, October 22 at Amy's Place, 3234 Main St., Buffalo (near Main and Winspear, just blocks cityside of UB South Campus (great, and cheap food!)). Call Rick for more info at (716) 465-1321 or email at rick@nfclyo.org.

## More events planned for 08-09

**Mark your calendars**

We're well under way with this year's awesome NFCLYO youth events, and happenings at LCLC and beyond! Here's some other events to look forward to this coming year:

**Youth Encounter Junior High Quake: Friday-Sunday, November 21-23**
An event geared for up to 300 6-9th graders from various churches (Lutheran and not so much but still good) across WNY at the Holiday Inn Resort on Grand Island. Go to www.youthencounter.org for details. NFCLYO churches made up a large portion of those at last year's Quake!

**LCLC 2009 Winter Retreats**
Winter Retreats at LCLC are a great way to stay connected to camp friends, camp and Jesus in the snow! Weekend winter retreats geared for both senior high (9th-12th grades - January 2-4) and upper elementary-junior high (5th-8th grades - March 6-8) are offered during the winter. Stay tuned for details and check out www.lclcelca.org for more.

**NFCLYO 2009 Volleyball Marathon: Friday-Saturday, January 9-10**
Volleyball Marathon will be back better than ever! Food, activities, sleep (?!), mixers, movies, and of course volleyball are all a part of it. This time though the "trophy" will go to not only the team that wins the volleyball tournament but to the team that raises the most money for Lutheran Charities of Western New York!

**NFCLYO 2009 Winter Day Out: Sunday, February 8**
Did you miss last year's Winter Day Out at Colden Tubing Company...49 people came through blinding snow to snow tube in near-zero temperatures (not to mention wind chill) and shiver through some great pizza and wings for dinner and a worship experience? We thought we'd do it again! Be ready after next year's Bills triumph in the Super Bowl (it's starting to look more and more like a reality huh?!) for some more winter fun, food and worship!

## Maybe you can "hire" the NFCLYO CORE Team

The 2008-09 CORE Team

**Have us come make a difference at your church!**

In 2003, a crack team of dedicated youth banded together to spread the Word and ministry of the NFCLYO to churches and youth that otherwise would not get it. These youth promptly expanded the ministry to include service and advocacy. Today, still committed to their faith, they thrive as children of God witnessing that faith to everyone. If you belong to a church with youth-if you are looking for a spirit-centered group of youth to witness their faith to their peers-if no one else is getting through-and if you can host them-maybe you can call on: THE CORE TEAM...
Christians out reaching everyone

CORE is an excited, faith-centered team of youth that reaches out to youth and others in need, bringing God's love and word to everyone.

What core can do for your church
· Visit during Sunday worship times, giving temple talks about youth ministry in the NFCLYO, CORE and LCLC and making a connection to your church's Lutheran Charities campaign
· Visit youth groups and confirmation classes, witnessing their faith to their peers, showing them that their faith matters! We do this through games, mixers, discussions, worship, Bible devotions, and more.
· Give your church a look at youth ministry and get them fired up about it to support not only the NFCLYO and LCLC but YOUR CHURCH...from a YOUTH perspective!

CORE does this and more! If your church or youth group is interested in a CORE visit, call Rick Mollenkopf-Grill, the CORE advisor at (716) 683-8972, or email at rick@nfclyo.org!

## Change in NFCLYO event registration process in 2009

**Switch from RSVP policy to ticketing system coming soon**

Notice up above...the attendance at Lasertron was 121. It should have been 150. This was because groups that RSVP'ed for the event gave estimates for their attendance that - when added up into the whole event - were much larger than the number those groups had show up that night. What resulted was that at least one group was shut out of the event unnecessarily, and we took a minor hit in overall expenses.
To prevent this with future events, the NFCLYO is beginning a ticketing system starting with the 2009 Volleyball Marathon. Groups planning on going to an event can buy tickets for their group much the same way you would buy tickets for a sporting event.
There will no longer be RSVP's taken for attendance estimates, and all tickets will have to be purchased in advance and in full by the deadline given for an event. There will also be no refunds given for purchased tickets.
Thank you for understanding this switch...it will ensure that no one is unnecessarily turned away from events in the future.

So we hope that this new newsletter format is a hit! Suggestions are always welcome. See you out there...have a great month and GO BILLS!

Rick Mollenkopf-Grill
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