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## Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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### Harvest Bash at Harvest House

**Ticket order deadline is November 13!**

We head to Harvest House in South Buffalo on Friday-Saturday, November 20-21 for a night of games, mixers, movies, arcade, foursquare, basketball and more! This year, Captive Free, a band from Youth Encounter, will lead worship!



Tickets are \$15 per person (adults free) and we are once again collecting money for Harvest House through their baby bottle campaign. Head to [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) to find out more and to find out how to get your group some baby bottles! Deadline for ordering your group's tickets is Friday the 13th!

### Master Registration Forms are here

**No more repetition, but PLEASE complete the form!**

Sick of filling out essentially the same registration form for NFCLYO events? No more...NFCLYO registration forms are now good for the entire school year! So once you fill out a form and turn it in, it's good for all events! Sorry, tickets and \$\$ are still needed for each event. Details are with each event's flyers and pages on [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org). (Note: new form is only for NFCLYO programs, NOT for LCLC or Synod events.)

**NOTE:** when filling out those registration forms, be sure to complete ALL info asked for! If not, they will be returned...just ask the 90 people that this has happened to already.

### The St. John's Lutheran Home for Children Edward G. Kinkel Memorial Scholarships

**Nomination Deadline November 26**

Attention seniors of the class of 2010! Not one, but two \$1,000 scholarships are being awarded to two high school seniors that are active in the Lutheran church (read: involved in your youth group, NFCLYO, LCLC, etc.). Applicants must be: an active member of a Lutheran church in the Niagara Frontier Conference, attending a four-year degree program at a college or university in the fall of 2010, show academic excellence, and an interest in youth and community.

Anyone interested must be nominated through your home church council (read: tell your church council about this if you're interested pronto!), and that council must submit supporting rationale based on the above criteria giving examples of the student's involvement in activities such as but not limited to LYO, LCLC, or other youth groups. The St. John's Lutheran Home for Children Board of Directors will make the final decision of the awardees, and those persons will be presented with the scholarships at a dinner on April 23, 2010.

All nominations must be submitted by your church council to Jeff Storch, Lutheran Charities of Western New York, 5125 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221, no later than November 26, 2009 (Thanksgiving Day). If you have any questions, please contact Jeff at 716-632-2623.

## LCLC 2010 Winter Retreats

Senior High Winter Retreat January 8-10



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 8-10) and upper elementary-junior high (5th-8th grades - March 5-7). Check out [www.lclcelca.org](http://www.lclcelca.org) for more or call (716) 386-4125.

## Meet our youth ministry assistant

Welcome Chris George as our NFCLYO youth ministry assistant for 2009-10. Chris is with us through Project Connect, an initiative that gives young adults discerning their call to ministry practical experience in real ministry settings. Chris will be helping start some local youth ministry programs in the Niagara County area. If your church in Niagara County is interested in getting involved in this start-up, email us at [info@nfclyo.org](mailto:info@nfclyo.org).



## NFCYMnet heads north

Are you a youth worker (volunteer or paid), a pastor, or are interested in finding support for your church's youth ministry program? Come join us with the NFC Youth Ministry Network to pray, talk, get ideas and connect with others just like you!



This month we head north to Niagara County! Come to Panera Bread on South Transit Rd. in Lockport (in the Home Depot plaza) at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 12. This gathering is specific to the needs of youth ministry in Niagara County...and you can meet Chris George, our NFCLYO Youth Ministry Assistant who is tasked with helping youth ministry grow

## NFCLYO CROP Walk Challenge

Anyone...anyone?

Anyone out there walk the CROP Walk this fall? This was a NFCLYO challenge to see what youth group could raise the most money. So far no one has said anything. So here's a start: the NFCLYO CORE Team raised \$185 on October 18...beat that! If your group walked, let us know at [info@nfclyo.org](mailto:info@nfclyo.org)!

## The NFCLYO is on Facebook

Become a fan!

The NFCLYO is on Facebook...and we are making our presence there bigger this year! Go to [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) and click on the Become a Fan button to get connected with the NFCLYO on Facebook. Post to the wall, upload pictures, RSVP to events, connect with other

in Niagara County!

Can't make this one? We meet again each month...check out our schedule at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) under Youth Workers.

fans, and receive automatic event reminders and updates right to your FB profile! "Fan-up" today!

## NFCLYO Kick-off at Lasertron a Blast

## 2009-2010 Kick-off at LASERTRON

Around 140 people came to the annual Kick-off at Lasertron (20 more than last year!) for a night of laser tag, Cybersport, arcade, worship, friends and more. Best of all, we collected 91 food items desperately needed at the Resurrection Food Pantry. Thanks to all that came! See pictures from worship at Lasertron now at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org)!

## The CORE Team: ready to help your youth

Let us know if you or someone you know is interested in CORE 2010-11



The NFCLYO CORE Team is at it again, now in their seventh year of ministering to their peers and others they see a need in. They are a group of 15 senior-high leaders in our church ready and willing to witness their faith through Lutheran Charities temple talks at worship, help lead youth ministry activities (from devos and games to overnights to weekend retreats), and serve others in need.

Call (716) 465-1321 if you would like the CORE Team to visit your church for any of these things or we can design something

new...distance is not a problem!

In 9-11th grade?! If you are looking to be a part of this dynamic team next year (2010-11), contact Rick MG at [rick@nfclyo.org](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org). We'll be opening some of our activities to check out next May...give it some thought and prayer to see if you could make a difference with your faith in CORE!

## 2010 Event Dates

Be sure you mark your calendars for these great events in 2010! Info coming soon on all these events at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org):

### NFCLYO Winter Day Out: Sunday, January 31

The week before we see the Bills win the Super Bowl, join us at Colden Tubing Company (next to Kissing Bridge) for a great day of tubing, food and worship! This event has a capacity of 75 people...sign up early to get in!

### NFCLYO Volleyball Marathon: Friday-Saturday, March 19-20

Another great year for volleyball insanity! Volleyball tournament in church teams, with two trophies: one for the winning team on the court and another for raising the most money for LCLC! Plenty to do off the court as well!

## The NFCLYO goes Green

New initiative to be better stewards of God's creation



Becoming better stewards of God's creation is the drive behind the new GREENFCLYO program. Beginning at Harvest Bash at Harvest House, you will begin to see the changes we are making to better care for the gifts God has charged us with. From sustainable-material foodware (cups,

napkins, and soon plates and plasticware), to less use of petroleum-based plastics (goodbye water bottles!), to better paper use and wiser energy use, the NFCLYO is going green. Learn more at [www.nfclyo.org/green](http://www.nfclyo.org/green).

Have a great month and a Happy Thanksgiving...see you out there!

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