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Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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2010 NFCLYO Volleyball Marathon

March 19-20...get tickets by the 15th!



An overnight of volleyball insanity! Be sure your church group is there and has a team for this popular annual event. **The NFCLYO 2010 Volleyball Marathon is on Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 from 8 pm to 8 am at Daemen College in Amherst.** A volleyball tournament, worship, movies, games, food and more will be a part of it. Tickets are \$15 per person (same cost as 2009...adult chaperones are FREE!) and any and all donations you can gather. **Help make a difference and raise money for Lutheran Charities of WNY!** You may even go home with one of a whole pantheon of trophies...only some of which have to do directly with Volleyball!

This event is for grades 6-12. Go to the Volleyball Marathon page now at www.nfclyo.org to download the ticket order and registration forms, the player donation collection form, get more info and see last year's pictures. **The deadline for ordering tickets is extended to Monday, March 15...so start collecting money for Lutheran Charities, get your teams formed, start practicing, and be there for what promises to be another great event!!!**

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. (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.

This new registration process has been working well, and we're now at a point of the year where many of you don't need to worry about a registration form: because we've already got it!

NFCLYO North

New youth ministry program starting in Niagara-Orleans counties

With the leadership of Chris George as our NFCLYO youth ministry assistant for 2009-10, the NFCLYO is beginning a new youth ministry program to better meet the needs of churches the northern areas of our conference. All churches in the Niagara-Orleans County area are invited to join in!



This is an effort to connect youth in this area that otherwise may not be able to do so. If those up north can't make NFCLYO events (for whatever reason), then this is our effort to bring some of that ministry to you! We are in contact with churches in this area to invite you personally, but if we haven't contacted you yet, feel free to email info@nfclyo.org or call (716) 380-0330 or (716) 465-1321 and let us know you want in!

NFCLYO North team for Volleyball Marathon

Chris is organizing a team (maybe more?!) to field at this year's NFCLYO Volleyball Marathon! If you or your church in Niagara and Orleans counties are interested in getting onboard, call Chris by March 15!

NFCYMnet gatherings

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 gather on Thursday evening (tonight!), March 11 at 7:30 pm at the Panera Bread on North Buffalo Rd. in Orchard Park. In April we'll gather at the Panera Bread in Lockport on Saturday morning the 10th.

Can't make this one? We meet again each month...check out our schedule at www.nfclyo.org under Youth Workers.

NFCLYO Winter Day Out recap

77 people hit the tubing runs at Colden Tubing Company on January 31, and then brought it indoors for dinner and some great devotions. Best of all, we collected over \$137 for ELCA Disaster Relief and their efforts with earthquake recovery in Haiti! Thanks to all that came and those who made the day the fun it was.

Congrats Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Andrea LaBounty of Prince of Peace, Depew and Colleen Wiechec of Grace, North Tonawanda! They are the winners of \$1,000 scholarships from the St. John's Board Ed Kinkel Scholarship. They will be presented with their awards at a dinner in April.

LCLC News

Get on on the excitement at LCLC!

Spring is coming, and LCLC will soon be preparing for another fantastic summer camp season! Mark these dates down and get involved at a great place for outdoor faith and fun:



Spring Work Day: May 1

Help get camp ready for the summer! Please call ahead at (716) 386-4125 so camp best plan to use your help...remember any youth attending must have an adult chaperone.

"Come to the Water" Youth Day: June 5

Come get a taste of summer at camp and get a preview of the summer camp season to come!

2010 Summer Camp: June 27-August 13

Summer Camp is here! Many varied programs for grades 1-12!

Get more info at www.lclcelca.org or calling LCLC at (716) 386-4125.

NFCLYO Built Up to Build Up event

The event formerly known as the Pentecost Overnight goes to a new level

This year's NFCLYO Pentecost Overnight is going a step further...in fact many steps further. Join us on Friday night-Saturday, May 14-15, for what we are calling "Built Up to Build Up." We will have an overnight lock-in at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Downtown Buffalo, where there will be games, mixers, activities and a spirit-filled worship experience where we will discover how we are "Built Up" by the Holy Spirit. The next day, we take those many steps out into the community in service at various projects to "Build Up" our neighbor. Check back with www.nfclyo.org for more info coming soon!

**CORE Team for 2010-11?!**

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



Are you (or do you know any leaders in your church) currently in 9-11th grade?! Then the CORE Team - a dynamic group of leaders that gather their faith and talents to create real ministry for their peers and service to the disadvantaged - wants YOU! This year-long commitment trains youth leaders and gives them experiences to DO and BE their faith.

If you are looking to be a part of the CORE team next year, contact Rick MG at rick@nfclyo.org. We're opening our May meetings (May 11 & 25) for prospective peeps to check the CORE team out...give it some thought and prayer to see if you could make a difference with your faith in CORE! Find out more at www.nfclyo/core.

NOW BOOKING LUTHERAN CHARITIES TEMPLE TALKS!

If your church is looking for a temple talk connecting to Lutheran Charities, the NFCLYO CORE Team does that! Call Rick at (716) 465-1321 to arrange a date we can visit. Book soon...dates fill up fast!

2010 Northeast Region Youth Gathering

Been to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and want another experience like that this summer? Or just want to be a part of a larger youth gathering? The Northeast Region (New England, New York, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania) of the ELCA is having a Youth Gathering this summer, July 22-25 in the Philadelphia area! For those currently in grades 9-12, this event has bands, worship, activities and so much more! Find out more at www.youthgathering2010.org! And if your group is planning on going, let us know at info@nfclyo.org. If there is enough interest in our area we could look into coordinating transportation!



Summer & Fall 2010 Event Dates

We're already looking forward to this summer and fall, and have already set dates for events happening then! Be sure you mark your calendars and check back at www.nfclyo.org for more info coming soon:

Upstate New York Synod CONVO 2010: June 4-8

A unique and committed gathering of senior high youth from across Upstate New York at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester (parallel to Synod Assembly), this event gives youth an intense and amazing experience learning about their greater church through small groups, worship, activities, and much more! More info coming as soon as its available.

NFCLYO End-of-Summer Picinick!: August 22

A great way to send off summer: outdoors! Games, field activities, great food and great worship at the picnic shelter of St. Nicodemus Lutheran Church in Marilla.

NFCLYO 2010-11 Kick-off at Lasertron: Saturday morning, October 9 12:30-7:30 am

The popular overnight of Lasertron and other assorted games and fun returns at the same cost as 2009! Fun with friends old and new, devotions, did we say fun?!, and a can food drive as well.

NFCLYO 2010 Harvest Bash at Harvest House: November 19-20

This event was taken to a new level last year with the addition of Captive Free, the travelling rock band ministry group from Youth Encounter...and they will return this year! Great games, activities, food and more as well as we support Harvest House.

NFCLYO Event changes coming this fall

Just wanted to give you a preview of some exciting changes coming this fall with NFCLYO events:

First, one thing that will stay the same is the registration process. Registration forms that lasted for the year (once they were completed entirely, which we had some issue with but no biggie) will be back...meaning that once you turn in a completed form, you're good for the year. 2009-10 forms are good through August 31, after which we start with the new program year in September.

The other more exciting change is sibling discounts! We'll be introducing sibling discounts to our NFCLYO events. So, if you and your brother/sister both come to an event, one of you will get a 10% discount on that event, and each sibling beyond that gets 25% off each! An example using Lasertron: a sibling group of 3 would pay \$40, \$36 and \$30...saving \$14! Discount will be for brothers and sisters only. Of course, adult chaperones will be free where we can control that (exceptions are Lasertron players and Winter Day Out participants).

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

Apologies in getting this out so late...so here's a double-issue! Have a great month!

Rick Mollenkopf-Grill
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