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August 2023

Summers on the Island are the best – at least, I think so! It's a time for rest, enjoying the beauty of our region, and connecting more with our families. Many of our programs wind down or take a bit of a break through part of the summer as our staff take the opportunity to take their holidays while the school year is out. For them, it is a time of recharging and gaining vision for the upcoming school year.

Not so in July with our Nanaimo group. Their whole year builds towards putting on an incredible couple of weeks for youth. By running two different weeks of camp, we were able to see well over 100 young people come out, a significant number of which we've met during the year through our outreaches. At camp we are totally free to let them know that Jesus wants to be a part of their lives. This year, over 20 young people responded to the invitation to follow Christ and now we begin the process of discipling them in their relationship with the Lord. It's so exciting!!

My favorite story of the summer was meeting one 16 year old youth whose home life has been very chaotic and difficult. She had started coming to the breakfast programs we ran in the elementary schools, eventually joined our youth groups, came to our junior camp years ago and through it all found Jesus. Beautifully, when I met her this year, she was a leader at the Jr camp and was helping other kids come to know Christ. The fruit of our staff's long-term view of evangelism and discipleship and Jesus' never-ending plan was on full display in her life this summer!

Lindsay Hodges, Executive Director

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual fundraiser golf tournament is coming up soon and we would love for you to join us! Come out and enjoy a round of golf, a great meal, contests and prizes while helping support our efforts to reach youth in the region.

Here are the details:

Olympic View Golf Course
Friday Sept 15th 1:00pm, Dinner to follow
\$225/golfer, \$900/foursome



This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps tremendously in supporting the staff's outreach to youth. Registration closes September 8th, so register now!

If you have a company or know of someone who does, we would love to give them some great exposure while supporting YFC through hole sponsorship. Information & registration can be found at www.yfcvictoria.com/golf

YFC NANAIMO - ADVENTURE CAMP 2023

This Summer the theme of the camp was "Live the Dream". We shared the gospel through the story of Joseph at the Junior camp, and the story of Esther at the senior camp, and we saw God's glory revealed in many different ways. Here are a few of the stories:



Teaching How to Pray:

Many of the kids that attended Junior Camp have never heard about God before, or are new to the general idea of having a relationship with Him. That was the case for one young boy who spoke up one day at camp. "Who would like to pray for lunch today?", we asked. "I will! If I get tuck bucks! But I've never prayed before... Well actually that's not true, I did pray for the first time at home last night, but I don't know how to pray", the young boy said. That moment was the start of two things - a conversation about how we can talk to God through prayer, and the beginning of that young boy's relationship with Christ in a way that he was able to communicate with the Holy Spirit not only at camp, but on his own free time at home as well. Praise the Lord!



God's Glory Impacting Adventure Camp Parents:

Senior camp was full, but as usual some spots opened up at the last minute making it possible for us to bring a couple of extras. A mother of a teen had pleaded for us to let her boy come. She had lost her husband a while earlier to a car accident with her two surviving teens in the back of the car. Amazing kids, but angry with God. I was unaware of the whole situation but God was. Her boy came to camp and had a wonderful time. This was apparently the first time he had enjoyed an event since his father was killed. He testified to his mom that even the messages about God were amazing. She was so thankful that she came to church and shared her joy!



Leadership Skills Fostered:

A week before Adventure Camp started, I met with one of my volunteers. She had been a volunteer for camp in the past, and I have placed her as a group leader or assistant in all the previous camps. As we spoke it did not occur to her that she has leadership qualities. She has a slight speech impediment and this inhibits her from seeing her potential as a leader. As we spoke, I told her the reason I have consecutively placed her as a leader is because I am confident that she can do the job well. She



paused and as she wrestled with what she thought of herself and what I thought of her, she turned and asked me "Do you really think I am capable of being a leader?" With an unwavering confidence I answered "Yes!" Immediately she smiled and it was like a new wave of confidence took over her face. She finally believed that her speech impediment did not have to impede her potential to become a leader, and I highlighted other ways she can lead others in her day-to-day life. She came to camp with a confidence that allowed her to connect with her group of kids in a wonderful way. Camp is not just for the youth, it is for the volunteers too!



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