

Hello Friends!

Here is the latest in terms of our preparation for National Youth Event 2008. As always, if you have questions, let me know!

Peace,
Josh

PSEC Planning and Prep

CLUSTERS

Thanks to all who have attended and offered their input. We had another good cluster yesterday in Philly. If you haven't attended one yet, your next chance is *Saturday, April 12th at St. John's in Lansdale*. I'm guessing that we'll have at least one more after that.

PRE-NYE GATHERINGS at the 3 PICK UP SPOTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As you know, 3 churches are hosting our Pre-NYE gathering on Wed, July 23. We will load the buses from those respective churches. If you are interested in helping with the gatherings (i.e. worship, hospitality, games, etc.) please let me know. We will be scheduling planning meetings shortly at each church.

ADULT CHAPERONES/MENTORS

Thank you for responding (some of you, anyway) with the best dates/times to have all the adults gather to discuss roles/expectations for NYE.

I will be letting you know soon about when these gatherings (2-3 of them) will be held, and where.

POSSIBLE PRE-NYE PICNIC

Unfortunately, with all that is going on, it seems that we may not be able to have a gathering of everybody before NYE. I certainly have too much on my plate to coordinate something of this magnitude, although it sounds really cool. I'm still open to helping, if I can get some assistance from those of you who are excited about doing it. Anyone?

SCHOLARSHIPS

I have received a number of scholarship applications for NYE. Because funding is limited, I ask that **ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 30th**. This is the early bird deadline for NYE pre-registration. *Let me know if this is a problem or if you have questions.*

The process for reviewing the requests are as follows:

- I review the application
- I call the church pastor or youth leader
- We discuss the financial needs of that individual and their commitment to sharing their experience when they return
- Scholarship monies are forwarded from the PSEC to the local church to help fund that participant's trip (1/3 of cost, approx. \$167)

BUS TRANSPORTATION (Registration Deadline: June 1)

Please don't drive by yourself to NYE unless you absolutely have to! The buses are there so our Conference can fellowship on our way down to TN and when we return. If cost is an issue, please discuss this with me before deciding to go on your own. Remember, this IS an event to appreciate the wider church, and that includes our Conference. So consider the PSEC buses as your best option. We'll miss you if you don't join us!

QUESTIONS

You know where to find me. I'm headed to Cleveland soon for our National NYE committee team. If you have questions you'd like me to ask, please send them to me as soon as you can.

T-SHIRT COMPETITION

Check this out:

The UCC Cornerstone Fund is sponsoring the T-shirts for NYE 2008 but we want UCC youth to decide what goes on the back! Write a slogan or a bit of haiku. Choose a quote from a famous person or a verse from the Bible. String together a list of verbs or pose a question. For inspiration, start with the theme for NYE 2008 ? *Living the Life: Living Green, Living Peace, Living Love*. Or consider the Cornerstone Fund's tagline: *Investing from the heart. Building for the future*. Then let your imagination soar. The possibilities are limited only by your creativity. Just remember to keep it appropriate to NYE 2008, and keep it tasteful. Send your entry (or entries!) to nye2008tshirtcontest@gmail.com (one entry per email; no attachments or images, please). Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, age and church name. One winner will receive a free registration for NYE 2008 (or reimbursement if you've already paid) and \$100 toward travel costs ? plus the thrill of seeing their idea printed on the back of thousands of T-shirts! Deadline: April 15. Enter often! Enter today!
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"All things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28