

# FIRST PLYMOUTH YOUTH NEWS

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The thing that I can't get used to about Colorado is that there's hardly any fall or spring. There's a long, mostly hot summer, and a long, mostly cold winter, but it seems like there's not much in between. Where I'm from, we're used to three months of spring and fall, at least. Here, it's sometimes a week or two.

All that is to say that it's time to be ready for summer! There's LOTS to do this summer. We'll do our all-day youth events again, (dates TBA). Karen will be asking for your help with Vacation Bible School. The High School youth will be going back to New Orleans. Everyone's invited to Community Camp, and there are conference summer camps at La Foret for every age group. If you're looking for volunteer hours for school, the summer is a great time to earn them. The church office is always in need of volunteers to help answer the phones and do other basic office work. Why not put those long summer days to good use?

Before summer gets here, though, we have lots more to do! Check the back side of this newsletter for a calendar of youth events for the spring, including special events like Confirmation Sunday, the Senior Banquet, and conference retreats at La Foret. And don't forget to come to youth group!

So start getting ready for summer! And I'll see you Sunday!

Eric.

## SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

New revised deadlines for the Senior High Mission Trip to New Orleans:

March 15th: Parent/Youth meeting  
March 15th: First payment of \$100 due  
April 26th: Second payment of \$100 due  
May 31st: Final payment of \$100 due

Please note above that there will be a parent/youth meeting for those planning to go on the Senior High Mission Trip immediately following the 11:11 service (at about 12:20) in the Loft. This meeting is highly recommended for anyone planning to go on the mission trip.

## CAMPS AND RETREATS

**March 20-22**

*Conference Middle School Retreat at La Foret*

**April 17-19**

*Conference High School Retreat at La Foret*

**July 19-25**

*First Plymouth Community Camp*

## FUNDRAISING

Attention youth and parents: First, thanks to all who have helped with our fundraising so far this year. We've done a great job!

We're thinking of making the childcare fundraiser that we did on Valentine's Day a monthly occurrence. To do that, we need a couple of parents and a bunch of youth to commit to specific dates. Parents: if you're interested in helping anchor one of these fundraisers, please let Eric know!

## REMINDERS

—There are still some 2008-2009 Youth Group hoodie sweat-shirts available! These are available to youth for a suggested \$15 donation (don't sweat it if you don't have it), or to parents and other church folk for a \$20 donation. We currently have all sizes, but the smaller ones are going fast!

—Invite your friends to youth group!

—Seniors and families: Don't forget that May 17th is our Senior Banquet! Your job: to find one person to speak on your behalf (could be a coach, teacher, minister, parents, etc) and to send me lots of baby photos of you!

## THANK YOU!

**The First Plymouth youth program takes hard work from many different people! Here is a list (incomplete, of course!) of those who have lent a hand recently:**

- Thanks to all the parents who have prepared dinner for the youth groups in February!
- Thanks to the youth mentors who have helped with youth group so far this year: Dave Kroll, Brian Eley, Ben Westlund, Greg Verzosa, and Julie Bennett!
- Thanks to the parents who are helping with our fundraising efforts, *especially* those who have taken on a leadership role! Your help is invaluable!

## CALENDAR

### Stuff coming up you won't want to miss.

- March 1** Youth Group: Normal
- March 8** Bowling (after the 11:11 service until 3:30)  
Youth Group: Normal
- March 15** Youth Group: Normal
- March 20-22** Conference Middle School Retreat at La Foret
- March 22** Youth Group: Normal
- March 29** Youth Group: Normal

### Other special events on the horizon...

- April 12** No Youth Group (Easter)
- April 17-19** Conference High School Retreat at La Foret
- May 10** No Youth Group (Mothers' Day)
- May 17** Youth Group: Senior Banquet
- May 24** No Youth Group: Memorial Day
- May 31** Youth Group: Closing Youth Group  
Confirmation Sunday
- June 6** All Church Talent Show