

FIRST PLYMOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

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One of the things we're called to do is to lend our time, our talents, our resources, and our elbow grease to making this world a better place. You've heard about the High School summer mission trip to New Orleans, but here are a couple of other opportunities for you to consider:

The Middle School mission trip will be at La Foret November 6-8. We'll be doing work projects for La Foret during the day, and hanging out and playing games at night. The cost for this trip will be \$60 per person, and the deadline for registering will be sometime in early October. This is definitely the kind of thing you can invite friends to, so if you have someone you'd like to invite, let them know now, so they can plan ahead!

The other opportunity is something new for this summer: a joint mini-mission trip, with both High School and Middle School youth! It's good to have our separate trips, but it's also great to be together as a big group. To that end, we'll be traveling to Telluride and the newly-designated Keystone Gorge park to do trail work with Volunteer Outdoor Colorado. We'll depart on Friday June 26 after VBS finishes, and return on Tuesday June 30. We'll work on trail construction and maintenance Friday through Sunday, and then spend a couple of days camping, whitewater rafting, and hiking. The cost of the trip will be \$75, and RSVPs will be due in early June. Stay tuned!

In addition to these opportunities, I invite you to always be thinking of ways to make a difference in the world around you!

See you Sunday,

Eric

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

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

May 31: Final payment of \$100 due
July 5: Depart for New Orleans!

High Schoolers going on the mission trip: don't forget your fundraising obligations! Every participant needs to sign up for two Sunday morning shifts selling stock in our trip!

You can also ask friends and family if they would like to support our trip by purchasing stock. Stock is available in \$25 or \$100 denominations. Check your email for a template letter.

CAMPS AND RETREATS

May 15-17

*Rescheduled Conference High School Retreat at
La Foret*

July 19-25

First Plymouth Community Camp

July 26-August 1

MADD 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 sweatshirts 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 17 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 April!
- 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

May 3	Youth Group (normal)
May 10	No Youth Group (Mothers' Day)
May 17	Youth Group: Senior Banquet
May 24	No Youth Group: Memorial Day Bowling in the afternoon (times TBA via email)
May 31	Youth Group: Closing Youth Group Confirmation Sunday
June 6	All Church Talent Show
June 22-26:	Vacation Bible School Youth Volunteers Needed!
June 26-30:	Mission and Camping Trip to Keystone Gorge in Telluride
July 5-16:	High School Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA
July 18:	High School Mission Trip Stockholders' Reception
July 19-25:	First Plymouth Community Camp at La Foret
July 26-August 1:	MADD Camp at La Foret