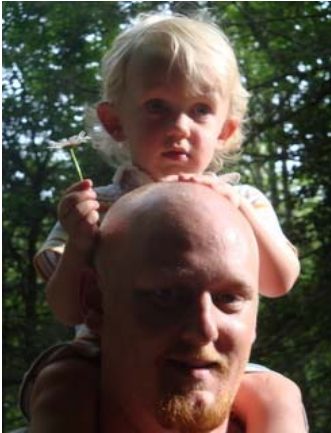


FIRST PLYMOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

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The Results Are In

On the first night of Youth Group on August 16, I gave parents and youth a survey. On it were a couple dozen ideas for things we could do at Youth Group, from the very silly to the very serious. Here are some of the unscientific results:

- With a few exceptions, nearly every question had someone who strongly agreed and someone who strongly disagreed.
- There is an overwhelming response against the idea of going to a Christian concert.
- Both youth and parents enthusiastically support Denver-area professional sports.
- Dave Kroll really, really doesn't want to do a sing-along.
- Parents generally want their youth to be more involved in theological discussions,

worship and chapel times, and Bible study. Youth generally were not so big on these things.

- Ansel really just wants to have fun bonding times.
- A lot of people are actually kind of tired of Ultimate Frisbee, and would like to play some other outdoors games instead. Duly noted.
- People were generally open to a message/talk coming from me, so maybe we'll try that sometime to see how it works in practice.
- I think a coffeehouse/open mic night is in our future.
- We'll try to separate middle and high school youth as often as the program suits it and we have enough mentors to pull it off.

All in all, there were lots of passionate responses. I'll try to incorporate the results as we start the new year of Youth Group. It's gonna be great!!

See you Sunday!

Eric.

ROCKIES GAME 9/27!

On September 27 we will travel to Coors Field to see the Rockies take on the St. Louis Cardinals. We have lower outfield seats (2nd-4th rows in section 301).

The game starts at 1:10 p.m., so we'll depart First Plymouth at noon. Bring enough money to eat lunch at the Field. Tickets are paid for by the Youth Fund.



SPIRITLIFE RETREAT

Are you looking for something deeper?

The weekend of December 4 - 6 we'll travel to La Foret for the SpiritLife Retreat, a First Plymouth retreat focused on developing a spiritual and devotional life. We'll focus on spiritual practices like silent and walking meditations, various forms of prayer, lectio divina, and more.

The cost of this retreat will be \$30 per person. More details about timetables for registering will be available in October's newsletter!

FUNDRAISING

A major fundraiser for 2009-2010 will be the Kids' Night Out events, held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We need two sets of parents and at least 5 - 10 youth to come each time. Here's who's signed up so far. A "TBA" means we still need parents for that date.

September 19: Angelo, TBA

October 17: Stubbs, Adams, Conner

November 21: Ray, TBA

December 19: TBA, TBA

January 23: Haskins, Depper

February 20: Weaver, TBA

March 20: TBA, TBA

April 17: TBA, TBA

May 15: TBA, TBA

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

We're having a contest to see who can invite the most friends to Youth Group this year! The rules:

- A "visitor" is someone who attended Youth Group 5 or fewer times last year, whether they are a member of the church or not.
- 1 point per visitor, each time they visit. If your friend comes 25 times, you get 25 points.
- There's no limit to how many friends you can get credit for per week.
- Only one person can get credit for each visitor.

The prizes will be awarded in May 2010. They are:

- Grand Prize: 16GB iPod Nano or equivalent gift certificate.
- Anyone with 5 points or more will get to go out for a special reward dinner.

CALENDAR

- September 6:** Mission Trip Sunday; No Youth Group (Labor Day)
- September 13:** Picnic in the afternoon; Youth Group normal
- September 19:** Kids' Night Out
- September 25-27:** Conference Middle School Fall Retreat at La Foret
- September 27:** Rockies game
- October 16-18:** Conference High School Fall Retreat at La Foret
- October 17:** Kids' Night Out
- November 6-8:** Middle School Mission Trip at La Foret
- December 4-6:** SpiritLife Retreat

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