

Summer Fun Events

Teen Center Saturdays
(6:30-10:00pm)

Adventure Programs in Jefferson
July 31-Aug. 3 (Girls)
Aug. 7-10 (Boys)

Adventure Programs in Laurens
Aug. 17-20 (Boys)
Aug. 21-24(Girls)

Bike Trip Aug. 1-6

Christian Skate Aug.14

Spaghetti Dinner- Aug. 28
First Baptist Church-Walton 6:00pm

*Remember your signed permission slips!



July 2017 Newsletter



Show Team Update

Youth for Christ's Show Team is having a great season with many teens showing interest in the program at our property in Laurens. There were so many teens attending on our usual meeting day, Fridays, that I decided to provide a second day to meet. The team was divided up and Tuesday was selected as our additional meeting night. During the meetings kids learn how much responsibility is required to care for a horse. The participants are taught how to clean stalls and groom the horses. They also are instructed in the correct way to provide water for the horses, how to feed them and what type of food is required to keep the horses healthy and strong. The list goes on and on and we try to teach the participants as much as possible about the horses. The teens are eventually matched up and assigned to a horse that they can work with each time that they come to practice.

Eventually, each teen will have an opportunity to participate in a local horse show. As you can see from the picture on the back of this newsletter we have had some members of the Show Team that were successful in competition during a recent show.

In addition to learning about horses and riding, we also stress the importance of working hard and being part of a team. Time is also set aside so that a Bible lesson can be provided and it usually takes place right in the barn. Please pray for staff and volunteers as these teens are being taught about one of God's beautiful creations: the horse. Please also pray we will continue to have interest and excitement for our Show Team program.

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Praises!

For new volunteers.

Show Team very active.

Kids that have gone to horse shows have had very positive experiences.

Otego and Unadilla Yard Sales were very successful.

Chicken BBQ and Car Wash were also successful.

Prayer Requests

Safety for the Bike Trip and the remaining equine programs.

For hearts to be open to hear God speaking to each attendee on the Bike Trip and at the Adventure Programs.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Kristian Berggren,
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager

Show Team Member Dakota with Ribbons Riding Althea



The show team is a “team”. So an important part of being on a team is helping each other. Below-Maddie came to her first show as a groom and is cleaning Martha’s boots before her class competition.



Adventure Program Update

We did it! The first Adventure Program of the year took place for 4 days, June 29-July 2 at Davidson's in Laurens. Each week we challenge the kids with team building elements, horseback riding, and minimalistic living. New to camp this year was a day that included canoeing and boating. During the program we also presented Bible-based teachings that hopefully would be meaningful to the teens attending. This Adventure Program was the third year for the same group of boys and every aspect of the program was really amped up. It was great to see the kids grow and start to discover who they will become as men.

There are many other Adventure Programs that will be taking place during the remainder of the summer. I will be leading another boy's camp in Laurens for four days August 17-20. Please pray for safety for the teens that will be attending. Pray also that each one would be able to meet challenges that come daily. I also hope that each participant would take away aspects of the Bible lessons that they can apply to their lives and develop an understanding of what having a relationship with the Lord really means.

Kristian Berggren
Ministry Staff

