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## In The Whisper Summer 2009

Our cabin (see photos) will be in full swing in just a few days and we will be having overnights with young people. The main use of the cabin is intended for 5-6 young people and two adult leaders for a 24 hour adventure. We will cook, eat, and hang out together in the cabin talking and playing games. We will also spend time discovering the 106 acres of the In the Whisper property and participating in group-building challenges like our team climbing wall, fishing, or canoeing. The highlight of each overnight is the time spent one-on-one around the campfire with each student. While the others are playing cabin dodge ball, each student takes time with a leader around the campfire talking about their life and being introduced to a personal relationship with Jesus.



This summer we are also working out the bugs on a new program based on the popular TV show “Survivor”. We are basing it on the Ten Commandments and using competitions to award prizes and special treats. We start out similar to the show and give away an “immunity idol” but will quickly share how the Bible teaches we should have no idols before God. This theme carries throughout the weekend, and young people will learn how God provided for His people and for them. Please pray for this program as we work out the details that end with each person having a chance to be voted into the Kingdom of Heaven not based on what they did in the challenges but what Jesus did. We are hoping to put on many of these evangelistic weekends next year, if these test weekends work out as planned.



The In the Whisper property is also available to other groups and churches. We have several groups who are planning an outing this summer of various lengths and activities. Call the YFC office if your group is interested in getting into the wilderness and hearing God whisper to them.

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# School's Out for the Summer

School's out for summer  
 School's out forever  
 School's been blown to pieces

No more pencils  
 No more books  
 No more teacher's dirty looks

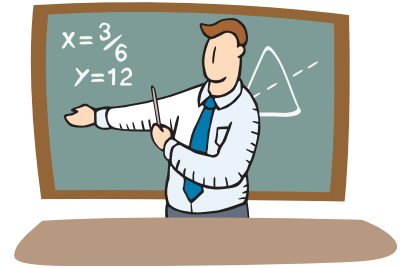
No more pencils  
 No more books  
 No more teacher's dirty looks

Out for summer  
 Out till fall  
 We might not go back at all

Well we got no class  
 And we got no principles  
 And we got no innocence  
 We can't even think of a word that rhymes

School's out forever  
 School's out for summer  
 School's out with fever  
 School's out completely

School's out for summer  
 School's out forever  
 School's been blown to pieces



The above lyrics are from an old Alice Cooper song that seems to be making its way to many I-Pods this time of year. All across Northern Ohio, schools are letting out for summer vacation. Some teenagers will get summer jobs, travel with families, play sports, hang out with friends, some will take summer courses, some will get ready for college, some will get a tan, and some will make poor choices that will affect them for years to come.

Summer is a key part of the ministry at YFC. We have been providing summer trips and events for young people for many years. This year's plans include the following:

**Middle School Camp** We have 7 young people traveling to Indiana for a weeklong camp where they will have great fun and be presented with an opportunity to open their hearts to Jesus and begin a relationship with Him.

**Small group for young men: Walking into manhood** This is a 6 week small group that will be meeting at the cabin on Saturday nights with high school boys where we will discuss some of the characteristics of "Being a Man", participate in group-building and leadership training, and take long walks in the woods at night to talk with God and overcome some fears. This time will even include an extended time alone in the middle of the night. We are looking forward to this being a blessed time with guest speakers, "Guy Food", and a fresh look at how God made men.

**One-on-One Mentoring** We have matched up several young people with adult mentors, and they will be meeting and discovering life together over the summer. These have turned out to be valuable times in the lives of young people.

**Rafting Trip** The Adventure of rushing water and the satisfaction of beating the river have been a key part of our summer ministry here for years. This summer some teens will be experiencing those feelings again as they get away with some adult leaders and spend time in God's creation and learn about His plan for their lives.

Also, there will be work camps, summer sports camps, small groups for young ladies, cabin overnights, Cedar Point trips, and we still have some regular weekly ministries that continue to meet. The Garage Skateboard outreach ministry in Wadsworth will meet weekly until July, and then take a little break. The Sandusky County Detention Center Outreach will still meet 3 times a week with young people.

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