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AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER







Executive Officers Comment

Unbelievably good times were had by all at CYC these winter holidays and here in our newsletter we hope you catch something of the fun and fervour.



We wont tell you about the lumpy mattresses; or the showers that either froze you or boiled you; or the kids whose fingers and toes looked like raisins after each canoe activity.

No, we want you to come to our fellowship day on Saturday 27 August to hear first hand from our Camp Directors. Hear how in practical ways these camps have been a positive investment into young lives that are actually making a lasting, life changing difference to kids and their homes!

Please don't stop your support or stop from responding to these newsletters because in a practical Christian way you're helping make our region a healthier and happier place for kids.



Don't miss out hearing how these camps often make a life changing difference in the lives of our young folk, see you Saturday week.

Gods blessings

Grant Bullin

Camping Coordinators Blurb

It seems almost implausible that we are now in the month of August. Autumn and Winter camps have been and gone and now we are heading towards spring camps really fast. Lots of campers and leaders have participated in a great camping program. A good number of children informed leaders they wanted to become Christians.

The **Boys Mountain Bike Camp** in April had 15 boys and lots of exciting mountain bike riding around the local district.

The **Girls Pony Camp** in April had 18 keen riders and great weather for pony riding and pony club type activities.

The **Boys Hunting Camp** in April had 12 hunters and the boys enjoyed lots of wild game and some of the boys even shot 3 deer. This camp continues to be an incredibly popular camp.



Due to a lack of snow early in July our **Snow Camp** needed to be cancelled but we are hoping to run the camp next year.

The **Boys Winter camp** was full with 40 boys and a great theme of Survivor led to many excellent activities during the week.



The **Girls Art Camp** had 15 girls and was completely 'choka' full of arts and crafts based around an undersea theme during the week.

The **Girls Winter Camp** had a really disjointed start due to the large dump of snow on the Monday. Eventually 22 girls made it to camp and enjoyed the rest of the week sledding and playing in the snow. Some of the girls went home exclaiming it was the 'best camp ever!', which just goes to show that all things really do work out for the glory of God.



The **Boys Farm Camp** started a day later and 8 rugged boys spent a freezing week at Alf's farm doing all sorts of activities. The boys really enjoyed themselves and as usual came home smelling like the possums they were trapping much to their delight.

Thanks must be given to the countless hours that those volunteers at our kids camps give up. As we look into the future and plan our camps for next year, we worry that we will not find enough leaders, speakers and cooks, as volunteers seem few on the ground for our ever increasingly popular camps. Please pray as we seek to find new leadership for our camps into the future and give thanks that God has been faithful to provide many hard working volunteers in the past to meet the camps needs.

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few." Matthew 9:37b

Tim Wiel



Prayer Update

• Please pray for the upcoming October camps – that we may have good numbers and staff available.

- Please pray for the camping committee as they plan for next years camps and start putting our new calendar together.
- Please pray for directors for our camps in 2012 as we start approaching people.

If you would like to receive regular prayer updates via email – please email <u>info@cycwaihola.org.nz</u> to be put on the list.

News in Brief

• CYC is currently raising funds to buy 14 sets of paint-ball gear for the creation of a new activity here at the camp. If you are interested in donating towards this please contact the CYC office.

• We have been donated a new Horse Tack Shed that we hope to erect in the next few weeks that will be a great asset to the horse ministry at CYC.

August Fellowship Day

The August Fellowship day is nearly here – join us on the 27th August starting at 10am for a time of teaching, fellowship and fun.

Bring your family and let the kids try out the CYC activities after lunch as we train some of our staff in there use.

August 2011 Fellowship Day

10.00am	Camping Report
	Various camp directors will give their report on the camps over the last 6 months.
10.45am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Bible Talk
	Speaker: Alf Bradfield
12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch
1.30pm	Sale of Books from Book-room CYC Flying Fox Activity CYC staff will be available for training during this time.
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea

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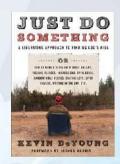
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Book Review



Just Do Something: How to Make a Decision Without Dreams, Visions, Fleeces, Open Doors, Random Bible Verses, Casting Lots, Liver Shivers, Writing in the Sky, etc.

Hyper-spiritual approaches to finding God's will don't work. It's time to try something new: Give up.

Pastor and author Kevin DeYoung counsels Christians to settle down, make choices, and do the hard work of seeing those choices through. Too often, he writes. God's people tinker around with churches. jobs, and relationships. worrying that they haven't found God's perfect will for their lives. Or-even worse-they do absolutely nothing, stuck a frustrated state of paralyzed in indecision, waiting . . . waiting . . . waiting for clear, direct, unmistakable direction

But God doesn't need to tell us what to do at each fork in the road. He's already revealed his plan for our lives: to love him with our whole hearts, to obey His Word, and after that, to do what we like.

No need for hocus-pocus. No reason to be directionally challenged. Just do something.

Buy this book on our website through Amazon.com and support CYC even more.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

Psalm 24:1-3