

2012 Convention Report of the Youth Committee

The Youth Ministry Board's sole purpose currently is to organize and implement summer camps for high school, 7th & 8th grade, and 5th & 6th grade youth. The Youth Board was also responsible for a fall and winter weekend youth retreat that was held in Bozeman in previous years, but has not been conducted recently because numbers were too low. It has been suggested that this weekend retreat be revived. However, for this to be successful, significant assistance from all congregations is needed to encourage youth and chaperones to attend.

Since taking over as the Director of the Youth Ministry Board, I have seen our summer camp numbers increase from the summer of 2010 to the summer of 2011. In the summer of 2010, we had 67 campers, and in 2011, we had 81 campers. We hope to continue to see those numbers increase each year. With additional funding in the 2012 budget to assist campers who would otherwise not be able to attend, we should see some improved numbers as well. The camp is run entirely by volunteers, including many great cooks, pastors, and college and high school-aged counselors.

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