

North American Division

Youth Ministries Update October 2004

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A. MESSAGE FROM JB

I recently attended the Canadian Youth Summit in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I am so proud of the Youth Directors in Canada. In the last four years they have come together in a way that has dramatically changed the face of youth ministries in every conference in the SDACC.

The spirit during the summit was evident that the enthusiasm has carried over into the lives of the youth and young adults. These young people were so ready to be used by God. The workshops were all about getting them connected to the mission of the church.

Two things that impressed me the most: first, my seminar, "Seeing Youth Through The Eyes of Jesus" was attended by all the conference presidents. Youth directors were responsible for encouraging their presidents to attend the summit for the entire time. These presidents now have a perspective in youth ministries that will definitely impact their local fields. It was the first time I have ever had multiple conference presidents in a youth ministry training seminar.

The second thing was the Sabbath community service. The youth flooded the city with mission service. I visited several sites. There was a children's program at one of the housing projects. When I arrived, all you could see were children, children, and more children. We also had some cute little kittens show up. When everything was over, I saw several children crying because they did not want the youth to leave. It was amazing!!! The tears of the children tell it all. Something is working right in Canada!!!

B. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT!

Here's where I've been:

June 2004

- Southwest Region Campmeeting – Athens, TX. I was invited back to my old stumping ground to celebrate the grand opening of an awesome \$1.5 million Youth Center at Lone Star Camp.
- Greater New York Academy Graduation Speaker – Brooklyn, New York
- Allegheny East Pathfinder Fair – Pine Forge, PA. Invited guest came from GC, Pennsylvania Conf. and Florida. Awesome displays representing Faith on Fire.

July

- Jacksonville, Florida – Convention Site Visit for 2006 NAD YPAC Leadership Convention.
- Atlantic Union Host – Young Adventist Haitians in America (YAHA) Youth Convention. Panel participant Q&A.
- British Columbia Campmeeting – Speakers for Young Adults
- Filipino Capitol Church – Takoma, MD. Youth Day Speaker
- NAD Prison Ministries Convention Banquet Speaker – Alexandria, VA.

August

- NAD Intern. Pathfinder Camporee – Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Awesome experience for our kids. Over 300 baptisms.

September

- Canadian Youth Summit – Winnipeg, Manitoba
- NAD Ministries Directors Retreat – St. Michaels, MD

C. 2004 NAD FOF Camporee Reflections

On the opening night of the camporee my first responsibility as the NAD Pathfinder Director was to welcome everyone. When I stood on the stage and looked into the audience, all I could say was “AWESOME and WOW”!!! It was great seeing the pathfinder family together. Ron Whitehead, Rob Lang, Ron Stretter, Craig & Eddie Hienrich, Terry Dodge, D. M. Jones, and all their down-line staff did a wonderful job helping to organize and coordinate this event. I also thank Don Schneider and his administration for keeping a division camporee on the NAD agenda in support of Pathfinder Ministries.

Although there was more than enough to do during the camporee, the greatest impact was the spirituality. Evidently, the Joseph story hit home for a lot of kids. I have received dozens of emails from parents sharing their thanksgivings to God for what has happened to their child. This has been an answer to my prayers, because we wanted this to be more than just another event. We wanted this to be a life changing experience, and praise God, lives were changed.

We were also blessed by the presence of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. To see the family of pathfinders with all our differences and uniqueness worshipping in one

place was a testimony to the gospel having gone around the world. Hearing the prayers in different languages just added something special.

Again, we thank everyone from the parents to Jesus for helping to ensure the success of our division camporee.

D. 2009 NAD Invitational Pathfinder Camporee – WHEN & WHERE?

Plans for our next division camporee are already underway. I went to Andrews University last week to begin contract discussions for 2009. Two dates are being considered for 2009. Also, in 2003, a site selection task force was chosen by the NAD Pathfinder Committee. This group is responsible for making site recommendations following a review of several possible sites. Please send your suggestions to my office ASAP. Stay tuned for a press release at the appropriate time.

E. NADYM Web Site Updates

We have some major new components at www.adventistyouthministries.org. We are excited about the following: My weekly “**BLOG**”, a first time “**DISCUSSION BOARD**” (please respect the rules for discussion). Also, for the next 17 weeks we are featuring “**REALITY YOUTH**”, this new feature introduces everyone to the 2004 Distinguish Youth Ministries Award recipients. The site is updated every Wednesday.

F. www.AdventSource.org New Web Site

Have you seen this site lately? It’s at another level. Go Brad!

G. 2005 NAD Adventurer Leadership Convention

On February 24-27, over 800 Adventurer Leaders are expected to attend the 2005 NAD Adventurer Leadership Convention in Portland, Oregon. Visit www.adventistyouthministries.org or www.adventure-club.org for more information.

H. IMPACT St. Louis 2005

During the 2005 General Conference Session hundreds of senior youth and young adults will participate as delegates with IMPACT St. Louis 2005. This training initiative will take place at the University of St. Louis. This is a ten day initiative. Space is limited. NAD is allowed 10 delegates per union. For Internationals, each division is allowed 10 delegates. If space is available after January 31, 2005, general delegates from NAD and other divisions will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. The application and promotional flier will be downloadable from our website. Stay tune for registration details coming to a mailbox near you!

I. Pathfinder IMPACT St. Louis 2005

As a result of pathfinders clubs around NAD expressing interest in providing community ministry support during the General Conference Session, plans are underway for Pathfinder IMPACT 2005 in St. Louis. Stay tune for registration details coming very soon.

J. 2004 Reading Book Lists

For the first time all 2004 Readings Lists are accessible via web sites. The Senior/Junior Youth, Pathfinder, and Adventurer Book Lists are located and www.adventistbookcenter.com. All YPAC web sites will have the same link. Enjoy!!!

K. Youth Pastors DVD Project

Adventist Communication Network (ACN) is asking for our input as they begin the production of Youth Pastors Training DVD. Please send suggestions and comments to Paul Kim at paul.kim@nad.adventist.org or www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=32223634711

L. NAD Adventurer & Pathfinder Task Force Committees

The adventurer and pathfinder task forces are making tremendous progress. They welcome your input as we fine tune these ministries. Send suggestions and comments to the following chairpersons:

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M. FUTURE EVENTS REMINDER

- November 19-21, 2004 – Lake Region/NAD Leadership Convention
- December 1-4, 2004 – AACP Conv., Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
- December 5-8, 2004 – CCI Convention, Savannah, Georgia
- December 27-31, 2004 – South Pacific Division Youth Congress, Fiji
- January 7-13, 2005 - NAD Ministries Convention – Orlando, FL
- February 24-27, 2005 – NAD Adventurers Convention, Portland Oregon
- June 30-July 10, 2005 – IMPACT St. Louis 2005 (Youth & Young Adults)
- July 3-10, 2005 – NAD Pathfinder IMPACT St. Louis 2005

