

INVENT

THE NEWSLETTER OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

What we have been up to

Team YLD sure has been busy! The cold temperatures and less than desirable weather has not stopped us from getting out into our communities, and **servicing!**

Silver Grove visited St. Anne's Convalescent Home, where they spent time with the residents and presented them with handmade jewelry boxes. They plan to keep up these visits monthly. They have also been rewarded with visits to Town and Country, a UC women's basketball game, and served at Hosea House.

Dayton YLA recently spent one afternoon with youngsters from Care Bear Day Care, where they played games and enjoyed snack with the kids. The little ones as well as the YLA youth enjoyed the experience and look forward to being together again!

Dayton YLD has been the audience to various community leaders, and boy do they have some very inquisitive questions! This rambunctious group of girls have been focusing on their place in their community, and what they can do to make it a more enjoyable place to live.

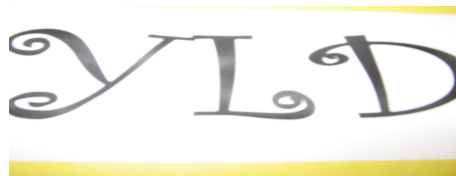
Newport YLA finished up their **Suitcases for Kids** project. On February 8th, over 30 suitcases were personally delivered by YLA to the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home. February 20, Newport YLA spent an afternoon with residents from Two Rivers Retirement Community. The youth and residents spent time getting to know one another and played numerous games of bingo. This was a very enjoyable event for all. We look forward to our visit next month.

Newport YLD is finishing up decision making, and are learning to be more fair and responsible! This group will be presenting a lesson about domestic violence at the Speaker Series meeting on Wednesday February 21st, and will be participating in the Taste of Africa culinary experience on Wednesday February 28th!



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Perfect Attendance

The following youth have not missed any group meetings for the months of January and February!

Robert Baldwin, Kayla Merila, Miranda Baldwin, Becky Monroe, Brittanee Burchfield, Natasha Tiemeyer, Cierra Wilson, Felicia Wilson, Taylor Brooks, Jasmine Mieggs, Jaleel Roberts, Kyle Bilby, Ciara Mobley, Maranda Jackson, Adrienne Barrett, Mary Vorheese!

A quote to note...

The healthy and strong individual is the one who asks for help when he needs it. Whether he's got an abscess on his knee or in his soul.

-Rona Barrett

Spring time Favorites

Spring time. The cool nights that follow warm days, the countless hours spent outside after being detained inside the house all winter long. Spring time is a great time to be active, and below, teens share their favorite springtime activities!

Reading		Swimming		Climbing Trees
	Playing Ball		Taking Walks	
Roller Blading		Bike Riding		Play at the Park
	Go Hiking		Being Outside	

With the change of each season comes memories; Old memories that we treasure, and new ones that we make. These memories give meaning to each season. Below, teens share those meanings!

What Spring means to ME!

Raymond from Silver Grove says that spring means warmer days and no ice or snow! Robert from Silver Grove has only two words— SPRING BREAK!

Maranda from Newport YLA made her meaning into an acrostic, with the first letter of each phrase spelling out the word Spring! **S**un, **P**eople enjoying the outdoors, **R**ain showers, **I**ce is gone, **N**ot much more school, **G**oing camping with family and friends!

Johnna from Newport YLD thinks of pretty, colorful flowers and warmer temperatures when she thinks of Spring!

Felicia from Dayton YLD associates many different images to spring: beautiful weather, egg hunts, flowers, rabbits and rain showers. She feels that it is the prettiest season of the year!

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Words to live by...

This is a new addition to the Invent. Youth within the groups are exposed to a variety of language strengthening vocabulary each week during their meetings. The youth are encouraged to put the definition of each vocabulary word into language that they understand, which encourages and gives them the ability to use it. Read below as Silver Grove YLD defines nonverbal.

The Spotlight shines on the Silver Grove YLD group, as they define nonverbal. As the group is working on communication, defining and understanding nonverbal is a must! Webster's dictionary defines nonverbal as "being other than verbal," or "involving minimal use of language." Together, the YLD group came up with a definition of nonverbal, and several examples! According to Silver Grove YLD, nonverbal is "no speaking, but still communicating." The examples given of ways to use nonverbal communication are: eye contact, silently mouthing words, body language, sign language, facial expressions, and written notes. BRAVO, Silver Grove!

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Spotlight on Youth...

The following youth have been selected by members of their group to be a representative for them. These youth are chosen based on their impact upon others their own age, as well as their ability to lead their group both in actions, and words!

Brandy Kelley

Mary thinks that Brandy is sweet and nice, which allows her to help many people. Ciara believes that Brandy is very, very dedicated to YLD, a very fun and positive person, and a good friend!

Newport YLA

Dae'Sean Samuels

Dae'Quan not only appreciates Dae'Sean's ability to come in and get to work, he thinks that he is a good drummer as well! Kyle believes that Dae'Sean is deserving, as he is respectful, nice, and a hard worker!

Newport YLD

Brandy Ramey

Jennie enjoys the fact that Brandy is not hypocritical, and that she stands up for what she believes. Courtney likes the fact that Brandy makes coming to group a priority, and does not miss meetings!

Dayton YLA

Taylor Bickers

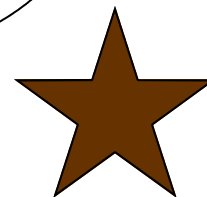
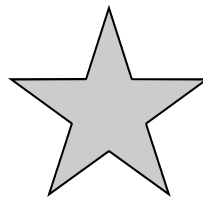
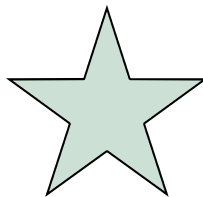
Alexis cannot say enough nice things about Taylor. She feels that Taylor is a kind, responsible and respectful girl that likes to laugh and have a good time! Amber agrees, noting that Taylor is also helpful!

Dayton YLD

Becky Monroe

Tabitha believes that Becky is deserving, as she gives her best and follows directions. Jessie agrees, saying that Becky works hard, is intelligent and sweet. Also, Becky puts a lot of effort into all that she does!

Silver Grove YLD



Tear-Off

You know what to do here... just tear off this section, answer the question, and bring it back in to your group leader. Everyone who turns theirs in will have a chance to win a special prize! You won't want to miss out! Be sure to let us know how you stay active!

How do you stay active?

Are you a runner? Do you love to play basketball? Do you have an unusual hobby that gives you plenty of exercise? If so, let us know what you do to stay active, and healthy during the Spring!

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Introducing your Above and Beyond Youth!

Spring Break Plans

Spring Break is a great time for relaxation and rejuvenation! Here, the youth describe their plans for Spring Break, whether in their own back yard, or miles away!

Jordan from Silver Grove YLD is looking forward to two full weeks of shopping! Tabitha from Silver Grove and her family are going to travel to Williamsburg, and visit her grandma!

Sarah from Newport YLA plans on helping whoever needs her help, beginning with her friends! Bessie from the same group plans on hanging out with her friends, and playing her Play Station Portable!

De'Andrea from Newport YLD and her family are traveling to Tennessee over spring break! Carlos is looking forward to playing football all day long, and manhunt all night long!

Christina from Dayton YLA is going to spend Spring Break with her dad, by flying to Florida and taking a cruise! Courtney knows that she will spend time with friends, and spend the least amount of time indoors as possible!

Natasha from Dayton YLD plans on hanging out with her family, and enjoying grill-outs! YUM! Also, she is going to spend the night with her friends, and support her sister as she plays softball!

A Riddle to Consider...

A water lily growing in a circular pond doubles in size every day. It takes thirty days to cover the entire pond. How long does it take to cover half of the pond? Think about it, and have fun!



TEAR-OFF

Let's hear it! What are your favorite ways to stay healthy and active during the Spring?

Name: _____