

Northern Plains Council of Youth & Young Adult
Ministry Presents:

The 2010
“BEYOND THE BIG SKY”
Summer Tour



Northern Plains Conference United Church of Christ

June 11th -13th *Church Family Gathering – Valley
City ND*
For All Ages



July 5th -10th Regional Youth Event
Billings Montana
For Ages 13 to 18

*July 25th to July 29th Summer Camp @ Wesley Acres,
Dazey ND*
For Ages 8-16

**Regional Youth Event
Fundraising Opportunities**
Opportunity 1 – Limited Edition NPC-UCC T-Shirt \$25ea
(God Is Still Speaking: Oh Yeah’ You Bet’cha)

Sell 13 t-shirts and half the cost of one youth to go to RYE
above the Deposit fee is covered

Sell 24 t-shirts and all the costs above registration are
covered

(Contact Rev. Carl Borden 701-840-5104 to order t-shirts)

Opportunity 2 – Limited Stock Option: \$150.00 a
share... Invest in the future of our youth by buying a share
of the trip.

What does a stock share come with.

- a) A limited edition numbered share in the NPC-
UCC-RYE.
- a. Only 116 shares will be issued
- b) A photo of the NPC-UCC group from RYE
- c) A letter written by the youth that you sponsored

Would you like to buy a share of the trip to help a
youngster go?

If each church in the Northern Plains bought 2 shares of the
trip then the youth who signed up for Regional Youth
Event would only need to pay \$100 to go.

There are 116 shares for sale \$150 a Share

Opportunity 3 – Have A No Serve Dinner ☺

- a) Host a lutfisk dinner
- b) Tell the guests if they want lutfisk it will cost
\$10 a plate
- c) Tell the guests if they do not want lutfisk it will
cost \$25

*These are but a few ways to raise money to defer the cost
of coming to RYE or to help a youth(s) go to RYE*

Northern Plains Council of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
c/o Congregational UCC Valley City
PO Box 666
Valley City ND 58072

Your Minister, Your United Church of Christ and The Northern Plains Conference Co-Adjunct Youth Ministers Rev. Carl Borden and Rev Darcy Borden invite you to:

The 2010

Go Beyond the Big Sky

Summer Tour

To contact the Borden's you can e-mail them at: congregational.ucc.valleycity@gmail.com or call them at

either
(701) 840-5104 or (701) 840-5105

What Should I Sign Up For?

All are welcome!

There are three major summer experiences occurring in the Northern Plains.

We recommend High School aged youth sign up for RYE. Junior High and Upper Elementary sign up for summer camp.

Those with children even younger sign up for the Church Family Gathering.

Summer camp will begin with registration at 4:30pm on Sunday July 25th; and will go to Thursday morning, July 29th at 11:00am. Camp is open to all people – just like our churches. Depending on the size the camp will may or may not be divided into different cabins, but we will all eat together.

Church Family Camping Experience

June 11-13, 2010

@ Northern Plains Annual Meeting

Valley City, North Dakota

\$100.00 per Family

Come join your fellow U.C.C. families from all of North Dakota and Canada at this special camping experience in Valley City, North Dakota at the same time as your church delegates attend our Northern Plains Conference's Annual Meeting.

There will be pizza, marshmallow and S'mores provided!

Register early & save \$25.00 on your registration

Regional Youth Event

Beyond the Big Sky

July 5th – July 10th

Regional Youth Event (RYE) for youth ages 13-18 Montana State University at Billings, Billings, MT \$450.00 per youth* \$400.00 per adult*

Why you should consider coming to Regional Youth Event?

"I first participated ... at age fifteen. After the event, I told my parents that (it) changed my life, and today I credit the experience for my call to ordained ministry."

- Rev. Kelly Burd (National UCC Staff)

Traditionally the plan would be to have a gathering in Fargo on July 5th so that we can load the bus early on the 6th. This year we are offering a new feature. We are adding additional gathering places as well as Bus stops in North Dakota. In the registration we ask that you select the preferred stop. The locations will be Fargo 1st Congregational, Jamestown 1st Congregational, and Bismarck United Church of Christ. The bus will run straight from ND to the MSU-B campus and then at the end of the Rally we will drive straight back. Dropping off youths at the respective church stops The UCC Regional Youth Events, are held every four years, provides an opportunity for hundreds of youth ages 13 to 18 to gather for worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. This year's Western RYE will be at Montana State University in Billings Montana from July 6 – 10, 2010. On the 10th we will depart from Billings for home.

A Full Itinerary will be sent to those who register. Additional forms will be sent to those who sign up for RYE.

Registration cost for RYE includes accommodation, entertainment, all tickets and meals.

Register early & save*

RYE Refund Policy:

**\$75 of Regional Youth Event Registration fee is a nonrefundable deposit with remainder refundable up to June 1st. From June 2nd to 25th Registration is 50% nonrefundable. Registration is 100% nonrefundable After June 25th **

Touch the Horizon

July 25th – July 29th

2010 NPC Summer Camp @ Wesley Acres, Dazey ND

\$225.00 per youth

Register before July 1st and pay \$200

Explorer Camp – Age 9 to 16

Explorer Dean – Rev. Tammy Toepke-Floyd: UCC Wishek

Camp begins at 4:30pm on Sunday,

Camp ends at 11:00am on Thursday,

You are awesome!!!

When God made you, you were filled with love and talents. This summer at camp we're going to celebrate all the good stuff God put in you – and maybe even discover some talents you didn't know you have! Camp Wesley Acres has a swimming pool, canoeing, kayaking, camp fires, hikes, basketball, and four square games! In everything we do, we'll thank God as we sing, eat and play together. Best of all, it is the friends that you make at camp that make it great.

Summer Scholarships Available

- ➔ Scholarships are available from the Conference Office
- ➔ Local churches often offer scholarships also—ask your Minister if interested.

What to Bring to Camp??

- ~sleeping bag and pillow
- ~Towel, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, etc.
- ~Bug Spray
- ~Walking Shoes (closed toed sneakers)
- ~Swimsuit and Towel
- ~Bible, notebook, and pen/pencil
- ~Cards, book, or other quiet time activity item or idea to share
- ~Camera
- ~Prescription Medications

Mail All Forms To: Northern Plains Council of Youth & Young Adults
c/o Congregational UCC, PO Box 666, Valley City ND 58072-0666

Sign Me Up!

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Please Circle: Youth / Adult
 Participant's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Email: _____
 Cell Phone:(___) ___-___ Home Phone: (___) ___-___
 RYE Bus Stop Fargo Jamestown Bismarck
 Parent's Name: _____
 Grade in Sept ___ T-Shirt (Circle) **Y**th L **A**dult S M L XL XXL
 Food Allergies? _____
 Current Meds Being taken _____
 Medicine / Medical Allergies? _____
 Medication Needs _____

CHALLENGE COURSE
 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
 In consideration of the services of Wesley Acres, and Dakotas Conference of the UMC, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, counselors, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as Wesley Acres), I, (hereinafter Participant), for myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, administrators, administrators and assigns, successors and assigns and personal representative release and will not make a claim against Wesley Acres arising from any and every claim, demand, action, or right of action, of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury, personal injuries known or unknown, death or property damage, or any claim for damages resulting or to result from any accident that may occur as a result of my participation in the "Challenge Course", whether by negligence or not. Participant further releases Wesley Acres from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or services rendered me during my participation in "Challenge Course". Participant acknowledges that climbing an artificial wall, using a zip line, and other elements elevated high above the ground entail known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. Participant hereby assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage or otherwise while in or upon the "Challenge Course", whether caused by the negligence of Wesley Acres or otherwise. The risks include, but shall not be limited to: falling off the wall; loose and/or damaged artificial holds or natural rock; equipment failure; falling to the ground, on other users or being fallen on by other users; abrasions from the walls, rope, pads or the ground; climbing beyond control, or beyond a person's limit; the negligence of other climbers, visitors, participants, or other persons who may be present; musculoskeletal injuries and/or over training; head injuries; or my own negligence. Participant agrees to waive, release, and discharge Wesley Acres from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of actions whatsoever, for any loss, claim, damage, injury, illness, attorney's fees or harm of any kind or nature to me arising out of any and all activities associated with participating in the Challenge Course or as a result of it. If any portion of this release is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full legal force an effect. Participant further agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless Wesley Acres from and against any and all claims of any nature, including all costs, expenses, and fees, arising out of or resulting from my participation in the "Challenge Course". In consideration of allowing Participant to participate in the "Challenge Course", the participant agrees that any and all claims for injury and/or death regarding an alleged incident shall be governed by ND law and exclusive jurisdiction of any claim shall be in the District Court residing where the alleged incident occurred or in Federal Court for the State of ND. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital. Participant further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing release and knows the contents thereof and signs this release as his/her own free act.

_____	\$100.00 Church Family Gathering (per Family)
_____	\$100.00 Deposit for Regional Youth Event (RYE) (Youths must be 13 or over to attend RYE)
_____	\$450.00 Youth RYE*
_____	\$400.00 Adult RYE
_____	\$0 RYE Chaperone (Must speak w/Rev. Carl Borden)
_____	RYE Registration Due by May 30, 2010
_____	\$225.00 Summer Camp @ Wesley Acres
_____	\$25.00 2010 T-Shirt (for non attendees)

Early Bird Specials
 Register your deposit by February 15, 2010 & save \$50.00 off RYE
 Register by March 15, 2010 & save \$25.00 off Church Family Camp
 Register by April 18, 2010 & take \$15.00 off RYE
 Register by July 1, 2010 & take \$25.00 off Summer Camp
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Check if a scholarship is needed Total Due \$ _____
 Checks payable to: Northern Plains Conference UCC
 Registrant's Church: _____
 In Case of Emergency, I give permission for my son/daughter to receive medical treatment. In case of such an emergency, contact:
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Relation to youth: _____ Dr's phone #: _____
 Doctor's name: _____
 Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Name of Participant (Print) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___
 Signature of Participant _____ Date _____
If participant is under age 18, this must be signed by a parent/legal guardian.
 I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant named above, give my consent to the foregoing, and agree to hold Wesley Acres harmless from any liability.
 Parent or legal Guardian _____ Date _____

What NOT to Bring to Camp??

- ~CD players, iPods, Radios ~Handheld Video Games
- ~Cell Phones (There's no reception at Wesley Acres)
- ~Valuable Items (Things have a way of getting lost or misplaced!)

Directions to Wesley Acres coming from I-94 west of Valley City

- Take the exit for Highway 1 north (the Rogers exit)
- Follow Highway 1 until you are just outside Rogers. (About 12 miles)
- Watch for the large green sign for Wesley Acres Bible Camp.
- Take a right at the sign. (24th ST SE, take east for about 5 ½ miles)
- Follow the road until you get to a "T" in the road.
- Turn left (north) – go about 5 ½ miles and you'll see a Wesley Acres sign.
- As you come over a steep hill, you will see a bridge. The driveway for Wesley Acres is on the left-hand side of the road just before crossing the bridge

Directions to Wesley Acres from I-94 east of Valley City

- Take the 2nd Valley City exit off I-94 (Exit 292)
- Coming from the west turn left and drive under highway and go down hill
- Coming from the east turn right and proceed downhill
- Go North on 8th Ave SW passed the VCSU Bubble and the UMC. Where you will come to the CENEX gas station
- Turn right onto West Main St follow through downtown Valley City
- Turn left onto 5th Ave NE
- Follow 5th Ave NE under the Hi-Line Bridge and over the train tracks
- At Fork in road turn left onto 117th Ave SE take for 8.3 miles
 - you may or may not see a small Blue & White Wesley Acres sign
 - Follow road past Baldhill Dam. Be careful Deer have been known to appear along the road.
- Stay on the paved road no matter how many times it twists and turns for about 17 miles

As you come over a steep hill, you will see a bridge. The driveway for Wesley Acres is on the left-hand side of the road just before crossing the bridge 1821

Adult Leader Volunteer Form

Please use black or blue ink to complete!

All information must be complete before the background check can be submitted.

Event Name _____ Dates _____

Check all that apply:

- Dean Counselor RYE Adult RYE Chaperone
 Nurse Male Female

Last Name First Name MI Preferred Name

Address City State Zip

Home Church Name City State Zip

E-mail Address Phone Number ()

AUTHORIZATION FORM:

During the application process and at any time during the tenure of my Volunteer Status with the Northern Plains Conference of the UCC, I hereby authorize NPCUCC to procure a consumer report (known as an investigative consumer report in California) which I understand may include information regarding my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living. This report may be compiled with information from courts record repositories, departments of motor vehicles, past or present employers and be educational institutions, governmental occupational licensing or registration entities, business or person references, and any other source required to verify information that I have voluntarily supplied. I understand that I may request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the background verification; the extent such investigation includes information bearing on my character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living.

The NPCUCC may search the following:

- Social Security
- National Criminal Search
- Motor Vehicle Record Search

Applicant/Volunteer Signature _____ Date / /

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth / /

Driver's License Number _____ Expire Date / /

(For Regional Youth Event Volunteers only)

Summer Camp Health Form

Since there is no required examination, it is important that parents/guardians fill out this form carefully and completely.

Camper Name _____ Social Security # (hospital use only) _____

Camper's Insurance Company Policy # _____

Dakotas UMC Camps provide a **secondary accident insurance policy** for all campers.

Health History

Allergies: Food ___ Poison Ivy/Oak ___ Insect Sting ___
 Medical Condition: Ear Infection ___ Seizure ___ Diabetes ___
 Irregularity ___ Fainting ___ Asthma ___
 Shots Late Date of Booster for Tetanus ___/___/___
 Operations _____

Chronic Illness _____
 Please note any other conditions or special diet the camp staff should be aware of. Attach an extra sheet if necessary.

IMPORTANT:

Please notify the camp if this camper has been exposed to any communicable disease during the three weeks prior to camp attendance.

Other Information

Do you give permission for your child to take over-the-counter medication, if necessary? _____ (i.e., for headache, constipation and/or upset stomach) Are there any activities which need to be monitored and/or avoided? _____

Are there any routine treatments or medications required during camp? Please explain: _____ Y / N

Does staff need to remind camper of his/her treatment? _____ Y / N
 Family Physician _____ Phone # () _____

Parental Authorization

I am a Parent or Legal Guardian of the above named camper. In the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached, the Camp Administrator has my permission to authorize emergency medical treatment. I authorize the use of photographs of my child for camp promotion. My child has my permission to engage in camp activities and if necessary, my child may be transported in a private vehicle.

Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Signature _____
 Date _____

Optional:

- I do not want photographs of my child to be used for camp promotion.
- I do not want my child's name and address shared with other campers on a camp address sheet

Frequently Asked Regional Youth Event (RYE) Questions:

- 1) My Church Has No Youth. How can we help support a Northern Plains youth going to RYE?
 - a. See Regional Youth Event Fundraising Ideas (especially the stock option)
 - 2) I want to go to RYE but I can't afford \$400
 - a. See Regional Youth Event Fundraising Ideas (especially the t-shirt sale)
 - 3) What projects has the Northern Plains come up with to help our Church cut the cost for our youth to go to RYE?
 - a. See Regional Youth Event Fundraising Ideas (we think you will love the "no serve dinner")
 - 4) Do I have to be a member of the United Church of Christ to attend?
 - a. No... It would be nice if you're not to consider joining one of our churches when you return from Montana.
 - b. The only restrictions on this trip we have deal with age and the size of the bus
 - 5) Can I go to RYE without registering through the Northern Plains?
 - a. All the costs of RYE are in our cost structure. If you were to go to RYE by yourself the registration fee could be as much as \$375.00 and that would not include transportation expense, meals or the cool t-shirt that our participants get to wear.
 - b. If you want to ride with the Northern Plains you must register for RYE through the Northern Plains.