

WASS UP?

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August 1, 2010—

Welcome Incoming 7th Graders!
Back to school party at
Countryside Community Center



August 7, 2010—

**District
Event in
Patagonia**



August 8, 2010—

No UMYF (see Saturday)

August 15, 2010—

6:00 to 8:00
UMYF at the Wesley House



Youth Council
Elections

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC AND SWIM PARTY AUGUST 1

The Back to School picnic and party is at the Countryside Community Center; 9151 N. Bald Eagle.

Everyone entering grades 7-12 is invited to join us for swimming, basketball, racquetball, and lots of food!

Incoming 7th graders are our guests for their first time at UMYF. Everyone else, please bring snacks and drinks to share.

Girls bring sodas. Boys bring a side dish or dessert.

Everyone bring friends.



DISTRICT EVENT IN PATAGONIA



Join us for a fun day at Patagonia Lake on Saturday, August 7. We plan to spend all day at Patagonia Lake. The lake is an hour and $\frac{1}{2}$ from Tucson. Patagonia has swimming, fishing, paddle boats, canoes and small motor boats. We have rented a large ramada. There will be food, games, planned activities, and friends that you haven't even met, yet!

We are meeting at the church at 8:00 a.m. Your parents can pick you up at the church at 10:00 p.m.

Youth Council Elections *August 15*

The election of officers for the 2010-2011 Youth Council will be held August 15 during our regular UMYF. There will also be pizza and junk food to help us concentrate on this important business.

The Youth Council meets every month on the second Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. They are responsible for planning one Sunday program each month and all of the youth programs in the summer.

Representatives from the Youth Council also attend some of the church committee meetings. We try to have one Jr. High and one Sr. High student on several of the church committees.

Youth Council officer descriptions:

President — sets the agenda and presides over Youth Council meetings; closes UMYF; works with the Youth Director in planning and coordinating activities.

Vice President — fills in when the president is absent

Secretary — takes notes at all Youth Council meetings; handles some correspondence.

Photo Team Leader — Coordinates photo team in recording youth activities.

Jr. & Sr. High Reps to Committees — attend the following committees and report back to the youth group: Church & Society, Education, Missions, Worship and Church Growth.

a note from the

YOUTH DIRECTOR

We're back! For those of you who didn't go, we hope you can make it next year (assuming you're in high school next year), because SSP is one of the best experiences of the year.

I've spoken to several people since our return. We're all still tired; we all had mountains of laundry; we're all glad to have our regular beds and showers; and we're all really glad we went!

The experience in south-central LA was amazing. We visited the Watts towers, rode the city bus to Skid Row to pass out water, listened to informative speakers, and visited with many people from the community.

One of the best speakers was a woman who came to the US, escaped an abusive situation and sold tamales on street corners to support herself and her child. She worked really hard to gain US citizenship and a food-handlers license. Now she owns two restaurants and helps other women by allowing them to use her commercial kitchen to make their own tamales to sell.

Our groups worked on wheel-chair ramps, roofs, decks, the community center, and the community garden. We also cultivated relationships with God, people from other churches, people from the community, and each other.

We were particularly blessed to have wonderful chaperones: Tom Ellis, Brian Roberts, Cathy Harris, and Chelsea Acree. Blessings, *Kim*

