

# YOUTH SCENE



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We're coming off of a busy summer for the youth. In June we were again involved with the Royal Family Kid's Camp. Some of our youth were counselors or staff and many of us went to the camp on a Wednesday evening to serve a BBQ meal to staff and campers. What an experience for the youth to serve those who don't have the luxuries many of us do.

In July we headed to Colorado for a Habitat for Humanity project and followed that up with some white water rafting. Half of our group painted the exterior of a duplex built by Habitat last year while the remainder of the group cleaned and sorted in their new RESTORE store in Salida. The RESTORE is unique to Habitat and I would liken it to our Goodwill stores except they carry mostly home furnishings not clothes. We cleaned refrigerators and sinks that were donated as well as sorted through numerous nuts, bolts and nails. Again, it was a great experience for the youth to provide a service to someone in need.

Rafting was a blast and I would highly recommend the outfitter that we went with. Noah's Ark is a Christian based outfitter and both of our guides as well as all of the staff we interacted with were excellent. We did get rather cold Saturday and Sunday nights and made a trip to town to buy more blankets and clothes. We got to watch Buena Vista's fireworks show and most of us were ready for bed after that! Our trip home was uneventful and QUIET as everyone was asleep most of the way. Thank you to the congregation for their support of this trip. I want to say a special thank you to the anonymous donor for the rental of the van. Your action allowed us to travel together as a group and for Pastor and I to split the drive time, which we both badly needed coming home on Monday! Donations such as yours are truly appreciated, so thank you!

We again did the Backpack to School project this summer. We purchased 12 backpacks and filled them with required school supplies. The kids really enjoy this project and will continue it. We will be having a fundraiser meal to replenish funds used for this project on September 12. That is the back to Sunday school Sunday. Watch the bulletin for more information regarding this meal.

The youth also led the worship service at the fair. It was well attended and we would like to thank Marla and the praise team for their addition of music. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!

As I mentioned, September 12 we will resume Sunday school. The youth meet in the YOP house at 9:00 a.m. We are anxious to welcome the freshmen and include them in our discussions and activities.

With God's Strength,  
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