January 2013

Happy New Year!

The 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee staff would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

We are just 558 days from August 11, 2014! It promises to be an epic event! Download the camporee app in the iPhone app store for the Countdown Clock.

Please continue to keep the camporee planning in your prayers and may you dare to be a Daniel, Forever Faithful in 2013.

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Downline Director Introductions

April Romauld  FFIC Onsite Communication Downline Director

Randy Griffin  FFIC Nighttime Program Downline Director

Please stay tuned to the newsletter for contact information.

FFIC Theme Song Contest

It's not too late to enter the FFIC Theme Song Contest! The deadline for submissions to the contest is September 1, 2013.

If your submission is chosen, you could win:

- Two (2) free tickets to the camporee!

- The honor of having your music become the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee Official Theme Song!

Please contact Justin Yang or Stacy-Ann Thomas with any questions or for more information.
Visit Andrews University!

Many Pathfinders take advantage of being so close to Andrews University and plan a pre or post camporee visit.

If you would like to explore this option, please visit the following link to start making plans now! Visit Andrews.

Don't forget to go by the Adventist Heritage Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, just one and a half hours from Andrews University campus!

Camporee Registration Information

It's not too late to register for the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee!

NAD Registration officially ends on March 1, 2014 or when the limit of 34,000 is reached, whichever comes first. Register soon!

International Registration officially ends on February 1, 2014 or when the limit of 2,000 is reached, whichever comes first. Register soon!

Cost per ticket is $195 until after January 31, 2014. After this date, the price will increase to $215 per ticket.

For more information about the camporee and registration, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page.

FFIC Travel Agency Partner

The International Camporee solicits the help from local travel agencies to aid in the transportation process not only to the Camporee, but in regards to excursions during the week of the Camporee as well. These companies are independent and separate from Forever Faithful International Camporee.

You may contact the travel agency regarding any travel-related questions you may have, including trailer rentals and transportation to and from the airports.

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Golf Carts for FFIC

The Kansas-Nebraska Conference is the first to put in their order for golf carts at the 2014 FFICamporee!

The deadline to order a golf cart is April 15, 2014.

Please Note: Golf Carts will only be issued to CONFERENCE/UNION YOUTH DIRECTORS or those authorized by the Forever Faithful Camporee Administration. Carts are to be used for the transporting of physically challenged or moving people.
or equipment within the respective conference. Golf carts must be driven by adults 18+ who hold a valid driver’s license.

**Shocking Statistics**

"Today, one quarter of all U.S. teenagers have diabetes or pre-diabetes. That's an astronomical and almost unbelievable 40 percent increase over the percentage of teenagers diagnosed with diabetes in 1999 (9 percent). After decades of creeping obesity among American young people (a third of them--34 percent--are currently overweight or obese), deadly concoctions like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and cardiovascular diseases are toxic cherries on the top of this poisonous diabetes sundae." (Source: Group Magazine, July/August 2012)

At the FFICamporee we will offer many healthy exercise options. Watch the newsletter for more details. Daniel 1:8

**Save the Date!**

Please mark the following important FFIC meeting dates on your calendar:

- **October 22, 2013** - FFIC Executive Committee Meeting - Berrien Springs, MI
- **March 25, 2014** - FFIC Executive Committee Meeting - Berrien Springs, MI
- **April 22, 2014** - FFIC Walk-around - Oshkosh, WI- Everyone welcome! Please plan to arrive on April 21, 2014 and depart on April 23, 2014.

If you have any questions about these dates and schedules, please contact Erica Ross.

**Artist Helps Fundraise for Pathfinders**

An article published in the Southwestern Union Record magazine has highlighted the efforts of an artist who paints pictures of Pathfinders.

The artist, Arthur Pletcher, has made a website where he sells prints of his paintings. The person buying the painting can then specify which department he would like to help and that department will receive 50% of the cost of the picture.

Read the full article here.

**Pathfinder Summer Mission Trip**

Pathfinders! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go on a mission trip? Have you ever wondered how Pathfinder evangelism might change someone's life? Then this announcement is for you!

Summer 2013 WeCare Missions will be traveling to Belize and Jamaica for the adventure of a lifetime. We will be working to set up an evangelism site in these two countries.
We need speakers, small group leaders, help with kids programs, and, most important of all, hearts willing to help those in need. All you have to do is get there and we take care of the rest!

If you or your Pathfinder club would like to get involved, contact Vern Byrd, WeCare Missions Director. You may also call him at 269-471-8384 or 269-208-7183.

Slots will fill up soon! Dates are flexible to serve your travel needs.

FFIC Social Media

The Forever Faithful International Camporee is now plugged in to social media!

Follow us on Twitter! Like us on Facebook! Keep up to date with all the latest camporee happenings!

Twitter:  www.twitter.com/2014FFIC
Facebook:  www.facebook.com/2014FFIC
A Boy, Two Clubs, and an Artist

By Pablo Colindres, Southwestern Union communication intern

Texarkana, Tex. » Our church family is a blessed church family. In our diversity, we enjoy the company of some of the most dedicated and skilled people in the world. What separates us from the rest of the world, though, is that when we perform our duties, we do so not for the fact that they are named duties, but because we want to serve.

Using the human anatomy described in I Corinthians 12 and 13 as a metaphor for the importance of the individual in the church, the Apostle Paul connects the everyman’s role to the chief fruit of the spirit: love. In fact, service can be defined by love—purely selfless acts of kindness and aid. For Arthur Pletcher, this concept is all too clear.

A self-employed artist for seven years, Pletcher had to turn to the field of auto design to help make ends meet for his wife and son. Pletcher’s son, an avid Boy Scout with Asperger’s Syndrome, was invited to join the local Pathfinder Club. Pletcher agreed, and took his son to the
first meeting. What happened next puzzled him. “My son told me he didn’t want to be in Boy Scouts anymore. He only wanted to be in Pathfinders,” says Pletcher.

For him this was as much a turning point in his own life as it was for his son.

Pletcher had been working on some paintings for the Boy Scouts, but once his son quit to join Pathfinders, he turned the paintings into Pathfinder paintings. “I really felt God was guiding me,” he says. “My son felt more a part of Pathfinders than he did Boy Scouts, which he had been in for two years.” He noticed how accepting and friendly the Pathfinders were toward his son. This is when he decided he wanted to help the club.

He set up a Web site where he offers prints of his paintings for sale. The purchaser then selects the painting, the size, and a department or club in their church they would like to help. Custom paintings are also available. The purchasers then receive their painting and the club or department receive a donation equal to 50 percent of the price of the print.

The only problem? Getting the word out has been tricky. Still, Pletcher remains optimistic.

“For me, this is about helping out,” he says. “The key to real happiness is to be a servant, trying not to be selfish and lose my self-centered-ness.” There is a love for people in his ministry. To Pletcher, anyone can be a servant, and he encourages others to serve with whatever skills they may have. The verse he tries to base his life on is I Corinthians 10:31, which says, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (NIV).