Dear Center for Adventist Research

We hope the Lord has kept you well so far. Please check out these latest news events and updates from the SEC Youth Department.

YLC Istanbul | Community Summer Camp | XTC 2011 | Sports Day | SEC Gold Weekend

Camp Meeting 2011 Review

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Sports Day
Applications for Sports Day closes today as we hit 1 month until the special day! We do have a number of teams already submitted and as the plans come together we are looking forward to a very fun spirited day.

In continued preparation for the day, please be reminded of the Sports Day Meeting on Sunday 26th June, 1:30pm at the Advent Centre – compulsory attendance for all team captains/managers and youth leaders if you are taking part. This will also be an exclusive opportunity for teams to bring in their signed forms and all payments to confirm their team participation on the day. If you have missed every other meeting, this is the one you should attend! Items on the agenda include program of the day, protocol for team checks and registration, team colours and much more.

We already have 30 volunteers for the day however if there are any more, please ensure you also attend the meeting on Sunday for briefing and updates of roles and opportunities. Looking forward to making this day a memorable day!

(Contact us now on live@sevadventist.org.uk if your church has a team that wants to participate in sports day!)

Volunteering
Do you want to register your interest as a Volunteer for the South England Conference Youth Department?

You will receive notifications on all the opportunities that become available throughout the year, aside from the ones that you may have already registered your interest in, so you can opt in should you wish to take part in anything else.

The first Volunteer Opportunities are for the Day of Fellowship on Sabbath 23rd July 2011 in London; and Sports Day on Sunday 24th July 2011; as part of the Gold Weekend and one year to go until the Olympic Games in London. Later on we will need volunteers for the Summer Camps...

It is really important that you reply to confirm your availability, that we may make the necessary arrangements in order to equip you for that position.

There are two training days available for those interested in being Street Volunteers for the LIVE Rally on the 23rd July, the Training Days are: Monday 14th July 2011 & Thursday
We also have a series of volunteer days in the office where you are able to come and work with us for the day, which you will benefit travel, lunch and recognition of volunteer hours that can be redeemed as they accumulate. **The next available dates are July 6th, 14th and 18th @ More Than Gold Offices from 10am - 5pm.**

**At the moment we are still looking for 30 march/rally stewards, 50 street witnesses and 20 staff for Sports Day 2011.** If you do know anyone else who may wish to take part then please do encourage them to sign up on the SEC youth site or get in touch! The blessings that God returns supersede even the best benefits we offer!

**Look out for the next update and a follow up email once you have registered...**

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Snippets:

- **23rd July 2011** Day of Fellowship tickets are going fast for the Day of Fellowship
- **Pr. Juan Carlos Patrick** is the confirmed speaker for the day
- **HUB Online** is coming back soon. Look out!!

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Pastor Juan Carlos Patrick made a very big impact on the young adults with his talks which included “The 10 Commandments of Courtship.” With his unique sense of humor, he expressed practical principles from the bible and made very valid points. He also shared thoughts on different aspects of dating that challenged and made you think and examine your standpoint on christian dating.

Pastor Matt Parra was another dynamic preacher who shared with us talks in our worship sessions. He applied methods on how to be a practical christian and how to live a Christ centred life so others may see Him in you. Pastor Matt shared stories of how he joined the Adventist church and his journey through the years and his work with ARISE for the past 5 years.
Our brothers from Little Light Ministries, Brandon and Scotty shared powerful talks on how the things we watch and listen to corrupt our minds. They shared their experiences from working in Hollywood and also Satan’s agenda in desensitizing our minds to accept the things that are corrupt and unholy. Their series “Battlefield Hollywood” exposed many agendas of the devil using film and media in order to overturn God’s divine law and message to the world. They had wonderful testimonies of how God had taken them away from the snares of the devil while in Hollywood into His marvelous light. Their mission is to share with the whole world the agenda behind the big screen movies, games and television programs that we watch.

The week at camp was not only filled with spiritual food but also catered for your physical needs as well. We had aerobics classes every morning called “Funky Fitness”. These were sessions which became very popular especially with the ladies as the week progressed. They involved different types of exercise and cardiovascular activities that got you energized every morning.

Other social activities during camp meeting included a barbeque at midnight at the beach on one evening. It was a very moving experience that started with vespers and included the lighting of prayer lanterns. Many young people flocked the beach at Prestatyn for this event as it was something that many hadn’t experienced before. There was also a scavenger hunt on Thursday night organized by the NEC youth that was both exciting and challenging to some. This was a great bonding exercise that got your pulses racing and brains ticking in order to complete the different challenge on time.

Camp Meeting 2011 was a truly wonderful occasion of worship, praise and testimonies. The holy communion service on Friday evening was very memorable. Emotions were high and the solemn occasion provoked young people from all over to share testimonies of how God has come through in their lives. It was very encouraging to hear the different experiences that each had been through. Encouragement from the testimonies moved many to tears. This was a real blessed, solemn occasion.

There was an open mic night that included live music, comedy, poetry and drama on one of the evenings. This was mainly catered for the over 18’s. It was interesting to showcase various different talents from the combined conferences and engage and socialize with friends. It was an opportunity to get to know each other, fellowship and just have fun in the Lord.

The week was concluded with a concert on sabbath evening that was both powerful and touching. It was great to praise and worship together not just as NEC or SEC but as brothers and sisters, together in ONE spirit and one bond. Many can testify that this year’s camp meeting was definitely one to remember.

This is just a glimpse of what took place during the week. The union between the two main conferences was a great idea that had many wanting more of these occasions to happen. Despite the differences, we were all united in one spirit.
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