



CENTRAL OREGON YFC

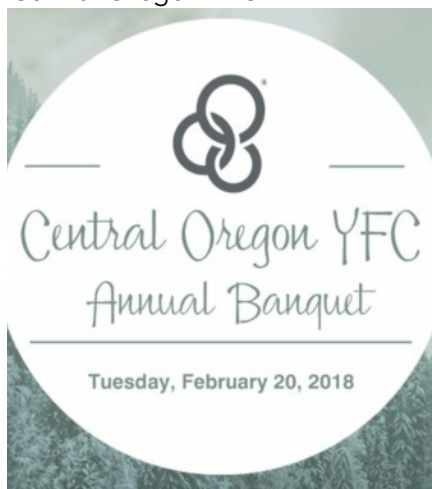
GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

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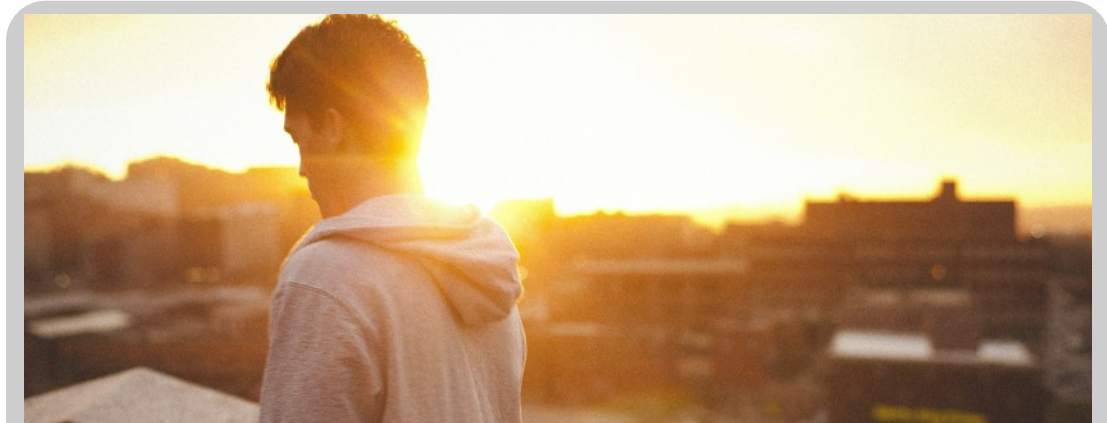
Above: It's January, but we are still making snowmen here.

Below: Join us on February 20th to celebrate all our God has done in Central Oregon YFC!



How Can You Pray for Us?

- To be blessed with more empowering adult volunteers
- For relationships to grow and develop, especially with students who are hesitant to open up.
- For a few of our students who have potential, but are hanging out with the wrong crowd
- For the ability to encounter & engage with more of our youth



What's New?

- Receive your newsletter via email!** Visit our site to sign up.
- Donate when you shop!** Visit the 'Get Involved' page on our site for info.
- Annual Banquet:** February 20th 6-8 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church.
- Donation Statements:** They have been mailed out, and you should receive it with your newsletter. Please contact us if you have not received yours.

Beloved Friends & Partners,

Sitting in a conference room in Colorado a few weeks ago, I heard a bell in my head. It wasn't a literal bell, nor was I having a mental break. What I heard was a phrase which rang like a bell clearly in my mind, "Jesus is the answer."

I was attending a training with our national office for a week in Colorado, and it led to some introspection. I was processing what I was learning, the desires I have for Central Oregon YFC, and the difficulties in my personal life. It seemed insurmountable at the time, overwhelming almost. Yet, at the core of it all, God reminded me who my solution is.

Jesus doesn't remove our difficulties or make the long roads go away, but He makes them easier and shows us how to walk through them. Although life still has difficulties, Jesus brings such an inner peace, inspiring hope. We are blessed to have this gift, to have such confidence in who our God says He is.

At the same time I felt blessed, I also felt desperate. This was a desperation born out of the reality of our students lives. Some tell me they don't think their is a plan for their lives, therefore, they don't feel theirs has a point. Others I see pursuing so hard after status,

popularity, money, and self-preservation.

The reality is, many of our students live in already difficult situations, whether at home or at school. Most of all, they don't have hope. Their lives are tethered to the things around them, rather than anchored to Who made them.

Yet, hope remains. As the new year begun, I rested on why we are pursuing these teens. Not because we feel sad, but because we are hopefully desperate to share with them the joy, hope, and grace which we have been given. So, we will make plans, it will be difficult, but we have confidence God's plans will succeed in us and through us.

There is a whole community full of youth who want and who need something bigger to look to. I have confidence we are following the will of our Father in Central Oregon, and it is such an exciting journey at that.

We have the answer for those youth, and that answer is Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

Zach Lewis

Executive Director
Central Oregon YFC





Drop-In

Mondays 8-10 a.m. and Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:45-5:15 p.m., at 18 SE D Street in Madras. Enjoy our rock wall, play pool, air-hockey, video games, and do homework. On Mondays we serve breakfast. It is a great time to hang out before and after school.



CITY LIFE®

Mondays 3:45-6, at the Free Methodist Church, there is food, games, and a discussion about God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story today. The church is located at 976 S. Adams Drive in Madras.



CAMPUS LIFE®

Wednesdays 1:30-3, at Culver High School, there is food, games, and a discussion God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story. We are in room 3, and the school is located at 710 5th Street in Culver.

Upcoming Events!

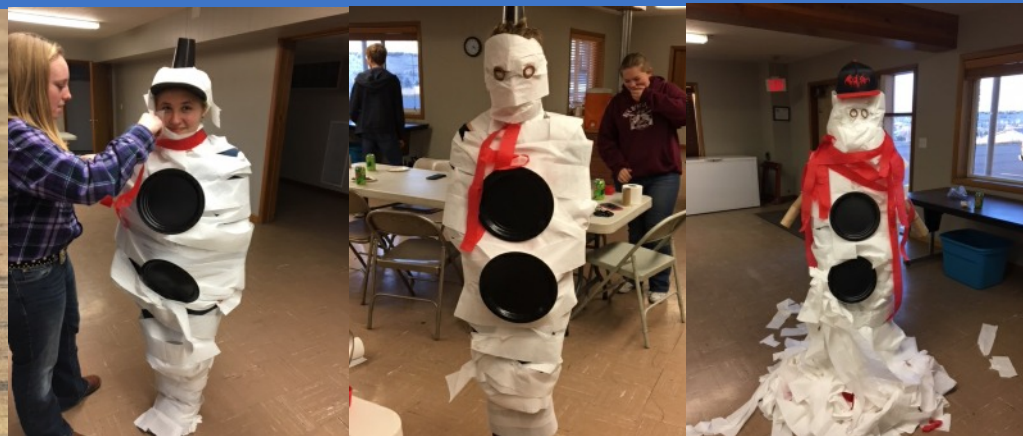
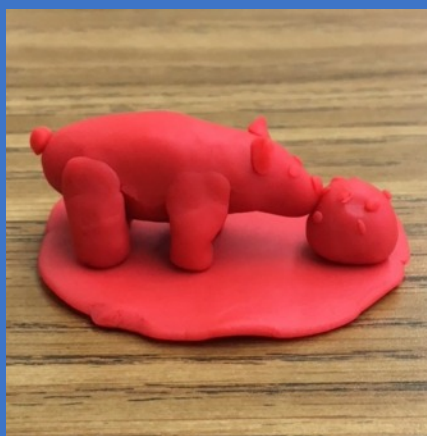
- Annual Banquet: February 20th
- Spring Trip: April 6-8

Visit our website for details on all upcoming events!

Central Oregon YFC on the web!

- Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/centraloregonyfc/>
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- Website:** <http://centraloregonyfc.org/>

More moments from the last month



Left: Using a creative way of expressing our thoughts & feelings. **Center to Right:** Winter is over but we are still having fun practicing our snowman making skills.

Financial Support:



Central Oregon Youth for Christ is 100% dependent on donor support. Everything we do is because of people's partnership with this ministry. If you are currently supporting us I want to take this opportunity and say thank you. Because of your generosity, you are able to impact lives of young people. Our vision is to be a vibrant light in our youth culture today. Please pray with us as we pursue making this dream a reality.