



CENTRAL OREGON YFC

GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

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Top: Serving our youth a pancake breakfast at our Monday morning Drop-In time. Our numbers continue to grow.

Bottom: This Winter we are beginning our End-of-Year Fundraiser. See **What's New** for info.



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.

-End of Year Fundraiser: November through December, YFC staff and volunteers will be calling to talk to you about giving an end-of-year gift. This is part of our efforts to strengthen our chapter and connect with you, our family. We are asking you send us your phone number at our email (above) so we can share with you what we have done and the great ways these fund will be used.

Family,

It's the afternoon. City Life just opened for the day. I'm already sitting down on the far side of an arrangement of tables, trying to converse with a group of teens who are "too cool" for me. At least, that is what they seem to think. Then, a teen flies across a chair, fists swinging.

All at once there is chaos. Chips and soda dash across the floor and tables. Two kids are down on the ground going at it. In only a second everything went from laughing and conversation to anger and violence. Me? I'm trying to keep the two from making a mess of themselves.

There were no injuries or blood. Everyone walked away safely, except for maybe their pride. This was only the second time these teens had attended City Life, and already I was issuing final warnings due to past behavior prior to my arrival. This was not the way I wanted to go about building relationships with these kids.

However, those kids are the ones we are for. Youth who get involved in fights, make bad decisions, hang out with the wrong crowd, don't have empowering influences, and who

don't know how good Jesus is. I want these kids to come, be involved, and find a home among us.

Maybe they are "too cool" for me, but they still come, and they still sit, and they still listen, and together we laugh and build relationships. So, when they get in trouble, throw fists, say the wrong things, or make the wrong choices, I'll still correct them lovingly and I'll still tell them this is their place, it is for them, and I so much want them to be there.

Pray. Pray for us as we make a space that is welcoming to the church, unchurched, and those who just don't care. Pray for God to provide more resources and hands to help us. Pray for us to be heaven on earth. Most importantly, pray for Jesus to enter the lives of our youth. I have faith that God is active and on the move.



Grace and Peace,

Zach Lewis

Executive Director
of Central Oregon YFC

Join us this Winter in Moving
Central Oregon YFC Forward

END-OF-YEAR FUNDRAISER

November-December



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 3:30-4:30, at Culver High School, there is food, games, and a discussion God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story. We will be in room 3, and the school is located at 710 5th Street in Culver.

Upcoming Events!

- City Life Costume Party 10/30/17
- End of Year Fundraiser: November - December

Visit our site for more details on all upcoming events!

Central Oregon YFC on the web!

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More moments from the last month



From left: Throwing a bridal shower for one of our former students (student not pictured), picking pumpkins for our costume party, and one of our board members having a bit of fun.

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.