



**GREAT LAKES BAY
YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

October 1, 2012

Dear Friends of GLBYFC,

With September came school, fall, football, and Campus Life. Campus Life is off to a tremendous start! Let me break it down for you by county.

BAY COUNTY

In it's second year our Bay City Campus Life Club, there were 6 times the number of students at our first meeting of the year compared to the previous year. It took some patience but it has grown and the first student leaders met last week. The Kick-Off was another highlight as student made "Invite, Bring, Welcome" a reality as they brought a ton of new kids. Donny brought Sierra for the first time. She was a new student that he had just met that day! We have a solid staff team that do so much with students outside of Monday night that we have a hard time tracking it all. The students and staff alike are excited about making everything Campus Life memorable.

MIDLAND COUNTY

Bullock Creek students are still enjoying their partnership with the students from Bay City Western. Like their Western buddies, the students from Bullock Creek are also bringing new students each week to Campus Life and beyond. Right now Ben Martinez is a volunteer raising support to come on staff part-time with Bullock Creek to better meet the growing need. He has already spent time with Bullock Creek Students checking out there games, and simply getting to know them. We really need folks in Midland County to step up to support Ben so that he can devote more time and effort into reaching lost teens at Bullock Creek. The students are ready. We just need to wrangle in the finances.

SAGINAW COUNTY

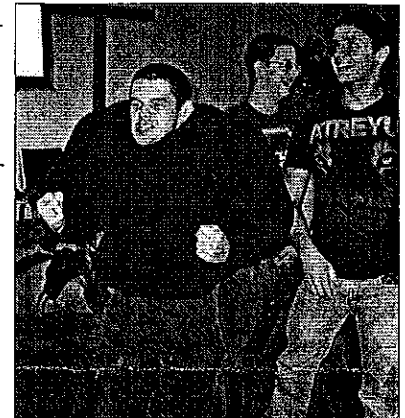
Swan Valley has rejoined the Heritage Club this fall and students from both schools seem to approve. We have had a hard time locking down a permanent location for club to meet as our ol' stand by Sherwood elementary has had a host of conflicts. Never the less, students are fired up about Campus Life and journeyed up to Western Campus Life for a football game and Murder Mystery night that was AMAZING for staff and students alike. Swan Valley Campus Life Director Jesse Fretwell is also starting a small group with some student from Merrill who want to know more about how to reach their school with Jesus' love.

Now while we I've stated several time that students are excited about Campus Life, you know that merely reflects our desire to help each student discover a growing relationship with Christ. No matter what school or what county or how many times a student shows up to a Campus Life event, we want each to be closer to Christ by the end of the school year than he or she is right now. Pray that staff and student leaders help make that a reality.

Lastly, we had a relapse financially in September. While we did surprisingly well over the summer, last month left a lot to be desired and we really need your help catching back up. Please jump back on the bandwagon and give this month and/or make it to the Banquet on October 23rd at Horizons on State in Saginaw. Thanks so much for all you do to reach lost teens in Midland, Saginaw, and Bay Counties.

God Bless,

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CAMPUS LIFE IS BACK!
These students are clearly excited about it!



Blowing their minds at Campus Life