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GREAT LAKES BAY | GIVE LIFE TO
YOUR STORY

June 1, 2014

Partnership Opportunities

June 15-21

One Week One Street
(\$75 Sponsors 1 kid for
the week, 5 students
need sponsorships)

July 16-17

Cedar Point Trip
(Gospel will be clearly
presented to all students
that attend)

July 19

Rock the Island
(Free Christian Music
Festival in Saginaw)

August 19-21

YFC Regional Conference

Will you sponsor a ministry
leader at GLBYFC to attend our
Regional Conference this year?

We are officially done with Campus Life Club for the school year. May 19th was our senior night where we honored all of the seniors that come to Campus Life. I can honestly say it is the hardest club for me to be a part of. I am grateful for the time that we had with the seniors but many of them leave the area, which means contact with them is limited to texting and Facebook, this is NO replacement for time spent in person. As I thought about each student that we had access to, I wondered, "did we do enough?" Did we love Alisha, Payton, Michael, Mason, and Meghan the way Jesus would want us too? Those were just some of the seniors that we have access to at Campus Life. This time of reflection also made me think of ALL of the graduating Seniors in the Great Lakes Bay region that will graduate high school and have NEVER heard about Jesus. Which means our work is not yet complete!

I have been meditating on this passage in Matthew 11:28-30, "*Come to me, all of you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest! Put on my yoke and learn from me. For I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*" We are tired still from the busy school year and we are moving into an equally busy summer. Because we have rest for our souls and we are yoked to Jesus, this busy summer no longer seems "busy" in a negative way. We GET the chance to love students like Jesus all summer long!

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ONE WEEK ONE STREET

This month Great Lakes Bay Youth for Christ is participating in a local missions project called "One Week, One Street." Our students and staff will be putting our work clothes on and tackling projects such as painting, yard work, demolition, plumbing, gardening, you name it! The students will take part in the revitalization of the city of Saginaw by turning vacant lots into parks, painting a mural on an otherwise drab wall and getting their hands dirty at over 55 homes! This is an amazing opportunity for our students, but also for Great Lakes Bay YFC. Many local community members, churches and organizations come together for this amazing project, we will have the opportunity to network and shake hands with people who live and work in the communities we serve and hope to serve in the future. Not to mention, we will meet hundreds of teenagers!

Great Lakes Bay Youth for Christ has also partnered with Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene to provide our students somewhere to stay, shower, and eat for the week. Because of this arrangement, our students will get to connect with over 50 students within the church, but also get to participate in lots of fun evening activities, devotions, and even a live concert performed by a local Worship Band, Modern Day Cure. Talk about a reward for their service!

We have worked very hard to keep the cost to a mere \$75 per student for the entire week, but we are still in need of help! We will be providing up to 16 meals per student, and any of you who have ever purchased a weeks worth of food for a teenager knows that that is a crazy good deal! Would you be willing to help us feed our workers? You can go to Gordon's Food Service in Saginaw and ask to see the supply list for Saginaw Valley church of the Nazarene and they will help you help us by providing what you are able (it's kind of like a gift registry)! You can also help support a student with your financial contribution by calling us anytime at 989.272.5098.

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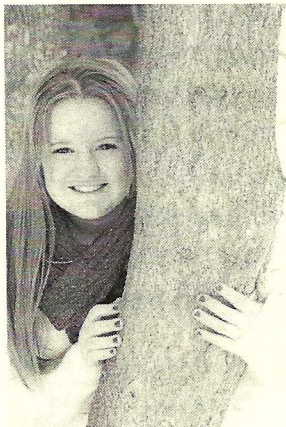
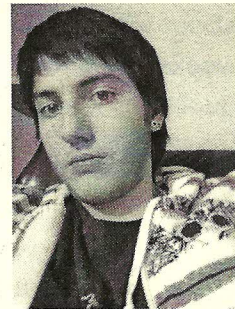


Why do you like Campus Life?



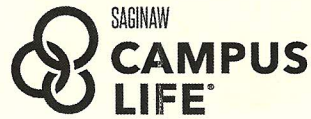
"What I like about campus life is playing games and hanging out. We also don't judge each other even though we might be in different clicks. When I invite people to Campus Life I tell them about the fun and games but I also let them know that the staff at Campus Life do not care that I am Agnostic. Everyone accepts each other the way they are. That is my favorite thing about Campus Life." -Alisha

"I love going to Campus Life, the games we play are always fun even if I don't understand them at first. We do more than fun and games at Campus Life. My favorite trip this year was going to Winter Jam. I will never forget the first time I went to Campus Life, or the last time. I enjoyed it so much that I actually want to volunteer with Campus Life some day." -Payton

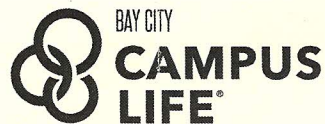


"Campus Life has a real sense of home. Everyone there feels like family the moment you walk in. You're never alone and it always feels like there is someone to talk to, someone you can connect with. That is why I love Campus Life. Campus Life gave me an escape from anything going on at home. It helped me through some of my darkest moments and gave me the hope and strength I needed. I cannot wait to embark on my journey as a volunteer with Campus Life!" -Emillee

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A couple of weeks ago we said goodbye to Rachel Bussis. Rachel has been a ministry leader with Saginaw Campus Life for the duration of her time attending Saginaw Valley State University, she left to attend Grad School in Chicago. Romans 12:15 says, "Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep." I can honestly say that verse applies. While Rachel will be missed DEEPLY and we are sad to see her leave, we are happy for her as she pursues her dreams. Dan Gregory will be leaving us shortly as well as he has enlisted in the Air Force and is waiting for a job to open up for him. This makes me a little nervous as I watch our ministry team dwindle down to just a few people. Fortunately for us Jesus isn't nervous about these changes! We have been having some awesome conversations with students about Jesus as they ask questions about who He is and why they need Him in their lives. Be praying the next couple of weeks as I sit down with ministry leaders and students to help them answer the questions that they have about Jesus. I can't wait to see how God changes the hearts of these students in the next couple of weeks. - Jon Hartwick



We celebrated our last Campus Life of the year by covering everyone in.. EGGS! This is always the most fun night of the year, and amazingly, no matter how much they whine about it, everyone always participates! We were happy to welcome two graduating 8th grade students, and even a new Senior, 'Cabbage' (a nickname given to him by a Senior his Freshman year that stuck), who attended for his first and last time! Our staff shared a bittersweet moment with the students as we reminisced on the year we had shared, and excitedly shared the plan for the summer. I am so happy with the growth I have seen in both staff and students this year, and am fired up to begin planning and training for a new school year! - Allie Steele

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