

Summer 2011 - YACHT Club Events

Since its summer, there is not a ton of things going on, so I am just sending this one page "newsletter" to keep you informed on the things I know about happening in June/July. I hope you can make our planning meeting on July 28th. It will be an important meeting in planning the direction for the YACHT club, and the 2011-2012 year. Thanks and hope to see you around this summer.

Thursday Night Taco Ride: The name "Taco Ride" has become synonymous on Thursday nights with the Wabash Trace Nature Trail and the 10-mile stretch between the trail head in Council Bluff, Iowa and Mineola, Iowa. For many, the Thursday night ride is a scenic trek through the Loess Hills ending with dinner at the Mineola Steakhouse. For others, the Taco Ride is a social event filled with cycling, scenery and a festive, party atmosphere. Everyone agrees that Thursday on the Wabash is something special. Most riders start at the trail head on the south side of Council Bluffs south of the Highway 92 and Highway 275 intersection near Lewis Central School. Parking is available at the trail head. For more information: <http://www.tacoride.com/>

Thursdays: Rome and Coke: Doctrine over Drinks - Interested in exploring Catholic theology in a low-key environment...perhaps over a pint? Come to the Brazen Head Irish Pub (319 N. 78th St, Omaha) Thursday nights at 7 pm and ask the host/ess where you can find the group of young adults doing just that! Each week, we will discuss a topic/theme from multiple perspectives- for example; we may view "love" using the Scripture, writings of the Church Fathers, and other sources (such as encyclicals). No past theological study is required! For more info, email youngadults@archomaha.org or visit "Omaha Theology on Tap" on Facebook to view topics for each week.

June 11: Volunteers are needed for 2011 Camp Possible. This faith and fun filled day for students ages 6-18 with special needs will be held at the College of Saint Mary on Saturday, June 11, from 10am-6pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Elizabeth Murphy in the Family Life Office, emmurphy@archomaha.org, 402-551-9003 ext. 1323 for more information. 2011 Camp Possible is sponsored by the Family Life Office and Madonna School.

June 24: Save the Date: Bonfire to celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist Details to follow, but the ToT committee is planning a bonfire on the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist. The tradition is technically the eve, but we are taking advantage of the fact that the feast falls on a Friday this year. More details to come! (If you are interested in reading about this tradition check out Directory on Popular Piety, 224-225 or Catholic Culture website. This is a great example of the Church taking something secular and re-inventing it.

June 25: Sign-ups for the Habitat for Humanity build will be in June and the build begins in August. More information as it becomes available.

June 25: 10:30 am to 7:00 pm - Help us fight to find a cure! Join us on June 25th for a volleyball tournament at Spiker's in Gretna. Sign up by June 8th at www.ihavegame.com; only \$90.00 per team of 6 (max of 3 men). Prizes for first and second place - All proceeds go to American Cancer Society!

July 16: BBQ and Street Dance in the St. Leo Church parking lot. 6:30 to 10:00 pm. We'll roast a hog, and have dinner and dancing outside. This has been a great event. In the past, the YACHT club has taken this on as their project, so we'll need lots of help putting this together and serving food, etc. If you can volunteer in serving dinner, please call John Gencarelli at 397-0407 or e-mail at john@stleo.net.

July 17: St. Leo Parish picnic from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. While you're being asked to provide assistance to the BBQ/Hog Roast the night before, I'm also asking for help from any of you to run the beer tent on Sunday once again. This is a great showing of collaboration and it's just down-right FUN!! If it's steamy that day, there will be a dunk tank available as well! Like usual, I'm always looking for people to work either the early or the late shift (noon-2pm or 2-4pm) so please shoot me your interest of whatever works for you! Contact Julie O'Brien at 402-670-1164 if you can help with the beer/pop tent this year. If you can't, then stop by and have some fun. This is a family friendly picnic.

July 21: "College Connect" Planning meeting for college students - Meet at St. Leo from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for dinner and discussion. I want to start a new group here at St. Leo's kind of like "Connections" but just for college students (ages 18-22). I would like to bring a group of college students together to see what you think and what you want to do with this group. It would be for anyone in college, but I think it's a great way to keep you that were involved in "Connections" to continue to join us, but with something more age appropriate. Hope you can join us to help plan this new group.

July 28: YACHT Club Group Planning Meeting - Meet at St. Leo from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for dinner and discussion. I would like to re-visit the idea of having a YACHT club "Core Team". (Ages 21-35) Let's face it, I need some help and I need to know what young adults would like to do. What I foresee at this time is getting a couple of people to head up certain "activities" or "committees" like hospitality, service, social, and spiritual. If we could get some people to help in each of these categories, then no one person would have too much to do.... I am inviting you to be a part of this conversation. That doesn't mean you are going to get assigned anything, I just want your input and ideas on how to meet the needs of young adults in this area.

If you have any questions or wish to receive the newsletter, please feel free to contact John Gencarelli

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