



Summer Camp in the City

by Jim Swearingen

What an exciting time of fun, education and spiritual direction for the kids in the city of Buffalo!

Each morning (Monday through Wednesday) started with a worship time in the Forbes Theatre, which included games, prayer and singing to the Lord. Classes then rotated to three areas: education (reading), recreation and arts and crafts. Everyone came together for lunch and the day closed in the Forbes Theatre with another time of worshipping God.

Thursday's were special days at camp with week one having a field trip to Johnson Park for "Wacky Olympics". Kids competed in sack races, cantalope bowling and other fun sports. The afternoon finished with popcorn and a movie in the theatre. Week two had the scavenger hunt field trip rained out but with a building like the BCC, who needs to go outside? Kids rotated to different rooms for fun games and prizes in the morning. The afternoon was a special treat with parents invited to attend a talent show. Performances included dances taught by Kathy Clay the director of School of the Arts. The show was capped off with a performance by Kathy and dancers from her company. Everyone enjoyed an ice cream social to end the day.

Week three was "Camp Adventure" outreach week. There was a new level of excitement and fun as hundreds of kids were reached during this week. Each morning kids were greeted at the entrance of the Forbes Theatre by going through a "gauntlet" of cheers and high fives. Parents honked their horns as they drove off adding to the excitement. Each day of Camp Adven-

ture had a different theme with decorations, food and activity to match.

The unity and diversity which God has in the body of Christ were demonstrated as the leadership of this summer camp came from many ministries and churches. The planning committee for the camp included representatives from Peace of the City, Buffalo Dream Center, Houghton College, Urban

Christian Ministries and the Buffalo Christian Center. The camp was led by Melanie Glover of the Buffalo Christian Center with Peace of the City leading recreation and Buffalo Dream Center leading worship the first two weeks and Camp Adventure in week three.

A different mission trip group helped operate the camp each week. Week one was from Grace Bible Church in Newfane, week two was Baker Memorial Church from East Aurora and week three was John Tasch Ministries bringing people from around the United States.

Guest Teachers included: School of Performing Arts (SPA), Buffalo Public Library, Food Bank and Niagara Power.

We would like to express our gratitude to the companies who contributed: Adventure Landing, Anderson's Frozen Custard, Buffalo Bisons, Buffalo Bills, Kingdom Bound, Project Flight, Rich Products, Prima Pizza Pasta, and Jeff Hauser, President of Capital Management Services.

A heartfelt thanks to the donors and volunteers who made this camp possible!

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The Morlock Foundation is one of the resident partners that are housed within the Buffalo Christian Center.

The Morlock Foundation "cares about saving the family" and their mission is to improve the quality of life of families in our community through resources, support, love, hope, education, respect and respite.

Their focus is helping children with disease and disabilities and their families; working towards creating hunger free Western New York with a food pantry; networking with community agencies, corporations and universities for the betterment of the community; helping the elderly with medical, doctor bills and working with their insurance companies and finding families who still want children and finding children who even as adults still want families.

Do you desire to go deeper, to make a difference in a life of a mother and her children? If so, **TEEN MOPS** is looking for volunteers. We are in need of a Finance Coordinator, Crafts Coordinator, Hospitality Coordinator, Mall Coordinator, MOPPET Workers to help hold babies, sing songs and play with children and Meal providers. Want to know more: Contact Carol Greetham at 839-3827 or Diana Hills at 883-2951. Fall session starts Wed., September 12th.

BCC Wish List

The Center is in need of many items and services. Some big, some small. you or your group have the means to provide any of these items, please call 856-7495.

GAME ROOM NEEDS:

- 2 - Pool tables
- 2 - Air Hockey tables
- 2 - Foos ball tables
- 1 - Ping Pong table & paddles
- Ping Pong balls (large packs)
- Pool table sticks
- 4- Large sofas (3 seaters)
- 25- Golf putters

THEATER NEEDS

- Air Conditioning
- Amplifier
- Video Projector

OFFICE NEEDS:

- Copy Paper
- Notebook computer
- Newer computers

OTHER NEEDS

- A Lift for in the front foyer
- Miniature golf course repair
- Licensed Plumber for odd jobs
- Contractor for repairs
- Monetary Donations
- Gift Cards



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Saturday, September 29, 2007 • 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



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To order tickets or for further information, please call 856-7595.

Up & Coming Events at the BCC

Mark your calendar!!

- Fri., Sept. 21 & Sat., Sept. 22** - Grace & Mercy Production "A Mafioso Christianity Gospel Musical Play"
 - Sat., Sept. 29** - Buffalo Christian Center Banquet
 - Fri., Oct. 12** - Creation/Evolution Seminar
 - Fri., Oct. 19** - Concert "The Laf-A-Lott Comedy Show"
 - Sat., Oct. 20** - 4th Annual Christian Heritage Festival
 - Fri., Nov. 2** - The Buffalo Dream Center, Fear Factor Youth Groups only
 - Sat., Nov. 3** - Morlock Foundation Fundraiser, "Open Toe Gala"
 - Fri., Nov. 9** - Bill's Night Out
 - Sat., Nov. 17** - Kingdom Bound Ministries, "City Fest"
- For more information on any of these events, please call us at 856-7495.