



Firefall and CLUB56 had their annual Christmas parties in December. The white elephant gift exchange was the highlight of the evening. From a diaper to the annual Christmas frog; all of the youth went home with a “real” treasure this Christmas season. It is wonderful to see and hear young people laughing and playing together in such a positive and uplifting way. Along with attending Christmas parties, both groups are reaching out to their friends and classmates. December had six new youth attend WNL for the first time and some kids already have plans for inviting new friends at the turn of the year (Amanda!).

WNL will begin again on January 7<sup>th</sup> for both groups. Firefall will be having a Higher Grounds Cappuccino Night on January 14<sup>th</sup>, be sure to mark your calendars for a night of great drinks and even better conversation about Christ. CLUB56 continues to Grapple through relevant issues to them in their small groups. From “*What Difference Can I Make?*” to “*Do My Prayers Bore God*” CLUB56ers have the opportunity to learn how to deal with real life issues from a biblical perspective.



Currently, 31 youth are signed up to attend the evangelism training conference in Washington DC on July 8-14. The cost per youth is about \$960, which brings the total cost of the trip to \$29,700. Each youth is required to pay a \$150 of the cost in order to go on the trip. The remaining amount of money will be collected

through fund-raising. The first fund-raiser was a potato meal in October which made \$1,173. “Pave the Way to DCLA” was kicked off in early November. As the main fund-raiser for this trip, sponsorship of miles is taking the place of many of the fund-raisers we have done in the past. To date about 700 miles of the nearly 1,100 miles have been sponsored. If you would like to sponsor some of the 400 miles left please see or call Mark Misch @ 450-2793, the remaining miles will be removed from the wall soon due to Upward starting. Thank you for continued generosity towards the youth of ZUM.

**Upcoming youth group dates in January:**

- 7 WNL
- 13 FF-Leader Meeting 7 pm @ Misch’s/WNL
- 14 FF-Cappuccinos’ and Ice Cream/WNL
- 21 WNL
- 28 WNL
- Feb 1 Potato Meal
- Feb 8-22 Youth Candy Sales

