

# JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

- September 5-7** **Young Peoples Union Shore Trip.** Junior and Senior High students will pack their bags for a weekend retreat in Sea Isle City, New Jersey. Dan Occhiogrosso will join us for the weekend as our keynote speaker.
- October 10** **Zion Fall Festival.** Students will be asked to participate in this event. This is an outreach to the community and a chance to share the facility with those who come and join us for the day. Students should bring their parents out with them to this event!
- October 20 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 6:45 pm – bring a friend! We will look at a video that seeks to answer the question, “Is this it?” What is that question all about – come by and find out for yourself!!
- October 31** **Horseback Riding at Haycock.** We will meet up at Zion at 10 am to head over to Haycock Stables together. After a morning ride together, we will stop for a bite to eat on the way home.
- November 14-15** **Keystone Opportunity Center – Sleep Out for Homelessness.** This event is going to be held at Zion Mennonite Church and is sponsored by Keystone Opportunity Center. Look for flyers with more information and fundraising forms as we approach this event. Both Senior and Junior High students will take part in this event.
- November 17 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 6:45 pm – bring a friend! “Jesus: Who is He?” This video looks to see who Jesus was and is to us today – make sure you are there to find out.
- December 6** **Christmas Cookie Baking and Party.** For this fun event, students are asked to bring pre-made dough with them. As a group we will also make one or two batches while together. We will also enjoy lunch and possible a movie or football game. This activity will be shared with the Senior High Fellowship.
- December 15 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 6:45 pm – bring a friend! We will ask the question, “Did Jesus have to die?” Join the discussion and throw out some of your own questions!
- January 8-10** **Winter Retreat at Spruce Lake** – This will be an outreach event, so start thinking about what friends you might want to ask to the retreat. We will need to sign-up for this event several weeks ahead of time. Plan on bringing warm clothes and fun-loving attitude. Look for flyers in your mailbox! This retreat is being run by Spruce Lake and we will be meeting up with several other youth groups at the Wilderness Camp.
- January 19 YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 6:45 pm – bring a friend! Faith is something we talk a lot about in church – this session will help us to discover, how we can have our own faith and what that might look like.

- February 7**      **Life-size Dutch Blitz.** Our group will meet after Sunday school and have lunch together. We will allow our food to settle a little bit, by playing a couple non-active games. Once things have settled we will play a few rounds of Dutch Blitz. This is a great event to invite siblings and parents to join in on the fun!
- February 16      YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 6:45 pm – bring a friend! We are going to discover a bit about prayer – why and how do we pray?
- March 11**      **Late Night Blast at Christopher Dock.** They don't get any bigger or better than this one! Last year there were more than 150 junior high youth gathered in the Longacre Center at CD. Activities include basketball, soccer, dodge ball and group games – all topped off with a special speaker and worship. If there is one activity you don't want to miss, it is definitely this one!
- March 14-16**      **MCC Meat Canner** – Junior High students will leave school early to help pack, label and box meat for the Mennonite Central Committee. Forms asking permission from the schools to allow students to leave at 2 pm will be sent out ahead of time. Parents should plan on picking up students at 6:00 pm from the Material Resource Center in Harleysville. Friends are welcome to join us, but must also fill out forms.
- March 15      YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Everyone should plan on being there at 6:45 pm, with a friend in tow. Tonight we will look at why we should read the Bible and how we get started.
- April 9**      **Geocaching Activity.** We will make plans to head out on a geocaching adventure! This will be a fun group activity, where we find special destinations and assignments! Please plan on inviting friends!!!
- April 19      YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 7 pm – bring a friend! Our video series will look at how God guides us into a full life. Come out and see if God has a plan for you!
- May 14**      **Perkiomenville Trail Ride and Breakfast!** This should be a really fun morning. We will gather in Schwenksville and take an easy ride to our breakfast stop. After enjoying a nice breakfast, we will return Schwenksville, where your parents will pick you up.
- May 17      YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT. Meet at Zion at 7 pm – bring a friend! We might have a little flexibility with this lesson if the weather is nice, but if we look at the video for this week, we will be learning about the Holy Spirit!
- June 4**      **Canoeing in the New Jersey Pine Barrens.** This will be a day trip to New Jersey. We will need to leave bright and early and we will plan on returning home late in the afternoon or early evening. We need to have students sign-up early, so we can get our time scheduled.

We are hoping that everyone will make an effort to make it to these activities and especially the fellowship nights. We put the dates out in advance so you can put them in the calendar and keep them sacred. Without a strong commitment from all students we will struggle to maintain numbers to keep regular activities. Our fellowship nights will run from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and will be held in the Youth Department.

Although this is a pretty good list of activities, it is by no means the final version. You can plan on having several unscheduled activities throughout the year. Scott will try to keep you informed of any changes or updates to this schedule by sending out individual flyers for activities.