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BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL



SYCAMORE AT THE COUNTY FAIR



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE SYCAMORE CENTER!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES, STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND MISSION PARTNERS FOR MAKING AUGUST A SUCCESSFUL MONTH!

The Sycamore "Back To School Carnival" was a big success! It was a great way to end our Summer Camp this year. There were lots of smiling faces and joyful laughter outside of Sycamore! The Bouncy House/Inflatables were sponsored by the Jefferson County Family Recovery Center who partnered with Sycamore to put on this event. We had four people from Sycamore provide face painting for children, and we gave away books and 65 free backpacks filled with school supplies.

The Sycamore Youth Center was blessed to be able to set up a table at the Jefferson County Fair in the Commercial Exhibits Building this year. We gave out free gummy bears and snacks and advertised our Fall Semester Schedule of Classes. We rotated staff members all week to oversee the table and also took out our portable basketball hoop arcade game so that kids would have the opportunity to win prizes. It was a great week!

We had a busy day handing out sign up forms for our Sycamore programs at the Urban Mission "Back To School Bash!" The Big Red Band was there and hundreds of kids! We also gave away free comic book Bibles to students as well as free food. Over 800 children attended the event. We had a number of interested children and parents say they are going to sign up for classes.



SYCAMORE SUMMER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

OUR SUMMER MOBILE FOOD PROGRAM ENDED ON AUGUST 13TH AS WE GAVE AWAY THE LAST OF NEARLY 4000 MEALS THIS SUMMER TO NEEDY CHILDREN. THE SYCAMORE STUDENT LEADERSHIP STAFF DID A GREAT JOB ALL YEAR EVEN WHEN IT WAS BLISTERING HOT OUTSIDE. WE WERE ALSO BLESSED TO PARTNER WITH THE URBAN MISSION EACH WEEK. ON AUGUST 20TH, WE STARTED OUR AFTER SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM WHICH TAKES PLACE EVERY FRIDAY AT SYCAMORE FROM 2:30-3:30 AND OUTSIDE EAST GARFIELD ELEMENTARY AT 2:35. IT WAS AN AWESOME SUMMER AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL!

SUCCESSFUL COOKING CAMP



Forty students and seven student leaders participated in Sycamore's three-day International Cooking Camp led by Steubenville native Janese Boston of Living Proof Chef Service in Columbus. During the camp, the students learned about different cultures and made lasagna, gyros, egg rolls, and spring rolls. At the end of camp, each participant received a trophy, apron, gift bag, and Sycamore t-shirt.

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Giving

We accept donations for the Sycamore Center through checks made out to the Ohio Valley Youth Network and sent to our address: 301 N.4th St. Steubenville, OH 43952.

We also accept donations through PayPal, the link to which can be found on our donation tabs on our websites:
sycamorecenter.com/giving
www.ovyn.org/support

Your extremely generous donations make it possible for us to fund our programs and continue serving the youth of the Ohio Valley. Thank You!



AMAZING SUMMER CAMP

We had an awesome week at the Sycamore Summer Camp! The children had a blast. Each of the students received a free Sycamore t-shirt on the last day. Special thanks to our awesome staff who worked so hard the entire week! God is good!

