

# YOUTH PEACE TRAVEL TEAM (YPTT)

The first Youth Peace Travel Team (YPTT) was formed in the summer of 1991 as a cooperative effort of a number of General Board programs and Outdoor Ministries. Since that year a team has been fielded every summer. The members of the Youth Peace Travel Team travel to camps throughout the Church of the Brethren. The goal of the team's work is to talk with other young people about the Christian message and the Brethren tradition of peacemaking.

The Youth Peace Travel Team is sponsored by On Earth Peace, Outdoor Ministries Association, the Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, and Brethren Volunteer Service.

Four college students between the ages of 18-22 are selected each summer by representatives of each sponsoring organization. The team members are part of the Ministry Summer Service (MSS) program and therefore take part in the orientation led by Youth and Young Adult ministry. Prior to the MSS orientation, the team spends several days in an orientation geared specifically toward their ministry as YPTT. Topics covered include, but are not limited to: the Biblical basis of peacemaking, Brethren tradition as peacemakers, presentation skills, boundaries and expectations of camps, and leading worship in an outdoor setting. They also work at what it means to be a team which includes training in conducting family meetings, traveling to camps, communicating with camp leaders, financial details, etc...

Each summer a geographical area is chosen and camps are contacted to learn of their desire in hosting the team for one week during the camping season. Expectations are that the team will be given room and board and supplied with laundry facilities. To help cover the extensive transportation costs, a \$250 donation is requested from the host camp. In return, the team will provide sessions and workshops around the topic of living together peacefully, Christ's call to be peacemakers, and learning to communicate with each other in a peaceful and constructive manner. While it is best that the team not be used as counselors, they are available to be used in the many facets of summer camp including campfire leading, Bible study, recreation, small group leaders, and as those extra adults often needed in various settings.

Applications for young adults interested in serving on the YPTT can be obtained from the Church of the Brethren or On Earth Peace websites. The YPTT application is a joint application with MSS. Members receive the MSS college scholarship stipend of \$2500 (see Ministry Summer Service information).



## ***Team History***

1991 - ANDY LOOMIS, CHRIS BROWN, JOY KRAYBILL, AUDREY OSBORNE

Camps: Bethel, Brethren Woods, Carmel, Ithiel, Swatara

1992 - CHRIS FORNEY, DARIN KEITH BOWMAN, ERIN KRAMER, DEMETRA HECKMAN

Camps: Eder, Mon-Dak, Shepherd's Spring, Inspiration Hills, Emmanuel, Harmony

1993 - JENN UNGEMACH, JESSICA ELLER, JEFF CARTER, ANDREW BRUNK

Camps: Mack, Stover, La Verne, Peaceful Pines, Myrtlewood

1994 - BRIAN KRUSCHWITZ, RHONDA MELLINGER, BECKI WHITTAKER, MATT GUYNN

Camps: Emmanuel (1 week of training, 2 weeks of camp), Pine Lake, Colorado (2 weeks of camp), National Youth Conference, Annual Conference (Wichita, KS)

1995 - STEVE BRADY, SARAH STAFFORD, MELISSA BENNETT, MATTHEW MILLER

Camps: Inspiration Hills, Blue Diamond, Bethel, Shepherd's Spring, Ithiel

1996 - HEIDI BECK, REBEKAH HELSEL, SARAH MARIE HENDRICKS, J.J. WHITE (HALF OF SUMMER)

Camps: Woodland Altars, Carmel, Mack, Emmaus, Emmanuel, Bethel

1997 - JACKI HARTLEY, JESSICA LEHMAN, NATHAN MUSSELMAN, MIKE BRINKMEYER

Camps: Inspiration Hills, Harmony, Shepherd's Spring, Mardela, Brethren Woods, Ithiel, Hammond's Mill, Swatara

1998 - LORI VAN ORDER, LINETTA ALLEY, RACHEL CARROLL, LIZ GEISEWITE

Camps: LaVerne, Stover, Pine Lake, Peaceful Pines, National Youth Conference, CA churches (LaVerne, San Diego, Shalom Ministries/Tijuana, Modesto, Live Oak)

1999 - CHANDA EDWARDS, AMY RHOADES, ERICA SWEITZER, WENDY MATHENY

Camps: Brethren Woods, Mack, Blue Diamond, Emmaus, Emmanuel

2000 - MYRA MARTIN-ADKINS, PETER DOBBERSTEIN, DAN ROYER, MARSHALL CAMDEN, MEGHAN SELLER

Camps: Swatara, Shepherd's Spring, Annual Conference (Kansas City), Brethren Woods, Bethel, Eder, Brethren Heights

2001 - KATIE BEST, SUSAN CHAPMAN, RACHEL LONG

Camps: Shepherd's Spring, Song and Story Fest (Shepherd's Spring), Annual Conference (Baltimore), Blue Diamond, Galilee, Emmaus, Eder, Mack

2002 - CARLE GAIER, BEN KREIDER, CHRIS PALSGROVE, DANIEL RADCLIFF

Camps: Inspiration Hills, Annual Conference (Louisville, KY), Stover, National Youth Conference (Ft. Collins, CO), LaVerne, Myrtlewood, Peaceful Pines, Koinonia

2003 - ERICA SCHATZ, LAURA SWEITZER, MANDY WAMPLER

Camps: Woodland Altars, Brethren Heights, Annual Conference (Boise, ID), Mack, Pine Lake, Emmaus, Hammond's Mill

2004 - TIFFANY CARTY, CARRIE FRY-MILLER, JEFF MCAVOY, MATT WITKOVSKY

Camps: National Young Adult Conference (Snow Mountain Ranch, CO), Shepherd's Spring (twice), Brethren Woods, Annual Conference (Charleston, WV), Blue Diamond, Bethel, Harmony, Swatara,

2005 – BENJAMIN BEAR, NICOLE FOWLER, BENJAMIN RITCHEY MARTIN, RACHEL MCFADDEN

Camps: Inspiration Hills, Brethren Heights, Ithiel, Annual Conference (Peoria, IL), Mack, Woodland Altars, Emmaus, Blue Diamond, Shepherd's Spring

2006 - KAREN DUHAI, CHRISTINA MCPHERSON, CORRINE LIPSCOMB

Camps: Mack, Mt. Hermon, Pine Lake, Annual Conference (Boise, ID), Wilbur Stover, Myrtlewood, National Youth Conference, LaVerne, Peaceful Pines, Koinonia

2007 - AUDREY HOLLENBERG, AMANDA GLOVER, EMILY LAPRADE

Camps: Woodland Altars, Eder, Harmony, Annual Conference (Cleveland, OH), Shepherd's Spring, Mardela, Blue Diamond, Swatara, LaVerne CoB Peace Camp.

2008 - GABRIEL DODD, SAMANTHA CARWILE, MELISA GRANDISON, JOHN-MICHAEL PICKENS

Camps: Pine Lake, Bethel, Ithiel, Mack, Blue Diamond, Annual Conference (Richmond, VA), Brethren Heights, Emmaus, Peaceful Pines, Young Adult Conference (Estes Park, CO)

2009 - MARIANNE HOUFF, CHELSEA GOSS, JESSICA FLORY STEURY, BETHANY FUNKHOUSER

Camps: Mack, Mardela, Inspiration Hills, Swatara, Galilee, Eder, Blue Diamond, Work Camp in New Windsor, Annual Conference (San Diego, CA), Jr. High National Conference (Harrisonburg, VA)

2010- MARCUS HARDEN, TIMOTHY SOLLENBERGER-HEISHMAN, CAMBRIA TETER, HANNAH WYSONG

Camps: Mt. Hermon, Stover, Peaceful Pines, Annual Conference (Pittsburg), Pine Lake, National Youth Conference, La Verne, Hammond's Mill

2011- MARK DOWDY, TYLER GOSS, KAY GUYER, SARAH MARIE NEHER

Camps: Woodland Altars, National Junior High Conference (Elizabethtown, PA), Shepherd's Spring, Bethel, Annual Conference (Grand Rapids, MI), Emmaus, Galilee, Brethren Woods, National Workcamp at Camp Mardela

2012 – MOLLY WALMER, KATIE FURROW, KYLE REIGE, HUNTER KEITH

Camps: Camp Mt. Hermon, National Young Adult Conference, Camp Inspiration Hills, Camp Swatara, Annual Conference, Camp Pine Lake, Camp Blue Diamond, Camp Mack, National Workcamp at Camp Eder.