

## **Christ the King Youth Committee Event Report**

**Event:** Ocean City

**Date:** 28 Sep 2001

**Location:** Ocean City, MD

**Time:** Departed church at 1815 Friday; returned to the church 1700 Sunday.

**Attendance:** 17 Youth and 4 Adults (see below)

### **Summary:**

Seventeen High School youth and four adults participated in the annual Ocean City trip. The objective was to have a fun weekend of fellowship, with devotions and some planning intertwined which was successfully accomplished. Four cars were required including one rental mini-van. The rental van and two cars with 12 youth and 3 adults loaded with two car top carriers departed the church at 6:15 p.m. on Friday. The fourth car (mini-van) with car top carrier left the church Saturday morning at 7:00 with 5 youth and one adult arriving in Ocean City at 10:30. The majority of the youth arriving Friday night stayed up all night talking, laughing, playing music and watching videos. Saturday morning, they had breakfast, did devotions and then after the second wave arrived they all took off for the boardwalk around 1130. Around 2:00, several of the "tired" youth returned to the house and chilled out until dinner time. A few other youth enjoyed the afternoon swimming in the cold ocean, renting bikes, and flying a kite. A planning session and devotions followed the dinner of grilled hamburgers. The youth elected a youth leadership committee and brainstormed ideas for future events such as: Sponsoring a child under Compassion Int'l, having weekly nightly gatherings, going to a sporting event, going to Cedar Point amusement park, going to a lake for water skiing. At a little after 7:00 p.m. the group went to mini-golf which was fun and then to the boardwalk where the majority went to a karaoke bar. That was a lot of fun with most youth participating. At 10:30, the group returned the house for brownies, playing spoons, playing music and general fellowship. Half the group slept that night while half stayed up all night. Everyone was up at 8:00 for breakfast, devotions and clean-up. Everyone left at 10:45 for the boardwalk with a gathering time of 12:15 to head home. The weather turned rainy and most were ready to leave at noon. After lunch, the group headed to the cars for a quiet ride home.

### **Lessons Learned:**

The drive was 3 ½ hours and traffic was not bad leaving the church at 6:00 p.m. Paying full rental insurance proved a good decision given flat tire on the rental van. Three 20 minute or so devotions seemed to work out well. The house size (3 BR, 3 Bath) was fine though sleeping at night was a challenge for those who wanted to sleep. Consider having lights out at 2:00 a.m. or ensuring that those who stay up all night can do so with impacting those who want to sleep. Minimize caffeine intake. The location was perfect i.e. within walking distance of the Boardwalk. May want to go a couple weekends earlier in order to increase the likelihood of better weather. Might pre-plan activities such as a beach football game, sandcastle building, spoons, kite flying or bike caravan. It seems that some youth will just sit around unless there is

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something specifically planned. Might also challenge them to a discussion after some controversial movie.

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Adults</b>
Kirrin Hough	Jackie McEwan	Jimmy McEwan	Anita Smallin
Rachel Swineford	Steffi McKay	Ryan (guest)	Craig McKay
Camille Froscheiser	Emily Salser	Colin Smith	Don Boone
Courtney Hugger	Sam Macher	Jon Boone	Kim Macher
	Megan Kennedy	Susanna Finger	
	Matt Fergusson	Kevin Magley	
	Shannon Sulkovsky		