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# Catholic Youth Organization Newsletter

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## Merry Christmas!

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth this advent, Camp Services is busy preparing for Environmental Education and Summer Camp. The Snoqualmie Valley Senior center has been renting Camp Don Bosco, along with a number of rental groups at Camp Hamilton as well. The maintenance staff have been busy removing potholes, repairing ramps and stairs and fixing the showers in the Kula Kula. The Catholic Scouts created a rosary garden at Camp Don Bosco as a service project. Camp Services has had a busy fall and we're looking forward to a productive winter.

## Give the Gift of Camp this Christmas

Still looking for that perfect Christmas present? Give the gift of a session at CYO summer camp!

Camp gives children courage, confidence and a deeper love of their faith that toys, games and clothes just can't. By giving the Gift of Camp you are investing in your child's learning, growth, and spiritual development. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) to register for next season and your confirmation email will include a custom gift certificate to give for the holidays.

Give the Gift of Camp and give an experience a child in your life is not soon to forget!

## Megan Raymond New Director of Camp Services

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is excited to announce the hiring of Megan Raymond as our Director of CYO Camp Services! After completing an open hiring with candidates from across the country, the hiring committee unanimously saw Megan as the right candidate to lead our summer camps and environmental education programs in the years to come. During her time as Interim Director this

fall she has worked tirelessly to lay the foundation for an amazing and successful summer and a flourishing future. Her dedication to CYO has been a blessing to see.

Megan has been a part of the CYO community since she first went to camp at age eight. She worked seasonally for CYO during high school and college. Having gotten her degree in Ecological Studies, she spent a few years working full time for Camp Fire USA and then the YMCA. Since 2006 she has been working full time for the Archdiocese in our Environmental Education and Summer Camp programs. Her history with CYO, experience in the camp industry, and love of Jesus Christ and His Church will serve her well in her new role and allow her to hit the ground running.

We are blessed to have Megan leading our team and hope that you will welcome her into her new role.

- Shawn Madden

## Hiring Environmental Education and Summer Camp Staff

We have just begun hiring for our spring and summer programs. Positions range from dishwashers to seasonal camp directors. Visit our jobs site for more information and detailed job descriptions.

<http://seattleoyyam.org/programs/cyo-camp-services/jobs>



Become a CYO staff member

## Update on CYO Adviosry Committee

We are just finishing the bylaws for the CYO Camp Services Advisory Committee and will begin assembling the board this month. If you have any questions or need more information please email us at [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org).

You can learn more about CYO Summer Camping by visiting [www.camping.seattleoyyam.org](http://www.camping.seattleoyyam.org)

If you have ideas about ways we can improve what we are doing please let us know at [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org). As always, thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,  
CYO Camp Services

Megan, Sarah, and Debbie