

2019 Summary Stake YM – Willowcreek Stake

Starting 2019 the Stake YM presidency remained the same. Scott Hyland President, Tim Shumway (1st), Brock Hansen (2nd) and Spencer Hill (Secretary). We continued with mission prep but just once a month with the new come follow me program and change in church schedule to 2 hour block. Mark Hyland was called as the mission prep teacher. All junior and seniors in high school were invited to attend. Mission prep was held Jan-May and then started again in Sept. 10-15 youth attended each class

Stake YM Presidency was in charge of ward conference for each ward YM hour. The 2019 theme was John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. A form of jeopardy was played with scriptures from each of the different books of scriptures. The young men had to read and select a theme or a word from each scripture and write it on a piece of paper and put on the board. The youth did a great job participating in the lesson. Cookies were provided to all the young men.

The spring special mission academy was planned for all the youth of the stake that involved the stake YM/YW presidency, the stake presidency and the stake youth council. The mission academy was held at Snydermill camp, a church owned property in Park City.

In April there was mission academy devotional where the youth were able to meet their mission leaders. The Stake YM and YW presidencies provided each youth in the stake a mission call to open. They were called 10 different missions. The 10 mission leaders were recently returned missionaries (from a few months to nearly 2 years) from the stake. Each mission had 10-15 youth. There were a couple of the mission leaders that were married and the spouse was part of the mission. Each youth opened their mission call in their quorum or class the Sunday of the devotional. At the devotional the youth were introduced to their mission leaders and spent some time learning about their mission. The 10 missions were:

- Texas San Antonio
- Ecuador Guayaquil North
- Florida Orlando
- Chile Santiago North
- New Zealand Hamilton
- Botswana Namibia
- Brazil Basilia
- Chile Santiago West
- Texas Houston
- Massachusetts Boston

The mission academy was Friday and Saturday with nearly 150 youth 14 and older staying overnight at Snydermill camp. Each day was filled with mission discussion/teaching from the mission leader with the youth in their mission using preach my gospel topics. We had special guest speakers that help bring the spirit and testify of Christ and the gospel of Jesus Christ and the love of our Heavenly Father.

The guest speakers were:

Elder Norm Nemro – former mission president and are authority

Sister Bonnie Cordon – Young Women General President

Dr. Matt Townsend –

Curtis Bennett – Former Mission President and recently released Mexico MTC President

We also had activities and service projects. Food was provided and brought up by each ward to feed the youth and leaders. It was a very successful and inspiration mission academy. The youth provided feedback that it was a great activity and they were very glad they attended.

The year ended with announcement in General Conference that there would be changes in the YM organization at the stake and ward level. The current stake YM presidency was released in November with a Brother Clinton Weaver from the High Council called as the stake YM president.