

The Highline Connection

Highline Christian Church
Touched by Jesus to Touch Others' Lives
Experience God's Touch

September 2007

Your **WORD**
is a
LAMP
to my
feet
and a
LIGHT
to my path.
Psalms 119:105



Opportunities for Studying the Word this Fall

Children

- 9:30 Sunday Mornings (See enclosed insert for details)
- Thursday Evenings 6-7:30
- Trail Trekkers (Grades 1-3)
- Summit Seekers (Grades 4-6)

Youth

- Sunday Mornings (See enclosed insert for details)
- 6-7:30 Sunday Evenings Youth Group in the Park (weather permitting)

Young Adults

- 9:30 Sunday Mornings - Revelation

Adults

- 9:30 Sunday Mornings (See enclosed insert for details)
- 6 p.m. Sunday Night - Video Study
- 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Conquerors Bible Study
- 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study (Men in the Bible) & Women's Bible Study





BUILDING UP...

REACHING OUT

We Are Counting on You!

The Building Team has worked on an exhaustive punch list of tasks to be completed before we can receive our occupancy permit. In light of this list, we have set a projected date for moving into the new sanctuary. We would like to re-emphasize the need of getting **YOU** to help get us closer to moving into the new sanctuary. Our list is long, but you can make it shorter.

Following are some of the tasks that need to be done.

- Door hardware installed on 30+ doors (handles, closers, door stops)
- Wood and metal handrails installed and finished (stain or painted)
- Paint the kitchen pantry and closet
- Kitchen counters installed, trimmed, laminate glued down and trim stained
- Shelves installed in janitor's closet and kitchen pantry
- Lots of concrete to be formed and poured
- Move materials for the Ed Wing out of the sanctuary to the Ed Wing and Garage
- Sort through a pallet of used ceiling tiles
- Clean floors, wipe down walls and counters in lavatories
- Install stair treads on kitchen stairs
- Touch up paint on the installed drop light poles

Come to one of the Saturday work parties or talk to Gregg about helping mid-week. The work parties in September will be on the 1st and 15th from 8:00-noon.

THANKS . . .



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. . . to Reed Morrow, Jim Louvier, and Dave Sloan who have been volunteering one or two days a week for the last month. They have accomplished a lot.

Our projected move in date is _____. Find out in the next newsletter!

Come to a Chili Feed



- What: Chili Feed and Chili Making Contest
- When: September 9th at 12:30 p.m. after worship service
- Where: Church building parking lot
- Why: To raise funds for building projects in Chile while on the Chile Mission Trip
- Cost: Donation to Chile Mission Trip building fund

All you secret chili cooks...bring out your best recipes and try your hand at winning the big prize (??).

The Chile Mission Team will provide the hot dogs, onions, cheese, cornbread, watermelon and punch...YOU provide the chili and an appetite.

Please contact Michelle Parker to add your Prize-winning Chili Recipe to the contest.

Dear Highline Church Family,

Thanks so much for joining in the fun and fellowship of this years All-Church Campout. It was so wonderful to see so many helping out with all the tasks necessary to put on a successful outing. So many of you shared so willingly with each need. I pray that even more will join in for next year's campout. Mark your calendars now! We are scheduled for July 11-13, 2008.

Steve & Lyla Moreland

Join the National Life Chain

Sunday October 7, 2007

2:00-3:30 P.M.

STAND with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada! You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! Bring the whole family! Rain or shine!

SIGNS proclaim "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption: the Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives & Heals," "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Abortion Hurts Women," "El Aborto Mata Ninos," "Life--the Inalienable Right" and "Pray to End Abortion."

STAND 25-30 feet apart. Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome! Do not park in front of an open business.

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

Locations & Contact Information

- Seattle - NE 50th St at Interstate 5 overpass (Terrence Brown 206-985-1578)
- Bellevue-Redmond - 148th Ave NE & NE 24th St - 1st Sunday of every month all year at this location (Bob Owen 425-746-5056)
- Bellevue Square - Bellevue Way NE & NE 8th St (Myron Miller 425-643-1246)
- White Center - SW Roxbury St & 17th Ave SW (Gary Samaneigo 206-255-8343 or 206-767-6220)
- Renton - S 43rd St & Talbot Road S (Sarah Schaper 206-243-7515)
- Federal Way - S 320th St & Pacific Highway (Mike Ballinger 253-927-3757)

LIFE CHAIN signs will be available at sites. Visit www.NationalLifeChain.org for more information or www.LifeChain.net for more locations.

Highline Golf Tournament 2007 Tom Barnes Classic Results

Accuracy Drive Hole #2—Clint Kelly

Longest Drive Hole #13 Men—Mike Frentz

Longest Drive Hole #13 Ladies—Kimberlee Barnes

Closest to the pin Hole #15 Men—Jacob Dazey

Closest to the pin Hole #16 Ladies—Carrie Barnes

Team Placing

1st Place: (Prudential Team) Ameet Prasad, Roger Maggio, Jim Elliott, Randy Jeter.

2nd Place: Ed Barnes, Sharron Barnes, Darren Haugen, Nancy Haugen

3rd Place (Two Teams Tied): Kimberlee Barnes, Barry Barnes, Carrie Barnes, Mark Barnes, Konrad Lindblom, Tammie Lindblom, Scott Barnes, Lee Kibler

4th Place: David Lobo-Guerrero, Bob Thorson, Curt Mosier, Tim Crawford

5th Place: Wes Willoughby, Bret Thorson, Rick Tagorda, Don Dussault, Mike Frentz

6th Place: Paul Kelly, Clint Kelly, Dave Sloan, Jim Schaller

7th Place: Jacob Dazey, Kevin Leahy, Art Taylor, Richie Taylor

8th Place: Tim Knight, Chris Terry, John Check, Ben Kirkham

I truly thank all of you for playing and remembering this special day to remember our late friend and family member Tom Barnes. I hope you all had a delightful day and a great time to fellowship with each other. God played an awesome role in having good weather and great people like you to enjoy the day with. I hope things were not too bumpy with teams or confusing rules, or wrong tee times. I hope you will join us for the Second Annual Tom Barnes Classic after Labor day weekend 2008. I also want to thank Teresa Barnes and Realonda Thorson for stepping in to travel all about the course to get pictures of the great day. Again, I hope you all enjoyed your day and we will see you on the sign up list next year.

Thank you,
Wes Willoughby



The Letter

By Joy Henley



Lately, I have spent a lot of time thinking about love. It has been difficult and challenging. It's not a romantic love or a naturally occurring blossom of the heart. It is a love I do not want to feel. In fact, I spent weeks fighting it, and not wanting to "go there." Still, after a recent sermon and understanding God's word, I reluctantly realized what I must do.

I do not know exactly when the idea occurred to me. Perhaps it was after the Sunday sermon in July when Pastor Tim talked about revenge. He gave a profound quote from Booker T. Washington which would soon have significance in my life. He talked about leaving room for God's wrath and loving our enemies. I only know I went home and after much thought and despair, put my hands in my head and thought.....what do I do with *this*?

"This" is my lingering grief and anger, which is directed at a situation, involving a man we'll call "S." He confessed to bludgeoning a friend of mine to death with an ax. I will call my friend, "M." I knew what I needed to do. More important, I believed I knew what God would want me to do. I searched deep in my heart and the words started to flow.

Dear S,

It is taking all of the strength I can muster inside to write you. In fact, I have to pray to make it to the end of this letter. My Pastor made a comment in a recent sermon and I have taken it to heart. It is in regard to enemies and seeking revenge. Since I have taken it to heart, I will say to you...I won't let someone lower me by making me hate them. The reality is that I would love to hate you with every fiber of my being. Because of your alleged actions, I have felt rage and a desire for revenge. My heart is crushed and very heavy for not only the death of M, but the violent way his death occurred. It will haunt me the rest of my life.

I keep looking at your picture and

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wondering about you. Of course, my obvious question is WHY? Only you and God know the answer, S. I keep thinking that you are someone's son. I have a son about your age. I do not know the circumstances between you and your foster and/or biological mother but a mother feels her child's pain. You are SOMEONE'S son, and there are many bonds we mothers share. One of these is that we have enormous dreams for our children. I believe your family is hurting because people love you or loved you at one time. I believe regardless of your family history that your loved ones have sorrow of great depth. I pray for your family and you.

You are God's child. We have a forgiving God so I encourage you to ask His forgiveness. He will forgive you too. You are so young and you have your entire life ahead of you. Being in a close walk with God through the rest of your days can be the right thing to do. It is up to you though.

I think of what it must have been like for M when he lived his last few minutes and took his last breaths on this earth. If your confession is true, M did not stand a chance once you picked up the ax. This scene replays in my mind, - quite the stark contrast from the gentle smile that used to highlight M's face. When you allegedly picked up that ax, you also stabbed the hearts of many who cared about M.

This is a tragedy all the way around. I do not know if you can even begin to comprehend the hurt and deep pain you have caused. Investigators said you knew things about the murder only the murderer would know. The day you confessed, I leaped from my desk, ran to the restroom and nearly vomited. The graphic details made me wonder if you are human. Then when your legal team came on board, you pleaded not guilty. I expected this. The end of M's life was not fair so it is difficult for me to consider your rights and to admit you deserve a fair trial. Still, the "fair" belief in this country is that people are presumed innocent until proven guilty. All of the legal maneuvers though, will not change the truth because you will answer to a "higher court." Nor will legal motions bring you closer to God, S. You only have to turn toward Him and open your heart.

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I just want to remind you that if you turn to God, He will be there. Only He is grand enough to understand all of this.

Joy

Writing the letter was a chore. I vowed I would make it a priority to get it in the mail. Still, I knew I needed to let go because God is in charge and He has the answers. He knows every detail and circumstance that brought such catastrophe. I cannot recall the last time I felt so tiny and so utterly human. I have a lot of forgiveness that needs to take place.

God will comfort the families and friends of violent crime victims. God hears my prayer and will be there for S. After I wrote the letter and common sense entered the picture, thoughts of instinct and safety surfaced. Maybe it is not a good idea to initiate communication with someone who is accused of such a violent murder. There is a lot to be said for surrendering and turning it over to God. God knows it took every ounce of courage and strength to reach out in love and try to do the right thing. Still, I did my best. I did not mail the letter.

Missions Fest Seattle

Overlake Christian Church
October 12 - 13, 2007
www.missionsfestseattle.org

You will hear from five plenary speakers:

Sharon Cohn, Vice President
Interventions for International Justice Mission
www.ijm.org

Majed El Shafie, Founder
OneFreeWorld International
www.onefreeworldinternational.org

Reverend Art Beals, Regional Liaison
Turkey, Azerbaijan & The Balkans
The Presbyterian Church USA

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Dr. Barbara Skinner
Co- Founder and President
The Skinner Leadership Institute
www.skinnerleadership.org

Gary Edmonds
Senior Partner
Breakthrough Partners

You will be able to visit at about 100 booths and learn from missionary agencies, churches, and ministries. You will also be able to attend seminars which will help you discover where God wants you as He takes His Good News to the nation.

Here are two of the 86 scheduled seminar speakers: Mike Gunn is the founder of Harambee Church and the Harambee Community Development Association, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to living out the gospel in inner city settings. Mike is also the co-founder of Mars Hill Church in Seattle, and has been ministering in Seattle on college campuses and south Seattle since 1994. He is married to Donna, and has two children Justin (17) and Charissa (16) who attend Renton High School. Mike has an M.Div. from Biola University (Talbot), and is currently working on a Th.M (Theology of Culture) at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Don Parrott is currently the President of Paraclete and Finishers Project and Ele (Don's wife) serves as the Director of Member care for Paraclete. Don pastored in the Seattle area for 13 years while Ele worked in Children's Ministries. They then served 15 years with OC International in Argentina and Guatemala before moving to Colorado to serve at OCI Headquarters. In 2003 they began serving in their present roles.

If you would like to pray with the Missions Fest leadership team, and find out what needs are left, please join us on Thursday, September 20, 7:00 PM at the MF:S host church:
Overlake Christian Church
9900 Willows Road NE
Redmond, WA 98052
www.occ.org



Prayer Circle

Praise God

Psalm 105: 1 & 2 “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts.”

Praise our Lord for

Bill Brown’s biopsy was normal. Penny Mosier’s PET scan showed only one small area in her liver and improvement in her bones; Tammy Wallin’s PET scan came back with no involvement in any of the major organs or elsewhere. Sue Schemp’s friend Nickolas was found safe. Praise for all the people that are feeling better and healing this month, and for all the problems that were solved.

Pray

Philippians 4:6 “Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.”

Remember in prayer

Eric (friends of Jeff & Melody Strahan’s son-in-law)—4 wheeler accident and in critical condition; Nancy Brown—sore feet and may need bladder surgery; Joyce Noonan—bladder infection; Penny Mosier—having hip replacement 8/29; Tammy Wallin—undergoing chemo for breast cancer; Paula James—pain in her feet; Dan Moreland—important employment decisions; Ron (Cody’s friend)—prostate cancer surgery; Al Chance—hip replacement surgery 9/4; Georgia Henney—recovering from rotator cuff surgery; Lacey (Coni Pierce’s daughter)—pray for their relationship and everything in court goes well; Betty Holt—back on oxygen and not able to climb stairs; Mary Webb—recovering still from pacemaker surgery.

In Sympathy

Paula James—death of her father
Joy Henley—death of her friend Russell Taylor
Ellen Gores—death of her sister
Bonnie Warner—death of her husband Lee
Chera Kraemer—death of her mother

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Tamela DeRosso—death of her Father-in-law
Chuck Henney—death of his father

If you have any praises or prayer requests or want to be on the all church prayer chain, please call Barbara Goodridge (or Jane Randall).



Thank you to our family at Highline for your kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of Ken & Pat’s Mom, Nella, and Mel’s wife of 72 years. Your cards, calls and prayers were so comforting and appreciated.

Sincerely,
The Beagle/Dome Families

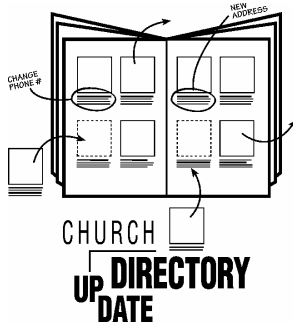
Thank you for your prayers and cards expressing concern over my recent emergency hospitalization. I was definitely reminded of I Thessalonians 5:14—to help the weak and encourage the faint hearted—and, not only to help the wounded but also be willing to receive the support of others when we are the wounded.

Mary Webb

To Highline Christian Church
The Warner Family would like to thank each one of you for your prayers and kindness and the great memorial service by Pastor Tim (if they didn’t get it they never will). God is good.

Love the Warner Family

Church Family Information



Change of Address

Becky **Bischel**

Juanita **Gennette**

Carol **Gregor**

Andy **Pelkey**

Marilyn **Schroeder**

Jake **Straight**

Gavin & Angie **Vaden**

Bonnie **Warner**

Margie **Sannes**

Phone Number Change

Cindy **Scott**

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They are married!

Mario & Wendy (Rodda) **Angelini**



We would like to

welcome Maren
Deanna Colborn.

Maren was born on
August 11, 2007 at

10:45 p.m. She was 6 lbs 8 oz and 19 inches long.
Her parents are Josiah & Desiree Colborn.
Welcome to Highline Maren!

CE Meeting

All teachers and Assistants who are helping out during 2nd Service Sunday School in the Children's Ministry are invited to a team meeting on

Thursday, September 6th
6:30-7:30
Room 108-Base Camp 1

This will be a great way to welcome and recognize our volunteers for the upcoming school year, go over a few important agenda items, as well as give everyone an opportunity to ask questions about the coming year. I would greatly appreciate it if all could attend.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Willoughby

Fall Sunday School Classes Start September 9, 2007

Ephesians 4:11 – “It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

Look who God has given us this year:

Class	Teacher	Helper	Room	Time
Nursery	Chera Kraemer	Kurt, Jane, & Marilyn	Nursery	9:30
2’s & 3’s	Katie Taylor	Richie Taylor	110	9:30
4’s & 5’s	Brenda Beck	Tammy Bowen	103	9:30
Kindergarten	Tammie Lindblom	Lindsay Griffin	102	9:30
1 st Grade	Nona Denny	Janet Fritts	105	9:30
2 nd & 3 rd Grade	Dave Schroeder	Becky S. & John T.	101	9:30
4 th Grade	Lynda Smith	Kathy Evans	109	9:30
5th Grade	Marmie Beagle & Wes Willoughby	None needed	108	
6 th Grade	David Lobo-Guerrero	Realonda Thorson	107	9:30
Jr. High	TBA	See bulletin board in youth hallway for teachers, times, and classrooms.		
Sr High	Jeff & Melody Strahan Creation Vs. Evolution			
Sr. High	Don Berg—“They Sold Their Souls for Rock and Roll”			
Young Adults	Marc Sagmoen	Topic—Revelation	303	9:30
Women’s Study	Kathy Bledsoe (class starting 9/16)	Topic—Job	Fellowship Hall	9:30
9:30 Adult	Lon Patterson (class will start later)	Topic—to be decided	304	9:30
11:00 Adult	Chris Tief	Topic—Hebrews	Fellowship Hall	11:00
Teacher/Assistant, Children’s Ministry Team, CE Meeting, Thursday, September 6 th , 6:30-7:30, Room 108-Base Camp 1				



All Women Are Invited!

September 13th Thursday Women's Morning Bible Study begins with a Social Hour at 10:30. All ladies are welcome. Come see what study you would choose. "Pleasing God" by Jack Kuhatschek or "'Fruit of the Spirit" by Hazel Offner. Both are a LifeGuide Bible Study from InterVarsity Press. Call Gayle Wylie if you have any questions.

JOB

Suffering, Sovereignty & Submission

The 9:30 am Women's Sunday School class visits the Old Testament land of Uz this year to study God's character and our repentance.

- Where is God when disaster falls?
- Why do we hurt so much in this life?
- How long does God expect us to be patient?
- Why must suffering be a part of faith?

The Book of Job has been called a myth, an enigma, a great philosophy treatise, and a long piece of poetry. All this aside, the most important thing about the book is that God has included it in His inspired Word and so it is of value to those who will read and study it. Join us Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall for what promises to be quite a ride!

The class is taught by Kathy Bledsoe, who is beginning her sixth year of teaching for the Lord and Highline Christian Church. Class begins on September 16.

"But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold." Job 23:10

Friends and Brothers Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study

Come join the guys at 6:45 p.m. as we study the "Men in the Bible" and apply these truths to our daily lives!

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| Sept. 5 | Apostle Peter (Root Beer Float Night)
Can I be healed of past failures and wounds |
| Sept. 12 | Stephen and Timothy
What is my function in the body of Christ? |
| Sept. 19 | Paul and Cornelius
What makes for a fruitful Prayer life? |
| Sept. 26 | John, "The Beloved" Disciple
What does the Future hold? |



That the World May Know video series, will be picking up again on September 23 with the latest lesson collection: Walk As Jesus Walked. This series will

cover five weeks with topics ranging from suffering to learning to walk as a disciple. As with all of the lessons in this series, each is stand-a-lone, so do not worry if you have missed any just come and learn with us from Ray Vander Laan!

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| 09/23 | Aphrodisias - The Passion of Elijah |
| 09/30 | Antioch Pisidia - Paul's Journey to Rome |
| 10/07 | Lystra - An Unlikely Disciple |
| 10/14 | Cappadocia - The Weight of Gethsemane |
| 10/21 | Cappadocia - Don't Forget Us |

Shoemaker Circle Starts Back Up

Shoemaker Circle will meet on September 19, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. As a mission support group of women our purpose is to continue fundraising projects such as recycling aluminum cans and the annual bake/bazaar sale. A portion of the proceeds goes to 2008 mission teams. Our theme this year is "Anything and Everything—good to eat, good to treat."

THANK YOU FROM THE HIGHER GROUND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO MADE
THIS A GREAT SUMMER

Sunday Morning Helpers:

Chris Terry
Kyle Gibson
Ann Stampalia
Kelsey Louvier
Nathan & Jenny Louvier
Marsha Louvier
Jessica Joy Gross
Karen Berg
Charlotte & Don Berg
Dawn Schroeder
Marilyn Schroeder
Richie & Katie Taylor
Joey & Jennifer Taylor
Bonnie Stilts
Howard & Kim Bobbitt
Jenn Davolt

Trail Trekkers VBS Day Camp Helpers:

Marv and Will Fritts
Ben Fader
Nate Heppenstall
Tyler Mosier
Jamey Kelley
Brenda & Jessica Beek
Katie Taylor
Jenny Louvier
Dawn Schroeder
Tammie Lindblom
Davi Thorson

Summit Seekers VBS Campout Helpers:

Carolyn Hernandez
Teresa & Leann Barnes
Curtis & Penny Mosier
Garrett & Tyler Mosier
Steve Moreland
Robert & Realonda Thorson
John Denny
Marsha Louvier
Jenn Davolt
Richie & Katie Taylor
Tim Knight
Kevin & Kyle Gibson

Les & Holly Fader
Nathan Heppenstall
Jamey Kelley
Jenny Louvier
Davi Thorson
Wes & Elizabeth Willoughby
Jacob & Shawna Dazey

Preschool VBS Helpers:

Denise Sagmoen
Elizabeth Willoughby
Katie Taylor
Bonnie Stilts
Donna Schaller
Sue Smith
Davi Thorson
Kelsey Louvier
Tammie, Stephanie, & Rebekah Lindblom
Charlene Crawford
Cheryl Merritt
Charlotte & Don Berg
Ben Fader
Pam Bila
Vicki Chow
Nona Denny
Jennifer Baarley
Tammy Bowen
Jessica Lester
Kevin & Janelle Gibson
Tamela, Jaqueline, & Dominique deRosso
Brinston & Brigitta Fader
Miriam Baretich
Tera Wilbur
Barb Bennett
Tyler & Thomas Hernandez
Star Beard
Jenny Louvier
Lindsay Griffin
Tyler & Leah Mosier
Ben & Delores Kirkham
John Check
Chandra Gronvold
Kami Mormon

Pleasant Valley Camp Counselors:

Brigitta Fader
Brianna Forkell
Kevin Gibson
Katie Taylor

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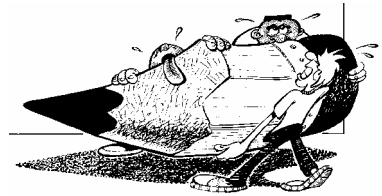
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TAKE NOTE

SUMMIT SEEKERS IS ON A NEW DAY

THURSDAY NIGHTS

6:00 - 7:30 in Base Camp 1
Starting October 4th



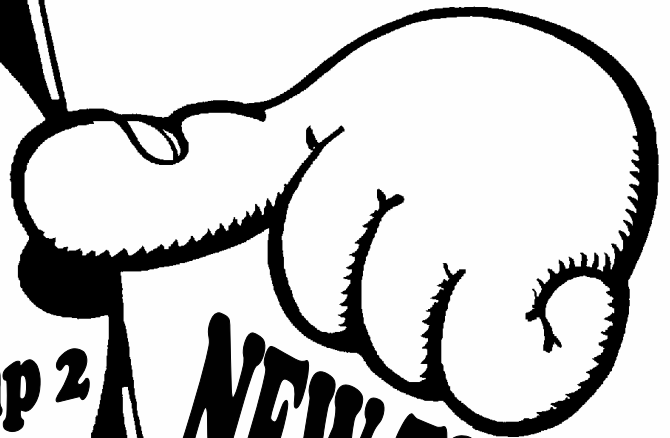
Also in October will be the first Summit Seekers Overnighter for the school year. Permission forms available soon.

TRAIL TREKKERS

Thursday Nights

6:00 - 7:30 in Base Camp 2

Starting October 4th



NEW TIME