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## New Officers for 2007-2008

At the Region Leadership Council meeting on October 27, 2007, the Council members elected their officers for 2007-2008. Each competitor running for office was required to submit a form with their qualifications for the position they wanted, have their youth supervisor approve it, and write a speech to present to the Council as to why they should be elected. After an extremely close race, there was one returning officer and four new officers for this year's summit. In the front, Chase Painter from Fannin



County. In the back row from the left, Naomi Carroll from Catoosa County, Lindsey Thomas from Chattooga County, Jessica Sterling from Catoosa County, and Megan French from Bartow County. The rank of office for each can be found on page four of this issue. Each delegate will serve from one to two years in their position, and they will have certain tasks to fulfill in their span of time before the next election. With such a leadership team as this, the 2008 Summit looks quite promising!

## 2008 Summit

On January 26, 2008, the Youth Leadership Council met to make the final decisions on the theme, workshop titles, possible speakers, and schedule for Summit. As shown (right), the theme selected was "Text Me Into the Future." A cell phone was the logo chosen, and "Txt me n2

tha future" was even suggested as a spelling option. Also presented at the meeting was the opportunity for Chad Foster to

speak at the Summit. Miss LaDonna McClure will also speak at Summit about 100% Tobacco Free Schools Advocacy Letters. Also to find out at Summit is which county will win the coveted Spirit Stick. Much fun to come!

REGION 1 YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
"TEXT ME INTO THE FUTURE"



# October Meeting



October leaves for an October meeting

- On October 27, 2007, the second Region I Youth Council Meeting of the year began. Youth and their advisors introduced themselves and the new members were given a warm welcome. President Lindsey Thomas then led the Pledge of Allegiance. County updates were received, the officer election process was reviewed, and new nominations were ac-

cepted from the floor. Updates were given in concern to the website. Bartow Youth Council got everyone ready to work with a fast-paced energizer activity. Mrs. Angie Robinson led a training session on Communication Skills, and then the youth divided into groups in order to assist members in writing a campaign speech for their office. The campaign

speeches were given after fifteen minutes of rigorous planning, and the new officers were revealed at the end of the meeting. Using the sticky board method, members suggested topics to be covered at the upcoming Summit. At the meeting's end, tasks were given for the January meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

*"A ship in the harbor is safe - - but that is not what ships are built for."*  
- John A. Shedd

## Region 1: On the Web

A website for the Regional Youth Council has been on the agenda for several years, but now it has been given the chance for this technical dream to become a reality. At first, the website was okay. Then Mrs. Becky Croft told the council about a procedure to add information, and she

was given approval for the IT Tech to "jazz up" the new website. The new website also received a heartily approved name change from [www.nwgayouth.org](http://www.nwgayouth.org) to [www.northwestgeorgiayouth.org](http://www.northwestgeorgiayouth.org). The final product has a list of all the counties in Region I, a Calendar of Events,

pictures from past Summits, a page dictating what this year's Summit is to be, a place to download registration forms, and the newest Youth Council Forum with supervised posting. This website proves to be a keeper!

## Chad Foster

Chad Foster speaking out motivation

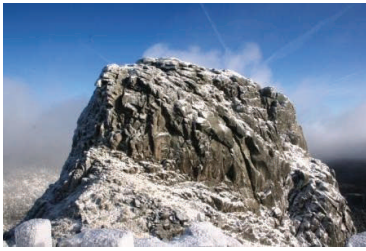


The featured speaker at this year's Summit is to be Chad Foster—a best selling author, "one of America's most sought after motivational speakers", and the host of *Fly Fishing Amer-*

*ica* on ESPN. Chad Foster is the author of the books Teenagers Preparing for the Real World, High School 101, and Financial Literacy for Teens. Those attending Summit will receive their own copy of the first and last of these books. He is said to spend the majority of his time traveling

around—speaking to students and teachers alike. Mr. Foster will speak just before lunch and will speak at one workshop before the break (recommended for high school students). Chad Foster is sure to bring a memorable experience to this year's Summit!

# January Meeting



The January 26, 2008 and final Summit meeting was began with welcome and introductions by the Vice-President. Chase Painter led the Pledge of Allegiance and then got everyone focused with an energizer. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed,

**Brr! A cold, snowy mountain to match the cold meeting** and then the mission statement draft brought in by the Vice-President was reviewed by the Council (the product can be found on page four in this issue). Once that was taken care of, the heavy-duty Summit planning began. Theme was first, and idea after idea was presented for vote. After much deliberation and many combination attempts, "Text Me Into the Future" was chosen. Some of the other theme ideas were put into use for workshop names. T-shirt designs were next, and the

Council voted on the color royal blue. To find out the design, you need to attend Summit! After the voting was complete, discussion began on the featured speaker, possible speakers, the Berry College campus, ideas for snacks, and the workshop schedule. It was then decided that the registration would be posted on the Region 1 website, the deadline would be March 3rd, and that Summit would be open to all local youth council members and other special youth groups. The meeting was ended with community leadership training.

***"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."***  
**- Harold R. McAlindon**

## Summit Schedule - Tentative

When first arriving at the Berry College campus, registration is expected to take from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.\* Once registration is completed, the Council Officers and YDC's will welcome the arrivees and give recognitions. This should take until 10:15. Then Chase Painter will bring a prepared energizer to get everyone moving and alert. At around 10:30, a member of the Berry College faculty will speak to the group about admissions to Berry. Chad Foster will begin speaking about "Teenagers Preparing for the Real World" at about 11:00.

Lunch will be served at noon. Around 12:30, workshops will begin. Miss LaDonna McClure and an Addiction Treatment professional will be speaking about addiction and advocacy (recommended for the middle school students). Also during this time, Chad Foster will speak again, but this time about Financial Literacy for Teens. From about 2-2:10 will be a short break to stretch and switch workshops. From 2:15 to 3:45, the offered workshops are "Dating Guide and Dating Violence Prevention, by the Sex Assault Center

& Youth Council Members; Addiction and Advocacy will be offered again; and "Consequences: HIV, STD, and Teen Pregnancy", by the AIDS Resource Center and a former teen mother. Once all the workshops are finished, everyone will meet back together to give out certificates; award the Spirit Stick, by Council Officers and YDC's, and then everyone will go home—hopefully with new knowledge.

\*Note: all times are estimated\*

## Summit Discussion Topics

As said in the column about the October Meeting, topics for Summit were proposed using the "Sticky Board" method, which involves a large, sticky piece of fabric onto which pieces of paper with writing may be stuck. The Council members divided into groups, wrote down a few ideas, and pasted them on the board. They then discussed which topics could be grouped together, and moved them accordingly. The following are what the Council

achieved:

- Is this Love?
- Pregnancy Prevention information
- Sex
- Guidelines for appropriate dating
- Dating abuse prevention

- No one is invincible!
  - What is addiction?
  - Alcohol Consequences
  - Money Management
  - Planning for your own living
- And many more!



**Talking about real-life situations can be a big help in the long run**

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REGION I**

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**On the Summit**

The regional youth summits have been held annually since 2002, supported by the Community Action Partners of Northwest GA and Public Health. Each year the summit is held on a college or technical college campus to promote career planning and higher education. The summits have been held in Rome, Waco, Dalton and Cartersville: the place is rotated annually. In 2003, the regional youth council was formed, and the youth began planning the topics and theme for the summits.

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## Mission Statement



At the October 27 meeting, the Regional Council decided that a Mission Statement was needed to define the ideas. The mission statement would be presented, changed if necessary, voted on, and passed according to the Council's standards. The Vice-President emailed a draft to Mrs. Angie Robinson, who printed it out on the agenda for the January 26 meeting

in order for all the Council members to be able to read it and pass their judgment. When the Council read over the statement, only a few minor changes were

made, and the mission statement was adopted for the Region I Youth Leadership Council. The Mission Statement is as follows:

*"The mission of the Region I Youth Council is to provide leadership opportunities for the youth representatives from each county in the region, to train the youth representatives for more leadership opportunities; to provide a Summit meeting to educate all youth in the region in matters most affecting youth to promote an informed generation."*



**A Check to say "OK" on the Mission Statement.**