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Four years ago, Eric Tucker, Adam Farnsworth and Adam Myers sat down to plan a winter event for their youth groups at **Parchment Valley Conference Center**. After developing a plan, they invited other youth groups to join them. In January of 2022, they hosted that first event with around 160 people in attendance. What a great success! The team met again to make a few modifications and unanimously decided to make this an annual event. This is how Snow Camp was formed.



This year, God provided plenty of snow for Snow Camp at Parchment Valley!

The next year, youth leaders started inviting other leaders and Snow Camp nearly doubled in attendance. In January of this year, the fourth annual Snow Camp happened at Parchment Valley, welcoming more than 330 students from 17 different churches. Throughout the weekend, the youth worshiped together, played together, ate together and grew in the Lord together. It was evident that God was moving within their hearts, as more than 150 students indicated a desire to more closely follow Christ. One student even gave their life to Christ over the weekend!

Parchment Valley's mission is to be a place "where lives are changed." Snow Camp is just one of nearly 300 events that take place here. Last year, we celebrated 105 salvations at Parchment Valley! What an honor it is to be part of the work the Lord is doing in our churches and across our state!

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The purpose of the WVBC's **Youth Leader Core (YLC)** is "to empower youth called and commissioned by their local church to learn about themselves, grow in their faith, and discover ways to live out their beliefs and ministries."

Since its establishment in 1978, YLC has been a trusted and reliable staple of WVBC life. This training program is focused on discipleship, personal awareness, faith principles, leadership development and ministry skills.

YLC is vital to growing strong leaders within the WVBC. Together, we equip 10th and 11th graders to learn, grow and discover more about the Lord, who He created them to be and their role in the local church. In a world filled with competing voices, YLC approaches an understanding of identity, personality, talents and calling from a God-centered, Biblically-based perspective.

Training occurs during five weekends from August through March. Sessions include instruction, experiential learning and team building. But the power of YLC comes in the work students do between sessions, as they work with an advocate in their local church to process, practice and apply the teachings in real-life ministry settings.

This school year, YLC has 14 students participating from nine WVBC churches.



Some of this year's YLC students during their first meeting at Camp Cowen.

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