



Volunteers make the holidays brighter for OYA youth

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Eastern Oregon YCF



Volunteers from the local Baptist church donated gifts to the youth, and staff worked together to wrap them.

Camp Tillamook and Tillamook YCF



The family of a Camp Tillamook youth crocheted stockings for all the youth, put their names on them, and filled them with candy. At Tillamook YCF, youth enjoyed a stress-reducer day with a bouncy house and play fighting.



MaClaren YCF



Many volunteer groups hosted holiday parties for youth, including a group from St. Thomas More Parish in Portland, who brought pumpkin pie and presents to Kincaid Cottage. Volunteers Doug White (standing in this photo) and George Adlhoch (sitting on the left) have been coming to MaClaren for 50 years.



Also spotted in Kincaid: A gingerbread version of the Admin Building, created by two youth.

Camp Riverbend



The pastor and a group of volunteers from the local Faith Center brought pizza, movies, and gifts to the youth on Christmas Eve.

Hillcrest YCF



Salem Evangelical Church volunteers served holiday meals to youth on the intake units.



The church later came back and put on a full holiday service for youth, complete with their choir leading the youth in holiday songs. Going to the service was voluntary, but almost every youth chose to attend.



Hillcrest youth also had fun on one of the recent snow days. The warehouse crew built a giant snowman that was taller than them, and intake youth played football outside and had a snowball fight.

Oak Creek YCF



OYA Central Office employees and others donated gifts for an auction where youth could bid on items using points they had earned through positive behavior. Some gifts also were raffled off.

Rogue Valley YCF



Volunteer groups hosted holiday parties for each living unit. They brought in gifts, seasonal food, and treats. The units were decorated extensively for the occasion.