

Hello! I pray that this letter finds you blessed, in good health, and excited for what God is doing in your life and in your teenager's life! As these letters are going out, please be encouraged to know that I am praying for you and your family. We all have good days and bad days, triumphs and defeats, but you already know that with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

You find yourself reading this letter because I wanted to tell you about the summer plans for Moxie. Moxie still goes strong during the summer and hopefully there are some activities planned that your teenager(s) will like! If you haven't noticed, there is a little insert/bookmark looking thingy that probably fell out when you opened your letter. Take a moment, if you haven't already, to check it out. There's a lot of info on there and I don't want you to feel left out! Most of the insert outlines our topics for Wednesday nights and lets you know when Moxie(ONE) is taking place. Just a little side note, **moxie(ONE)** is going to be on the **4th Sunday of every month** unless advertised differently. Moxie(ONE) is our "youth only" gathering and includes games, prizes, food, worship, and bible teaching/discussion. It's a good time and if you would like to check it out sometime, please just let me know.

As you've noticed, the items marked with an * means that there is more info in the letter. Well here ya go...

- **Thursday//July 15th//9am-???**//Mall of America Trip//Juniors and Seniors Only!!! There will be no cost for this trip and the church will cover one of the meals. We will leave the church at 9am and will be back before Midnight. The mall closes at 9pm, I doubt we will stay that long (might be wishful thinking). Look for the sign-up sheet and announcements very soon!
 - Why Juniors and Seniors only you ask? Here's the dilemma I face when teens get older...they don't tolerate the 7th-8th graders as well as they use to, and they have cars/significant others/jobs/extracurricular activities that occupy their time. It's really our desire to see them be examples/mentors to the younger kids and to keep them around during their last few years of high school and give them responsibility in Moxie and in the church. It's important for them to stay plugged in and I really hope things like this will help. It gives the 7th-10th graders something to look forward to as well.
- **Sunday//July 18th//5pm-8pm//22six BBQ @ Snell Crawford Park!** 22six is the name we have given to our youth/parent quarterly meetings. So imagine this with me...you, your teenager(s), food, volleyball, kickball, frisbee golf, wading in the water, and relaxing under the shade with a cool lemonade! Sounds good to me! See you there and bring something to share!
- **Monday-Friday//August 2nd-6th//Foundations//\$50//All Ages!** We had a great time in foundations last year and this year is going to be even better! Foundations is basically a summer discipleship program where we grow closer to Christ and reach out to others. Here's the plan...
 - Monday 1-4pm – Bible study, prayer and community service projects.
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 - Wednesday we will leave the church at 7am and head to Teen Challenge of the Midlands in Colfax, IA. We will spend time there until Friday afternoon feeding the homeless, doing light construction, painting, and more. Teen Challenge helps people recover from addictions and also has a ministry in downtown Des Moines to the needy.
 - We will be heading to Des Moines to eat and go to an Iowa Cubs game on Friday after we leave Teen Challenge. We should be back home around Midnight.
 - \$50 includes transportation to Colfax/Des Moines, meals @ Teen Challenge, lodging, cubs game, t-shirt, and more! Look for the sign-up sheet and announcements very soon!
- **Thursday//August 19th//Adventureland//\$20//All Ages!** We will be leaving the church at 8am for Adventureland and returning at 8pm. Look for the sign-up sheet and announcements sometime in July!

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter! Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have regarding Moxie Student Ministries. God bless you and have a great day!