

2008 / 2009 CHEFA Youth Fellowship (CYF) Leadership Team

Are you an active CYF student who is interested in developing or demonstrating your leadership skill? Do you enjoy being creative, working with others, and gets satisfaction from serving others? If so, you might be a good candidate for the CYF Leadership Team.

Purpose of the CYF Leadership Team

The CYF Leadership Team is small group of student representatives who work with parent sponsors and CYF Directors to brainstorm, plan, organize, and implement CYF activities and events. These students representatives act as liaisons between their fellow class mates and the CHEFA board members; providing activity ideas of the students.

The CYF-Leadership Team consist 6 to 8 students, preferably 1 boy & 1 girl from the Senior, Junior & Sophomore Class who represent the larger CYF students (7th – 12th grades).

Qualifications of Student Leaders

Must be a registered as a CYF members (being a member of CHEFA does not automatically make students members of CYF).

Must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade next school year.

Must be previously active and involved in CHEFA CYF activities.

Be available to help and participate in the functions of CYF and follow through until completion.

Must be willing to work in a team of student leaders.

Must be a positive role model and adhere to the CHEFA Code of Conduct and dress.

If you are interested, please submit the following information by **August 31st** to the CYF Directors Brook & Olivia Gale at

(559) 225-3632, 4716 N. Woodson, Fresno, CA 93705, or btgale@juno.com.

Please submit in writing

Personal testimony of your on-going relationship with Jesus Christ

Include a paragraph on how homeschooling has impacted your life and why you should be chosen for the CYF leadership team

Plus two letters of reference from non-family member.

Be sure to give us your name, grade and contact information.

Leadership Team members will receive certificates of leadership at the end of the year. *(Parents: It is important that you show this to your children. They may not know of it unless they personally read the newsletter)*

**Youth we would like to
hear about your
Summer Adventures!!
We would like to print
some stories of your
Summer Experiences!!
Send Stories by email to
Karry68@ymail.com**

HIGH SCHOOL CORNER Attention Parents and High School Students

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAM (CHSPE) 2008 - 09 information site is <http://www.chspe.net> or call (866) 342-4773. This is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing and mathematics skills. Who is eligible to take the CHSPE? 16 years old or have been enrolled in the 10th grade for one academic year or longer or see the website for more details.

Parents/Students - you may want to keep this website information in your high school binder for the time/need arises. Talk to other parents to learn more about the benefits of taking this test. Also, it would be wise to visit www.collegeboard.com to learn more about preparing for college, as there are test that your student can start practicing/taking as early as 9th and 10th grades. Educate yourself and be prepared for the potential college path, even if you think your student will NOT go to college.

U.S. Naturalization Ceremony

text by Georgia Cline, age 10

photo by Joshua Cline, age 8



On Monday, May 12, 2008, I attended a naturalization ceremony, where family friends, Shayne and Aletta Lake, were officially welcomed to our country. At the Fresno Convention Center, they were sworn in as United States citizens, along with 933 other people. They were the only two originally from South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake came to America because Aletta wanted to become a mother. Everything was priced higher in South Africa, making it difficult to start a family.

The couple flew over to the U.S. and stayed here for five years, as was required to become a citizen. They also took a test with 94 questions on the Constitution, the country's history, the national law, and the state law.

Shayne and Aletta are happy to be citizens because they can now vote here and cannot be deported in case of war. They love America.

Essential Debate

The Justice system has become a means of settling arguments, rather than an arbiter of truth. Are your children good "arguers"? Many instinctively learn manipulative tricks meant to wear you down to give in to their requests. Is that what debate is all about? No. Unleash the power of the *pursuit of truth* in your household and save the peace and your sanity to impact the world for Christ! This year two classes will be offered, **beginning and intermediate debate**. Both classes will be held at the Peoples Church North Chapel. For more information, email jill.spruance@gmail.com to be informed as soon as our location is secured.

First Semester Dates

August 28-December 11 (No class Thanksgiving week)

Second Semester Dates:

January 8-May 21 (No class Easter week)

Beginning Debate

First Semester Thursdays 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Second Semester Thursdays 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Intermediate Debate:

First Semester Thursdays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Second Semester - Thursdays 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Email jill.spruance@gmail.com for more information

Who? 7th-12th grade students through adult. Parents/adults are all welcome to attend class with their students. Sorry, at this point, no care for younger children will be available. **Why?** Because you should!! **What?** Team Policy Debate

Fee? \$100 per semester (No class fee for adults or high school graduates. There may be a small fee for materials.)

**Why will classes be combined second semester? The first semester is a 16-week course on the rudiments of debate. The second semester is for students who would like to compete in the year's NCFCA resolution. It will exclusively focus on coaching those students with their speeches and delivery technique for debate tournaments both in and out of class. Intermediate debate will enhance and expand research methods and strategies that students have learned previously. The second semester intermediate students will present an opportunity for beginning students to observe and participate in challenging debates whether or not they travel to compete.*

Senior Class of 2009 News!

The senior class is beginning to organize for the upcoming school year. Please note the 3 following dates:

All senior students are invited to a barbeque at

**The Goossen's
13223 E. Ashcroft
Sanger, CA 93657**

(just above Ashlan Ave., and just east of Academy)

Date and time: Monday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will be provided - please bring \$5.00

Swimming is available, please keep modesty in mind.

RSVP to 875-5224 Come and meet your classmates and class sponsors!

Parents and students,

please come to this year's Senior Class orientation meeting

Date and time: Monday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.

First Reformed Presbyterian Church

(380 N. Maple Ave., just south of Belmont Ave.)

There will be lots of good information to help you gain a sense of the coming year's activities and possibilities.

September 12-14, 2008 Senior Class Retreat at Hume Lake

If you have any questions, please contact one of the class sponsor couples:

Robert & Liz Benavides 226-8224

Matt & Carrie Davis 841-7070

Kevin & Teresa Evans 226-4369

Brook & Olivia Gale 225-3632

Mike & Tami Goossen 875-5224

Tim & Lori McCracken 456-9554

James & Robynn Reilly 292-6807