

## Nuts & Bolts Youth Updates

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1. COVID Challenges - trying to maintain contact with the youth and explain why we cannot meet in person and at Deerhaven when they can go to school. Challenged by the technology to come up with more creative ways to reach the youth, i.e. Zoom Camps, messaging and games using via various apps, etc.
2. Junior Camp will be held virtually the week of June 21st led by Betsy Stormer as director and Jeanie Brown and Janice Lotz as copastors.
3. "Cooking with COVID" kick off meeting Saturday April 3rd at noon led by Riley Hinkle. There will be monthly meetings for silly food preparation activities as well as a time to connect and share with one another. Link on Church Updates. This will be for youth in grades 6-12.
4. Youth Ministries Council is meeting regularly and reaching out and including the youth. We will be offering other activities, i.e. online chats where questions will be submitted privately; trivia games; scavenger hunts and campfire gatherings via Zoom and a virtual movie via Discord.
5. We are looking for ways we can gather in person eventually, i.e. a drive-in movie, cars in parking lot of church with everyone properly distanced, beach day, Mini Golf, etc.
6. In August, the youth will plan and lead one of the Sunday worship services for the Mission Center.
7. Youth Core Training is now offered as an eLearning class beginning April 3rd through mid-summer. To enroll, go to [developmetrics.org](https://developmetrics.org) and click on the "USA Registration Form". Registration begins March 16th.
8. Also available to the mission center is the Youth Worker training class and the Administrative Leadership Class. Please contact Serena Tankersley at [sktankersley55@gmail.com](mailto:sktankersley55@gmail.com) or 404-452-5619 to schedule the class for anyone in your congregation working with youth. Keep in mind Priesthood and child youth workers are required to have an annual refresher class.

Updates will be on the Mission center Church Updates page as events are determined. Some are there now. Encourage all youth to participate as often as they can.