

# 2009-2010 SPY GLOSSARY

**6th GRADE MENTOR DINNER:** All 6th graders get paired up with a Sr. High (Junior or Senior) Mentor on this night in early August! Mentor pairs will last all year. We love our new 6th graders!

**BASKETBALL:** Part of our Spring fun! Our Second Pres basketball teams play in the church league organized by Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. We have a potential for teams in three age-categories (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>). The season runs January through mid-March. Recruitment usually happens in November!



**CHRISTMAS PARTIES:** Held on a Sunday night in December (2009: Dec. 20) at the Youth Building. JR HI and SR HI parties are separate. We eat and have a seasonal program full of fun and the holiday spirit.

**CONFIRMATION:** The process youth go through to become members of the church. We do confirmation from September through early Spring for 8th graders, or older youth who haven't done it yet. It includes a retreat and Sunday morning classes, among other stuff, and culminates on Confirmation Sunday (2010: date tbd).

**THE eLOOP:** Britton's weekly email to parents and youth with all the latest information. This is Britton's best way to keep you up-to-date! Email Britton if you're not getting these!!

**END OF YEAR BANQUET:** It's our chance to welcome our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders, honor our graduating seniors, and celebrate the SPY year each May. Youth and parents are invited for a meal, and then everyone stays for the program, where we recognize lots of people and have some silly-ness in between!

**FERNCLIFF:** The Presbytery-owned camp southwest of Little Rock. Home of picnics and other fun stuff.

**FERNCLIFF YOUTH PICNIC:** A Sunday afternoon in April or May, where we cook burgers, play softball, and enjoy the beauty of being outside in the Spring!

**"GOD'S GIFT OF SEXUALITY":** Yes, it's Sex Ed! God gave us our sexuality, so what better place to talk about sex than at church? This is for all Middle Schoolers and will take place in September during Wednesdays Together.

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL:** Usually the last Sunday before Halloween (2009: Oct. 25). The youth organize Halloween games, crafts, and activities for the young children of the church, and host a huge bash! The youth are the "workers" of the Carnival!

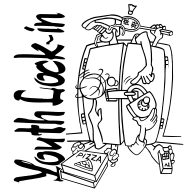


**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Each year at the beginning of Advent (2009: Nov. 22), the church hosts a huge event to decorate our church for the Christmas season! The youth group is in charge of decorating the Youth Building. We have two big trees, and a bunch of other festive stuff!

**JR. ADVISORS:** Sr. High youth who make a commitment to help at Middle School events during the school year. Jr. Advisors must be 10<sup>th</sup> grade or older.

**JR HI JUBILEE:** A summer Conference at Mo-Ranch for rising 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders, held in early July. Conference consists of energizers and music, a keynote speaker, small group meetings, recreation events, and lots of fun free time! No one has ever had a bad time at Mo Ranch! Save the dates on your calendar (2010 tent.: July 11-15).

**LOCK-IN:** An overnight at the Youth Building. Usually, one during the year for each Middle School and Sr. High, one for the musical, and then one in the summer. They consist of movies, hanging out, playing sardines (a hide-and-seek type game) and very little sleep.



**THE LOOP:** The newsletter/ calendar for SPY. The Loop is colorful, fun, and packed full of all the information you need! Other letters arrive anytime we think there's enough to say to merit a bulk mailing!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK:** A three- or four-day event held each summer, usually in June, right here! We do in Little Rock, and spend one day **MISSION: POSSIBLE!** mission and volunteer projects here doing something really fun! Great community building and service! Sign ups start in May.

**MINI MISSION TRIP:** A new offering for Sr. Highs for Spring Break 2010! We will be taking a short (3 or 4 days) mission trip close to home. What a wonderful way to spend your Spring Break!

**MISSION SATURDAYS:** New this year! One Saturday a month, SPY will do a mission project locally (or at least nearby!). On these weekends, we will not have SPY Sunday. It's much more convenient for project sites to host us on Saturday than Sunday. The logistics of each Mission Saturday will be different (different times and different locations), so read your eLoop for information!



**MISSION TRIP:** Each year, sometime in June, Sr. Highs do a Mission trip somewhere. The past two years we've gone to Mexico and to Appalachia. Each year is different. We publicize it as soon as we know what it is!

**MONTREAT:** A conference in the mountains of Western North Carolina, where each year in July (2010 tent.: July 25-31) we take an amazing group of rising 9th graders through graduated seniors for an indescribable, amazing experience. Getting there, and back, is half the fun!

**MO RANCH:** A Presbyterian conference center located in Hunt, TX, about 15 miles from Kerrville, on the North Fork of the Guadalupe River. It is a beautiful and magical place where we take Middle Schoolers for the Jr. High Jubilee Conference.

**MUSICAL:** Every year in the Spring, the youth perform a musical in the Great Hall. The last two, Peter Pan and Godspell, have been astounding events!

**PARKING LOT PARTY:** SPY Kick-off celebration in late Aug./ early Sept. (2009: Aug. 30). Complete with inflatable toys, food, and games!

**PICTURE WEBSITE:** [www.pixagogo.com/spyouth](http://www.pixagogo.com/spyouth) There are hundreds of wonderful pictures of SPY events on this site - check it out! The password to each album is "presby".

**SKI TRIP:** To be held next in the Winter of 2011! We load a bus-full of 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (and a few crazy adults!) and head to Colorado for some amazing days of skiing and other greatness!



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** A nation-wide youth mission project to collect money and food for the hungry. After worship on Super Bowl Sunday, we stand at the sanctuary exits and ask people to donate \$1 or a can of soup to go towards hunger. Nation-wide last year, youth collected more than \$10 million! See [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) for more info.



**SPY:** Our youth group logo and acronym. SPY stands for Second Presbyterian Youth. "You Belong" is a super-important part of our youth group message!

**SPY SUNDAY:** Our Sunday evening fellowship time (often called "Youth Group", but the official name is SPY Sunday). It officially begins after Labor Day (2009: Sept 13). Middle Schoolers come from 5 to 6:30. Sr. Highs come from 6 to 7:30. From 6 to 6:30, we eat! The rest of the time, we do a combination of fun stuff, mission, study, and getting to know each other!

**SR. HIGH BS:** BS stands for Bible Study! This is another new thing this year! In the Fall, we will be having an 8-week pilot small group Bible Study for Sr. Highs. It will be informal and relaxed, but also focused! Participants will be expected to read scripture outside of class, and to make a commitment to the group to be there during the whole 8 weeks.

**SR HIGH RETREAT:** This year, at Dwight Mission Camp Nov. 13-15! It runs Friday evening through Sunday morning, complete with high ropes, great outdoor games, worship, singing, energizing, and exploring faith! A great place to get away and spend time with friends!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Every Sunday morning from late-Aug. to June. Begins August 30 in the Youth Building at 9:50am. Three classes: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Confirmation), and Sr. High.

**WEBSITE:** Check us out at [www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org)! Click on "Youth" at the top of the page. Upcoming events, pictures, stuff to read - it's all here!

**YOUTH BUILDING:** Building across parking lot from sanctuary. This is where pretty much everything happens! If it doesn't say where to meet or where something is happening, it is a safe bet that it's in the Youth Building!

**YOUTH CHOIR:** Happens on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15. The Youth Choir is widely regarded as fabulous! The Choir is directed by Bevan Keating and sings occasionally in worship . . . begins Sept. 16, 2009.

**YOUTH DIRECTOR:** AKA Britton Varn. This is her full-time job. She is here to serve you! Britton can be reached at the church (501-227-0000), by cell (501-765-8578) or by e-mail ([brittonvarn@secondpreslr.org](mailto:brittonvarn@secondpreslr.org)) and can answer (hopefully) all your questions!

**YOUTH DIRECTORY:** New this year! Joe Henry is hard at work putting together a pictorial directory of all youth, complete with contact information, and information about SPY. It's going to be a wonderful tool!

**YOUTH ELDERS & DEACONS:** Four youth each year (usually Juniors or Seniors) are elected to serve a one-year term as an Elder (2) on the church's Session or a Deacon (2) on the church's Diaconate. It is a great honor. Shannon Rookey and Lora Adams are the current Elders. Ryan Terry and Madison Smith are the current Deacons.



**YOUTH MINISTRY:** The body that makes the important decisions on what happens for SPY! Made up of youth and adults. Youth Ministry meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Anyone may serve on Youth Ministry; contact Britton! Current Co-Moderators are Mark Hagemeyer and Ryan Terry.

**YOUTHQUAKES:** Weekend-long events put on by the Presbytery of Arkansas. One in the Fall for MS (2009: Sept. 25-27) and one in the Spring for SH. Like mini-Montreats!

**YOUTH RINGERS:** Handbell choir that meets on Mondays from 4:25 to 5:25. Plays in worship, is directed by Mary Ibis, and is amazing! Starts Sept. 14, 2009.

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Enables all youth to attend trips, retreats, or other events, regardless of his or her ability to pay for it. Scholarship requests are made to Britton.

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** Worship services are completely planned and led by the youth on this Sunday morning in late Spring. Seniors get first dibs on preaching. Everyone who wants a reading part or wants to usher or be involved gets to be!