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DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER OF
CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF PA, INC.



Goal for Good News!

As we step into a brand new year, we are filled with gratitude for all God has accomplished through CEF of Delaware County, and with anticipation for the opportunities ahead. Each year brings fresh chances to share the Gospel with boys and girls through volunteers and local church partnerships and 2026 is shaping up to be one of our most exciting years yet!

One of our greatest expectations for the coming year, among the continued growth of Good News Clubs and 5 Day Clubs, is the unique opportunity to reach the world right in our backyard. With the FIFA World Cup coming to Philadelphia, we are thrilled to announce our special Soccer Party Outreaches. CEF chapters across the state of Pennsylvania have set a goal to reach **10,000 children** collectively through Soccer Party Outreaches this summer in addition to regularly scheduled summer ministry. While this goal seems daunting, we know it is not impossible - and God has already begun to move!

In Delaware County, we are partnering with Missionary Athletes International and Victory Beyond the Cup to provide training for churches who would like to host a Soccer Party Outreach program or a World Cup watch party, providing tools to share the gospel through soccer clinics and a Bible "huddle time". Our mission is to create an environment where children can learn about the love of Jesus while enjoying the global celebration of soccer.

We invite volunteers and local churches to join us in this endeavor, as we will need many hands to make these soccer outreaches successful. Together, we can use this world-renowned sporting event as a platform to spread joy and hope, offering children an opportunity to experience the Gospel in a dynamic and engaging way.

More information about training will be coming in the next edition. In the meantime, if you are interested in participating, please email cefofdelawarecounty@gmail.com to reserve your space.

As we prepare for the exciting months ahead, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported CEF of Delaware County. Your prayers, time, and resources have been instrumental in our mission to reach children with the Good News. We are excited to continue this journey with you and look forward to sharing more stories of transformation and hope throughout the year.

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and inspiring testimonials from those whose lives have been touched by our programs. Together, let's make 2026 a year of growth, joy, and abundant blessings!



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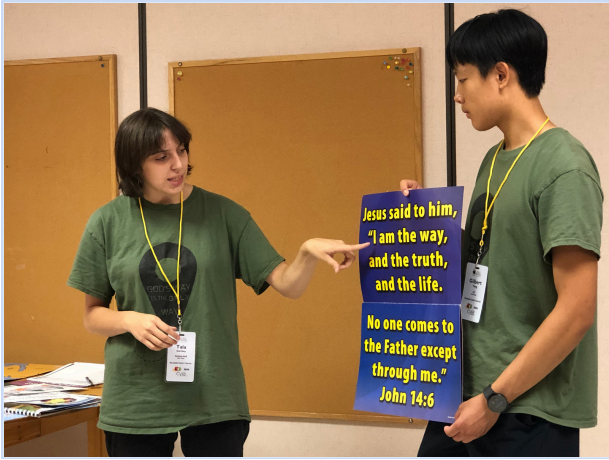
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Summer With a Purpose



There may still be snow on the ground, but thoughts are quickly turning to summer as we welcome the new year. With the anticipation of the soccer clubs, we are earnestly praying that the Lord would bring the team of His choosing to serve with us as summer interns.

Even before January, the CEF staff around the state of Pennsylvania have begun planning summer ministry, from individual pre-training to the state-wide week of training from June 13th to the 19th at Camp Harmony in Hooversville, PA.

This year things in Delaware County will look a little different. In an effort to equip the teens as thoroughly as possible, we have extended pre-training to an overnight at Camp Tel Hai in Honeybrook, partnering with chapters from Schuylkill, Philadelphia, and Berks Counties.

In addition to an overnight pre-training weekend, summer missionaries will be challenged to raise the cost of training which includes both the pre-training weekend and the full week of training in addition to all the materials they will need not only for summer ministry but also for the soccer party outreaches. While we know this can be a daunting task for the summer missionaries, we are trusting that God will provide for each of the summer interns.

If you know a teen who is interested in sharing the gospel with children, a teen who wants to grow in his or her leadership, a teen who wants to challenge his or her faith, a teen who wants to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, please email Connie Lee at connielee.cef@gmail.com for an application. *Teens must be 13 by June 30th to attend training camp. Application deadline is March 20th.*

Spend this summer serving the Lord and changing lives one child at a time.

Pre-Training Session 1

April 17-18
Camp Tel Hai (Honeybrook, PA)

Pre-Training Session 2

Date TBA
Local Office (Havertown, PA)

Training Camp

June 13-19
Camp Harmony (Hooversville, PA)

Amount to be Raised

\$540 (covers all pre-trainings and trainings, as well as materials)

*Application deadline: March 20
Must be 13 by June 30th to attend camp*



Christmas Wrapped



the materials needed.

Of the 10 Christmas clubs that were held in December, 7 were hosted and run entirely independently through a partner church, allowing staff to be at programs that were short on volunteers. Thanks to the sacrifice of volunteers and church partners, **over 170 children heard the Gospel through the Christmas story with 4 known children choosing to trust Jesus as their Savior for the first time.**

What an incredible gift it was to share the joy of Christmas with the boys and girls, and what a way to end the year! We eagerly anticipate all that God will do in and through the ministry of CEF as we ring in the new year!



Looking Forward to the New Year with the Staff

As resolutions are made around the world for the new year, the staff at CEF of Delaware County are looking back with gratitude for what God has done and simultaneously anticipating what lies ahead!

“Entering the new year is a good time to reflect on the year that’s coming to an end. For me and the Good News Clubs I was a part of December was an incredible month! In one of the clubs we had a young Muslim boy that had heard and understood the good news about Jesus, but knew he wasn’t allowed to believe in him. He responded for counseling several times, but always ended with the same struggle. On the day of our final club, he arrived and told us he had trusted Jesus as his Savior! The other club that I’ve been a part of for years has been very small. We’ve never had more than five children for the last several years. BUT, in December we had seven new kids. Four of them trusted in Jesus as their Savior!”

~ Sandy Donnelly

“I am thankful to have taken the TCE-1 course, and looking forward to what I have learned to start teaching in GNC in the Spring. It’s such a blessing to be able to work beside the best group of ladies! I am excited to see what God will be doing through CEF in 2026! Praise and Glory to Him!”

~ Ann Marie Callahan

“I am incredibly thankful to be part of sharing the gospel—not only with my own son, but with an amazing team that genuinely loves and serves Delaware County. I’m so excited for what’s ahead, especially our summer soccer outreaches, and I can’t wait to see how God moves, grows, and uses us in this new year! This year, we’re hoping to host a few more fundraising events, and we’d love for you to be part of them. Be sure to keep reading our newsletters and follow our Facebook page, *CEFDelco*, to stay up to date on what’s happening and how you can join us in sharing the Good News!”

~ Kim Rodkey

“2025 was the year I was pushed farther out of my comfort zone than I have ever been with Brenda retiring after almost 20 years of leadership in Delaware County. Taking on the role of interim director has been challenging and in every moment, I have had the incredible privilege of witnessing God’s faithfulness - not to me, but to the ministry of CEF. Beginning 2026 as the Local Coordinator for CEF of Delaware County brings about new challenges, responsibilities, and change that I may find daunting but I am excited to see how God shines through my weaknesses and uses them to spread the gospel farther than ever in Delaware County, and I am so thankful to be able to do it all with the most amazing staff!”

~ Connie Lee

Coffee for a Cause!

We are delighted to announce our new collaboration with Third Horse Coffee!



Third Horse Coffee is a non-profit specialty

coffee shop dedicated to hiring adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This initiative not only provides them with meaningful work, but also equips them with valuable job skills and fosters a sense of community.

Having already supplied coffee for our Walk-a-Thons, we are thrilled to now establish a long-term partnership with them!

Simply enter “**CEF**” in the “*fundraising organization*” box at checkout whenever you make a purchase from Third Horse. Each time you do, a portion of the proceeds will be donated from Third Horse to CEF of Delaware County.

They say a little caffeine boosts productivity, and with Third Horse Coffee, your purchase does even more! You’ll enhance your productivity while supporting both Third Horse and CEF. Plus, you’ll get to savor a delicious cup of coffee!



Scan the QR code or go to thirdhorsecoffee.com to visit Third Horse Coffee’s online shop and make a difference with your morning cup of Joe!



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Our Mission:

To evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to disciple children in the Word of God, and to establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living.



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