

# RELIGION

## Group Gives Kids Positive Outlook



At-risk kids from Portland are treated to a weeklong camping experience at the Oregon Coast during Pacific Youth Camp. Support is needed for the next camp, scheduled Aug. 26-30.

There are several quality organizations in north and northeast Portland that are committed to investing in young people so that they have every chance of becoming successful. RISK is one of those organizations.

Housed in the Lutheran Center for Christian Ministries, 4219

N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., RISK gives kids positive experiences and opportunities.

The organization believes that regardless of environmental factors, any youth can move beyond life's circumstances to successfully accomplish goals and dreams. Recently, RISK was

presented with a service award from the Oregon Youth Authority's Minority Services Office for its commitment to young people. RISK also partners with other organizations to better serve youth and community.

From Aug. 26-30, RISK will

sponsor its annual Pacific Youth Camp.

The camp will provide 25 at-risk youth, ages 8 to 11-years-old with a weeklong outing at the Oregon Coast at no cost to them. They will participate in a variety of positive experiences that will help them identify

strengths and create memories that can positively impact their lives forever.

Most of the camp's youth are recruited from inner-city elementary schools and are recommended by school staff.

RISK would like to extend the opportunity to the commu-

nity to sponsor one or more youths for this special event. The cost is \$150 per child.

For more information, call 503-287-3899. Contributions are tax deductible. Donations can be made payable to RISK, Pacific Youth Camp Fund, P.O. Box 11629 Portland, OR 97211.

## Churches Celebrate at Irving Park

Six local churches are planning a fun get-together at Irving Park called "Taking Our City For God."

The event, under the direction of Rev. Roy Tate, will take place Saturday, Aug. 24, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be plenty of outdoor music entertainment, mime acts, face painting and a "hoppity house" for kids.

Sponsoring the event are the Shabach Church, Victory Temple Church, Crossroads Community Church, New Life Church, Sunset Church, Multnomah District Church of God In Christ and Christ Memorial Church.

For more information, call Fred Woods at 503-282-4044.

## ABRAHAM: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths

Once again, in his most recent book, "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths," Bruce Feiler offers a winning combination of history, travel and spiritual memoir.

On Thursday, October 24 at 7:30pm, The Center for Spiritual Development presents a lecture with Bruce Feiler, award-winning journalist and speaker, and the New York Times best-selling author of five books, including "Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses."

Feiler will be speaking on his research for his latest book on Abraham, the traditional father of the three great monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Moved by the tragedy of September 11th, Feiler sought out religious scholars to help him understand who Abraham was and how each of the three religions have interpreted Abraham over time.

This lecture will include discussions of how the three religious traditions have invented and shared stories about Abraham and how the Abrahamic stories relate to religious and political conflicts of today. In Feiler's words: "the message is: if we can just look beyond the details and embrace the spirit of Abraham, we can come together."

In addition to writing several best-selling books, Feiler has been a writer for "The New Yorker," "The New York Times Magazine," "The Washington Post," "The New Republic and Gourmet magazine."

Tickets are available at The Center For Spiritual Development at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral located on 147 NW 19th Avenue in Portland. Cost for the lecture is \$15.

For more information, contact Ellen Morrison at (503) 478-1218 or Email her at [emorrison@center-for-spiritual-development.org](mailto:emorrison@center-for-spiritual-development.org).

## Group Promotes Justice After Sept. 11

Religious and educational leaders have organized a forum to promote social and environmental justice.

Entitled "Civil Liberties and Social Justice Movements After 9/11," the public discussion will take place Saturday, Aug. 24,

from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Community Hall of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 330 S.E. 11th.

The presentations will be followed by breakout sessions to further discuss activist responses to the current political climate.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided and donations up to \$5 are welcome.

For more information, call Desiree Hellegers at 360-546-9643 or email her at [helleger@vancouver.wsu.edu](mailto:helleger@vancouver.wsu.edu).

## Discussion on Domestic Violence

The Portland Baha'i Center will be holding a public discussion entitled "Lives in Balance: An Objective View of Domestic Violence For All Victims" on Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Presentations will be given by three directors from Stop Abuse For Everyone, an organization hailed as one of the nation's most promising programs to combat domestic violence.

Scheduled speakers include Jade Rubrick, founder of SAFE; and Marcia VanOrman and Philip Cook, the author of "Abused Men - the Hidden Side of Domestic Violence." There will be time for audience questions and comments.

The Portland Baha'i Center is located at 8720 N. Ivanhoe St., just off the St. Johns Bridge. Everyone can bring a contribution of non-perishable food for the Oregon Food Bank.

For more information, call 503-289-6331 or go online at [www.pdx.bahai.org](http://www.pdx.bahai.org).

## Bible College Anniversary

Area residents are invited to join the North Portland Bible College in celebrating its 20-year anniversary.

Music, refreshments and a short program are planned during the celebration, scheduled Saturday, Aug. 24, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the college campus, 4905 N. Vancouver Ave. Events also include a dedication of the college's library in honor of Beth Nance, the school's volunteer librarian.

For more information, call 503-288-2919.

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