

SCOUTING REPORT

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. - John 13:34-35

One of the greatest things a team should learn to do is love one another. If you love one another, you will help each other, look out for each other, and encourage one another. In our lives, God will give us multiple opportunities every day to show love towards one another, including the opportunity to love our opponents.

On February 15th, during a girl's basketball game, a senior girl (the only one on the team) from Clay High School experienced a season-ending injury to her knee in the second quarter. When the game was over, she was sitting on the bench with her leg up in a lot of pain. The Napoleon girls' team went over and gave her hugs and handshakes. They then circled up, including the coaches. They all held hands as one of the Napoleon senior players (Gracie) led the prayer. Students from Clay High School were running down the steps to hurry up and get into the prayer circle. Coach Cicero said, "There were multiple girls from their team and our team in tears during the prayer. It was a pretty special moment." Coach went back to the game video to watch this moment again, and after watching the video he noticed that his daughter went back to the hurt player after the prayer and gave her another hug. Understand these two players were guarding each other at the beginning of the game...and now hugging at the end.

By the way, in the locker room, their pregame whiteboard had this on it: "Colossians 3:14 - And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

This is competition, and we all want to win. But life is more than wins and losses. One hundred percent of the athletes we work with will one day be a mom or a dad. A husband or wife. An employee or an employer. Some will be leaders; some will be managers. What we teach them now about God, about life, perseverance, faith, hard work, effort, and love matters! Teaching these athletes to love each other is one of the most powerful ways to win today!

Our mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Character matters, but salvation is everything! Thank you for your continued support and prayers! Pray for the coaches, students, and Huddle leaders as they faithfully serve and teach our students about the saving grace and love of God!

Rex Stump, Area Director

Buckeye Border FCA Champions Celebration

Join us for an incredible night of fellowship, dinner, celebration and praise as we rejoice in what God is doing in the Buckeye Border FCA area.

We are seeing God work in incredible ways in our local campuses. Come hear what God is doing in the lives of coaches and athletes and how their relationship with God has grown through the ministry of FCA.

Each year at the Champions Celebration, FCA recognizes our student leaders and coaches who have a heart of a "champion." These student leaders and coaches are selected by their adult Huddle leaders/coaches for representing FCA's core values—Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence.



- Sunday, March 24, 2024
 - 6:00 pm 8:00 pm
 - Cost: \$20.00
- Archbold Evangelical Church
 705 Lafayette St.
 Archbold, OH 43502



Scan the QR code OR register online at: bbfca.org/celebration

2024 FCA All-Abilities Camp

This free two-day camp with adaptive activities is open to individuals with all disabilities - physical and non-physical, ages 4-65. The experience is one where they get to be athletes and enjoy a time of utilizing their own special abilities that God has given to them. Campers are assisted by trained buddy volunteers.

May 31, 2024 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm June 1, 2024 - 9:00 am - Noon

Wauseon High School (Football Field)
Wauseon, OH

FUN AND ADAPTIVE SPORTS:

- Basketball
 Obstacle Course
- Boxing
- Soccer
- Cheer
- Softball
- Football
- · Stretching & Strengthening
- Kickball
- And More!



Register online at: bbfca.org/all-abilities-camp

2024 FCA Leadership Camp

FCA Leadership Camp is a five day overnight camp for student-athletes and students who serve as leaders on their local campuses and in their communities. Camp focuses on teaching practical skills for Christian growth, the development as an effective campus leader and the training for spiritual, organizational and motivational tools for use in the FCA Campus Ministry.

Dates: July 13-17, 2024

Grades: 6-12

Location: Michindoh Conference Center 4545 E. Bacon Rd. • Hillsdale, MI 49242

Cost: \$350 if registered by May 31, 2024 \$400 after May 31, 2024 (Partial Scholarships Available)

Register online at: bbfca.org/camp

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FCA Prayer Circles

Before February 2020, our area consistently saw students circling up and praying after competition. Students involved in FCA, boldly shared their faith by gathering their teammates and inviting their opponents to a time of prayer, giving thanks to God. Then a pandemic changed how we competed, related, and gathered for over a year. After a slow restart, we have seen more prayer circles this year than ever before! More and more students are choosing to shine the light of Jesus as they gather not just the athletes, but also the student sections, and sometimes the majority of those in the gym to pray!

In cross country meets the athletes would circle up prior to competition. In other sports, teams will gather on their own, or with their opponents. Sometimes the rivalry gets hot, or the competition gets feisty, but that all changes when one person says, "let's pray." Praise God for these students who are heeding the call of God's Spirit to lead their teams in prayer! To God be all the glory!



