

## North Carolina Teen Eagles

This past year has been thoroughly productive, extremely busy, and incredibly exciting for the newly organized North Carolina Teen Eagles. We kicked off our first meeting in December with prayer and the pledge of allegiance outside on the front porch of my home (which quickly became a tradition!). The vice-president and I shared the dreams and goals for the year that we had discussed, and lots of information about The Eagle Forum. It is inspiring to know that there are youth in the community who really do care about the future of their country!

These committed and zealous youth in North Carolina had God-sized dreams for our group. We shared the passion of changing our state one step at a time. Whether it be learning about the dangers of illegal immigration in our state and around the country, the harms caused by abortions, or the pertinent need for a federal marriage amendment to our Constitution; we wanted to be a teen organization that acted upon the knowledge it was given.

The North Carolina Teen Eagles quickly began to vote on and set up committees and leadership within the group. We settled upon three different committees: Issues/Action, Political, and Special Events/Prayer. Each meeting the committee co-chairmen would report back to the rest of the group with goals and plans for the upcoming month, and an update on the past month. Through the committees we began to help out on local campaigns, have guest speakers come to meetings, registering people to vote in our churches, and sign various petitions. We also visited our state capitol, wrote and called our Congressmen (Watt and Burr) Senators (Dole and Edwards), and President Bush, pray for our country's needs and each others, learn about new and vital issues in the government and the nation, and much more.

One of the biggest highlights from our first year was our visit to the North Carolina state capitol in Raleigh. We had the privilege of meeting and talking with three state senators (Berger, Horton, and Webster) during our trip. It is wonderful to know that you have people representing you in your state government who share your values and beliefs. After seeing the legislative building, we headed over to the original state capitol a few blocks down the road. It was really neat to see all the old flags that had been through war, and to see the old senate and house chambers. Next we headed to see the North Carolina museum and ended the day with a trip to the mall. The youth gained so much from the trip and cannot wait until the next!

The North Carolina Teen Eagles continues to grow each month. We have around 15 dedicated members. It will be truly exciting to see how God will continue to use our group in the years to come.

-- CeCe White, President of the North Carolina Teen Eagles.