Interested in joining? Please read through this informational packet.

What does it mean to join CYIA?

It means having an eternal impact in the lives of children and growing in your own walk with Christ!

As a CYIA'er, you will have excellent opportunities for growth in your walk with Christ. You will learn skills that help you share the Gospel with children. You will be able to experience God doing amazing things in and through you.

You'll make great friendships while you are surrounded by like-minded believers, allowing you to have an opportunity to fulfill what Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up" (ESV).

These friends can be there for you to encourage you in times of struggle and help you as you pursue a genuine relationship with Christ. This is our desire with CYIA, that this ministry functions just as it is stated in Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (ESV).

We believe that as you serve in the ministry of CYIA, this will be a steppingstone in the growth of your faith. This will affect every area of your life. This ministry has great discipleship qualities and does a fantastic job introducing you to being on mission for the kingdom of God. You will have the opportunity to take part in daily devotions and prayer each morning before we head off to club. This part is not required but encouraged!

Is there a cost to joining CYIA?

Yes, CYIA does have a cost. First, there is a cost of time. It takes time to be with the Lord in prayer and fellowship. It takes time to study and prepare to share His love with children, teens, and adults God is calling you to serve. This time is really an investment into your own personal growth in Christ, as well as the children you serve. Both are an eternal investment. Second, there is a financial cost. The cost of joining CYIA is $400 per person. Like many missionaries, there is a cost to doing missions. The $400 pays for your training, (including your room and board), your kit (curriculum you will use to teach), and five shirts that you will receive for the summer to be worn at clubs.

What if I can't afford $400?

Well, that's okay. We do CYIA fundraisers that are used to help offset your cost for training. We also have ways you can raise support from your family and your church family. We provide a support letter and support cards that can be printed and handed or mailed out.

Where do we meet during the summer?

Our CYIA group will meet every morning at 7:30am at Restoration Church located at 411 S Walsh Dr., Casper Wyoming 82609. Please park or enter at the side door, same as Winter Blast. We meet early so that parents that work can drop their students off before work. This gives us an opportunity to spend time in the Word and in prayer before we head off to club. We want to make sure that we're spiritually ready to serve God. Meeting at Restoration Church at 7:30 is not required. However, it is encouraged. If you are unable to make it by 7:30, please contact the staff to find out when the vans will be leaving for club.

What if I don't live in Casper?

We can arrange for host homes in Casper. Host homes can be the director's home or those of the local committee. All host homes have been cleared by completing a background check and are willing to house teens while they do ministry. Contact the local Director to make arrangements.

What does training look like?

All participants in CYIA are required to attend CYIA training. It is designed to equip, train, and bring students together who have a desire to reach children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. You will participate in a purposeful training where you will be provided with the tools needed to lead 5-Day Clubs in central Wyoming this summer. You will learn how to teach Bible lessons, memory verses, and mission stories; lead fun songs; and play exciting games.

This training will consist of one week held in La Grange, Wyoming, at Frontier School of the Bible. Then you will return to Casper for a second week of training. This second week will consist of your first 5-Day Club, evaluation of that 5-Day Club, and additional training.

What will the summer look like?

There will be ministry opportunities scheduled most weeks during the summer. These opportunities will consist of things like, but not limited to, 5-Day Clubs, Service Projects, VBS, Day Camp and Family Camp. We call this "Standard Ministry". These will be weeks that are mostly scheduled between training and Camp Good News. If you sign up for the ministry of CYIA, you will be required to attend at least two of these weeks. However, you are more than welcome to serve as many of the weeks as you and your parents agree to.

Where can I find the summer schedule?

Glad you asked. You can visit our website homepage for our most up-to-date calendar. You can find it at www.cefcentralwyoming.com or by scanning this QR code. Then, scroll down the page about halfway to view the calendar.

CYIA students are the Camp Good News counselors.

If you sign up for the ministry of CYIA you will be required to attend Camp Good News as a counselor. Remember, this week is about the kids, so you will be required to participate in activities and be with the kids at all times. This is their week. This is the most impactful week of the summer. It does have its challenges. However, it's an amazing week!

At Camp Youth Challenge CYIA students can go as campers.

We have started a camp called Camp Youth Challenge. This is for all teens and is open also to CYIA students. This week is designed with you in mind. In years past, many CYIA students would serve all summer, forfeiting their opportunity to go to camp. We have designed a camp to reach out to all teens in the community. This is for teens, including those that are aging out of Camp Good News or are attending our JYC and SYC programs and it is also open to CYIA students. This way you can have a week that you're the camper. While this is not a required week, it is for your benefit. You'll have to register for camp as well as pay for it; however, we do have scholarships available for the campers if needed.

We are called to walk in the Spirit.

Read this portion of Galatians, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other,…" (Galatians 5:16-17a ESV)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." (Galatians 5:22-25 ESV)

Character Agreement

As a considered student of Christian Youth In Action®, I have read the CYIA Packet.

I will, therefore, commit to abide by all rules and regulations of CYIA® as stated in the CYIA Packet.

I will conduct myself at all times in a Christian manner, striving to display the Fruit of the Spirit.

As a student of CYIA, I will not participate in conduct unbecoming to a believer such as sowing discord, having a bad attitude, smoking, drugs, alcohol, and moral laxity.

I understand that because CYIA is designed to train leaders in ministry, displaying character that would negatively impact the ministry could result in the student being withdrawn from summer ministry.

With God's help I will study and fulfill the CYIA requirements to the best of my ability.

CYIA Requirements

These are the requirements/expectations for CYIA students in summer ministry.

- ❒ Yes, I will pay the CYIA fee, or participate in fundraisers and/or raise support to cover my fees.
- ❒ Yes, I will attend training camp in La Grange, Wyoming.
- ❒ Yes, I will attend training week in Casper.
- ❒ Yes, I will follow the CYIA training rules.
- ❒ Yes, I will attend a minimum of two weeks of "Standard Ministry".
- ❒ Yes, I will attend Camp Good News as a camp counselor.
- ❒ Yes, I will abide by the Character Agreement.

Please note: Keep this list for your records. There will be a second list at the end of the packet for you to sign and return to CEF Central Wyoming.

If you plan to join us at CYIA for this summer, you will need to sign and return all of the following pages. Return to the local CEF office.

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CYIA Signature_____

Parent Signature_____

Date_____

**Please return signed CYIA training rules and CYIA requirements to the local Director at the CEF office located at 1927 S. Walnut St., Casper Wyoming 82601.

CYIA Training Rules

*Parent & Students Please Initial

The dress code is intended as a guideline in assisting all students in developing a Christ-centered attitude toward their outer appearance and a maturing view toward the appropriateness of certain attire for certain occasions. It is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of acceptable and unacceptable attire. Rather, the dress code is an outgrowth of our experience in maintaining an atmosphere consistent with the instructional goals of CYIA Training. It is not meant to take the place of parental rules, which may be more restrictive in this document. Nor is it meant to relieve the student of the opportunity to grow in personal responsibility for his or her own appearance.

We need parental assistance to maintain modest dress at CYIA Training and during the summer. Please read and address these standards with your child. Thank you for helping in this matter.

_____Dress Code: Since we are working with a variety of people from various religious convictions, it is important that we not offend in our dress and, at the same time, that we honor God with our dress. This means we are expecting conservative dress - for some of you, that may mean more conservative attire than you are used to wearing. If you have any doubts about a clothing item, don't bring it. All students and staff must present themselves, both in dress and physical features, in a manner consistent with their birth gender.

_____Code for training week: You may wear shorts, although they must be of the longer variety (3" above the knee when kneeling)! Guys, please wear pants that fit snugly around your waist. No sagging.

_____ The following are not allowed: short shorts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, tight T-shirts, spaghetti straps, belly shirts, immodest necklines, or armholes (2" below collar bone + 2" below armpit for armholes), T-shirts designs that reflect anti-Christian values (i.e., occult, vulgar language, etc.). Nothing tattered or torn and no low-rise skirts or pants. Hair should be kept clean neat. Leggings are allowed under the skirt or dress (3" above the knee). Leggings can be worn with a top that extends to the tip of the fingers while hands are at your sides. Holes in jeans cannot be above the knees and no low-rise skirts or pants. Tears or rips higher than 2" above the knee must be worn with a layer of fabric underneath so that no skin shows.

CYIA Training Rules

_____ Guys & Gals: No excessive body piercing. No excessive tattoos. Keep your appearance neat and clean. No piercings beyond ears & nose and only small studs in the nose.

_____ Electronics: Cell phones will be silenced and placed in a drop box during class. Phones will be collected after class. There will be a specified time daily for contacting parents/guardians.

*Parents: It's important that you communicate with your child(ren) directly, provide a Christ-centered paradigm for smartphone use, and set sensible boundaries. Teach them to pick up their phones for a purpose, not just because they're bored. CYIA Training is to focus on learning to share the Gospel with kids. There will be downtime where they will be able to use their phones. However, we encourage students to engage with others during these times.

CYIA Training is a week to pull away from distractions and focus on preparing for ministry.

_____ Done in bathrooms by 10:30 p.m., Lights out at 10:45 p.m. No crises after 10:00 p.m.

_____ Stay in assigned sleeping rooms until 7:00 a.m. Roaming out of sleeping rooms without an appropriate excuse will result in a phone call to parents.

_____ No student is to change their assigned room number at check-in without explicit permission from CYIA Staff. (In the event of an emergency we need to know where students are located). If you would like to be in the same room as a friend, please notify your director.

No one leaves the buildings at night except for emergencies. Doors are on a night timer and automatically lock after lights out. In an emergency, a staff must accompany anyone leaving the dorm.

The dorm leaders will report excessive noise after lights out (talking, rowdy behavior, etc.) to the nighttime staff.

_____ Students are not to invade the personal space of other students. A reasonable separation rule will apply at all times. Students will adhere to the guidance of any staff member regarding this rule.

CYIA Training Rules

_____ Boyfriend/girlfriend relationships are not allowed throughout the CYIA Training. This includes the entire summer working relationship.

_____Do NOT bring food or drink in the dorms and do NOT bring personal food from home.

_____ All students must obtain permission from one of the directors before leaving the boundaries or going beyond the established limits.

_____ There is zero tolerance on pranks at CYIA training.

_____ I understand and agree to the Biblical Sexuality Policy as discussed with my local director or another staff member.

*By initialing & signing, you acknowledge you have read & are agreeing to all the above.

CYIA Signature: _____
Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date:_____