

C.Y.I.A. East Handbook



TAKE ACTION!
Join CEF® Summer Missions and do something different with your summer!
"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12



PURITY
FAITH
SPIRIT
LOVE

May 30 - June 4
Camp Moses Merrill, Linwood, Neb.

Welcome

Hello. We are glad you're checking out Christian Youth in Action®.

At CYIA® you will learn how to share your faith with children using the Wordless Book, Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs, memory verse activities, review games and more. You will then put those new skills into action in super 5-Day Clubs®.

The Bible lessons this year will help children understand the message of salvation. Most of the kids who attend 5-Day Clubs do not go to church. They are kids who know very little about God. Some of them will never have held a Bible before, never learned a verse of Scripture, never prayed. These clubs can make an eternal difference in their lives!

But while CYIA is about children, it is also about *you*. CYIA offers you an opportunity to grow spiritually, to gain confidence in ministering to others, to get a new vision for a lost world and to see how you can make a difference. (Along the way, you'll also have fun and make some great new friendships!)

Is it for you? We don't know. We have been praying for the right students to come to CYIA. We don't want just anyone to wander into our training camp, but have asked God to send the ones He wants to attend. Isn't it awesome to realize that you might be one of them?

Will you make your summer count by sharing Christ with children in Nebraska? It won't be easy, but it just might be one of the best things you ever decide to do.

We encourage you to pray about it. Please understand it is a privilege to attend CYIA. After the application process is completed, a letter will be sent to indicate if you have been accepted.

Please send in your application by May 1st to your local CEF chapter.

We hope to see you there!

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Child Evangelism Fellowship®

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God and establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living.

Our goals are met through 5-Day Clubs®, Good News Clubs®, Party Clubs®, and other ministries. We publish our own curriculum, offer excellent teacher training, have a Bible correspondence course—the CEF Mailbox Club - and a variety of summer mission programs for teenagers.

Christian Youth in Action Goals

CYIA is designed to prepare believers age 13 and older to reach children with the Gospel message through 5-Day-Clubs. The four main goals are:

To **enable** teens to effectively teach the Gospel and Christian growth truths;

To **encourage** teens in their personal walk with the Lord;

To **excite** teens with a vision for ministry in their own community, state and around the world;

To **edify** the church body. Many teens have found this training an asset to working with AWANA, VBS, Sunday School and other ministries.

5-Day Clubs

5-Day Clubs are fast-paced, fun Bible clubs for children ages 4-11 which meet in homes or back yards, in parks, at churches, apartment complexes or mobile home parks - *anywhere children are* - for an hour and a half a day for five days.

Every club includes:

Evangelistic Bible lessons

Exciting missionary stories

Memory verse activities

Terrific Songs

Fun Games

Snacks

Prizes!



Where is CYIA East held?

CYIA East is held at Camp Moses Merrill, located 50 miles west of Omaha. The campground has 568 acres of beautifully wooded hills. Cabins sleep 10. All facilities are air-conditioned, and there is a pool, hiking trails, sand volleyball and a basketball court.

Camp Staff

CYIA East is under the supervision of CEF of Omaha Local Director Jackie Weiss and Board Chairman Pastor Michael Williams, with assistance from a group of adult and college-aged volunteers. CEF State Director Mike Brown is also on hand to guide part of the camp.

What does it cost?

The cost for early registration (by May 1) is \$175. This includes the Summer Missions kit. Late registration is \$210. All applications must be accompanied by a \$50 deposit. The remainder is due at camp on May 30. (Of course, the full amount may be sent in with the application.) In addition, there is a \$5 fee to help cover the cost of the CYIA T-shirt.

We encourage students to "ask God and tell His people" regarding CYIA expenses. Learning to raise support will build your faith and enable you to pursue ministry, not only this summer but in the future. Your family, friends, and local church may be glad to partner with you in evangelizing children. Our staff will provide a sample letter for you if desired.

Prayer Partner

Summer missionaries are asked to compile a list of 10 people who will pray for them during camp and as they teach clubs. The list is part of the application process. Students must inform their prayer partners of requests and ministry news as the summer progresses.

Many children know nothing of Jesus.

What will it take to win them?

Not low expectations, complacency or mediocrity, but people with a radical love for Jesus and a desire to do great things.

Sample Schedule

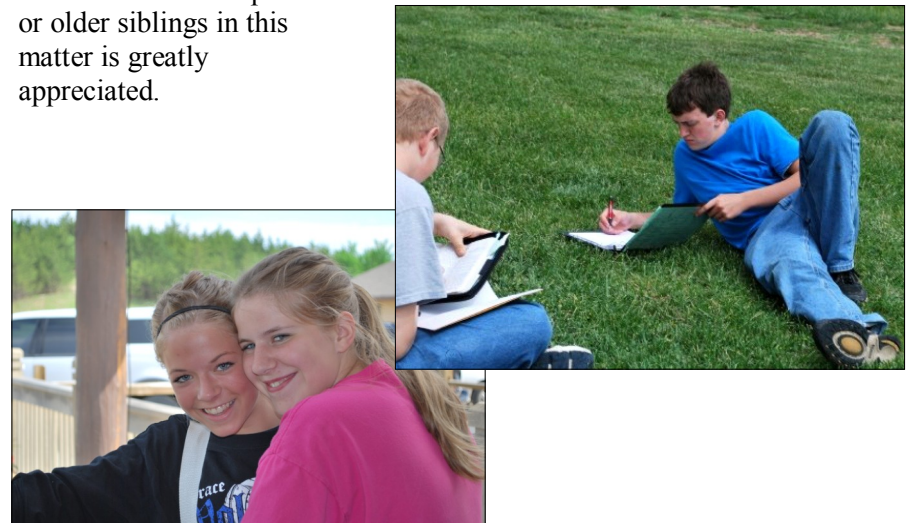
The five days of training will primarily be filled with classroom instruction, directed practice times, evaluations and group study.

By 7:00 a.m.	'Rise & Shine' and get ready for the day
7:00 - 8:00	Personal devotions / Breakfast
8:00 - Noon	Classroom instruction with short breaks in between
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch / Recreation Break
1:00 - 3:30	Classroom instruction / Practice Times
3:30 - 5:00	Break
5:00 - 5:30	Supper
5:30 - 9:00	Club Demos, Study Times, Evaluations
9:00 - 10:30	Recreation
10:30 p.m.	Lights out!

The exception is Thursday night which is Fun Night and Friday night which is the Commissioning Service.

Once training is complete, teens will be asked to teach a minimum of four 5-Day Clubs in the Omaha area. The teaching assignments can be done in two weeks or worked around other summer plans. To help the CEF office work out the schedules, summer missionaries are asked to mark the weeks they will not be available on their application form.

5-Day Clubs and teaching assignments are arranged by the CEF staff. Consideration is given to the teen's location and schedule. Teens will work in groups of two to four. Transportation will be provided as needed, but assistance from parents or older siblings in this matter is greatly appreciated.



What to Wear /What Not to Wear

Please use the following as your guide, showing a desire to cooperate by not pushing the limits as you remember CYIA trains leaders who will represent CEF and the Lord as they teach children and meet hostesses and parents.

LADIES

For classroom:

Jeans , slacks. capris, or modest length dresses or skirts
Blouses or T-Shirt (must cover midriff, no inappropriate words or pictures)
(Clothing must be neat and not tight or low cut)

For recreation:

Any of the above or longer shorts (just above knees)

MEN

For classroom:

Jeans (not too worn or too baggy) or slacks
Shirts or T-Shirts (must be neat; no inappropriate words or pictures)

For recreation:

Any of the above or longer shorts.

FOR ALL:

No tank tops, off-the-shoulder tops, etc.
Shoes must be worn at all times (tennis shoes for basketball court)
For swimming
Ladies must wear modest one piece suits or tankinis
Guys' suits should not be too baggy
No body piercing except for ears.
Hair should be neat and clean.

**To sum it up . . .
clean, modest, appropriate.**

If the director feels any item of clothing is inappropriate, you will be asked to change.
We trust you will desire to cooperate.



Other Guidelines

ATTENDANCE:

Students must attend all classes and be on time except in cases of illness.

CABINS:

Students who wish to room together should make the request on their application. We will honor the request if possible.

GUY/GIRL RELATIONSHIPS:

Please ask God to help you keep the right perspective while at training camp as we have a lot planned for you in the five short days we will be together. Don't cheat yourself out of valuable preparation time by getting sidetracked. If we notice romantic relationships starting to form, we will pull both parties aside to help refocus them on why they are at CYIA.

LIGHTS OUT:

Because it is important that students and staff get enough sleep to function well in the classroom and in evaluations, this rule will be carefully observed. In addition, because of heavily wooded, hilly, unlit terrain, anyone caught outside their cabin after hours will not be allowed to stay.

BACKGROUND CHECKS:

All CEF volunteers or staff must sign a Doctrinal Protection Policy, including a statement of faith and be screened through a child protection service.

What to Bring/ What to Leave

NIV or KJV Bible (Pocked-sized New Testament may also be helpful)
Pens/pencils, colored markers or highlighters, scissors, sticky notes
Sleeping bag (or bedding to fit a twin-sized mattress) and pillow
Towels and washcloths and toiletries
Appropriate clothing and shoes
Camera
Cell phones (only to be used during breaks)
Musical instruments if you wish to participate in providing accompaniment or special music.

Do not bring iPods, laptops, CD/DVD players or other electronic equipment.
Spending money is not needed. (There is no concession stand, but snacks are provided 2-3 times a day; you can bring your own if desired)

Please remember to mark all personal items when packing!