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2018 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM (IYF)/SPECTACULAR (SPEC)

Greetings Parents and Legal Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because you have a youth who, according to our records, is eligible and is invited to attend the **2018 International Youth Forum (IYF)/Spectacular (SPEC)**. IYF/SPEC are camps sponsored by Community of Christ for Sr. High Youth currently in **Grades 9-12**. Our trip this year is **July 17-28, 2018**.

"IYF" (International Youth Forum) is held in Independence, MO, every four years. Youth and staff from around the world gather for this experience of worship, classes, and small group formation just before SPEC.

"SPEC" (Spectacular) is an annual week-long worship, leadership, sports, music, and arts camp held on the campus of Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. It is sponsored by Community of Christ and is attended by approximately 1,000 high school students and staff from around the U.S. and Canada. This is the largest gathering of youth in Community of Christ. The mission of SPEC is to create a safe, Christ-centered community that encourages young women and men to discover God, their inherent worth, and cultivate and express their giftedness. The theme for SPEC 2018 is "St()ry." Daily themes will be explored through classes, worship, and other activities.

We will travel as part of the **Northwest Delegation**, which consists of campers and staff from Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Wyoming, Northern Utah, and Montana.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

SPEC is moving to online registration this year. That registration form is available at <https://spec-cofchrist.org/register/>

The cost for the 11-day trip will be **\$705.00 per youth**. This includes airfare. Since we will be attending IYF and SPEC, the trip is more expensive this year. We have worked hard to reduce costs where possible. We can offer this cost, thanks to the support of the YES Fund. Each camper will need to fill out a YES fund application (in addition to the IYF/SPEC online registration form) to illustrate how they will contribute within their congregation or community to the covering of the airfare cost. The total cost will include: Camp registration and a camp shirt, meals, lodging, delegation shirts, and all transportation (airline luggage fees for 1 bag are included). The campers will need to bring money for 3-4 fast food meals as well as bring their own souvenir spending money.

We will be flying to Kansas City on Tuesday July 17, 2018 and will return on Saturday July 28, 2018. We will communicate closer to the travel date the actual flight times, airline itinerary, packing lists and other helpful information. Please let us know if your child will be

attending (even before you complete their registration), as we want to make flight arrangements sooner than later.

Payment is due in two installments: **\$400.00 by April 15** and **\$305.00 by May 31** to ensure your participation in IYF/SPEC 2018. Of course, full payment is welcome before the final deadline, as we are trying to make flight arrangements as soon as funds are available. Checks should be made payable to **"Community of Christ"** and mailed to Inland West Mission Center at the address below. Even though your registration will be online through IYF/SPEC, you will still pay through the delegation by mailing payment as described below.

DUE DATES:

****April 15, 2018**

- **IYF/SPEC Registration form:** <https://spec-cofchrist.org/register/>
- **YES Fund Application:** <http://www.cofchrist-iwest.org/spec.html>
- **First payment of \$400.00.**

****May 31, 2017**

- **Second payment of \$305.00.**

Please make all checks payable to **"Community of Christ"**. Send all checks and YES Fund application by the above due dates to:

Inland West Mission Center
11515 E. Broadway Ave.
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

To support the payment of a camper, or request financial assistance, please contact Sandy Decker. We truly want everyone that wishes to attend to be there!

We encourage everyone to like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestSPEC/>. This is where we share our most up-to-date information., Also information is available on the Inland West website at <http://www.cofchrist-iwest.org/spec.html>. You can also visit the Spectacular page via the Community of Christ site at <https://spec-cofchrist.org/>.

If you have any questions--please contact: Sandy Decker, sdecker@cofchrist-iwest.org, 800-918-8335.

We are looking forward to a great trip and an awesome time at IYF/SPEC. Your child really doesn't want to miss it!

In the Spirit of IYF/SPEC,

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