

Emerald Coast Bahá'í News



Junior Youth Edition

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Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program

"A program that assists Junior Youth to navigate through a crucial stage of their lives and to become empowered to direct their energies toward the advancement of civilization."



What is a Junior Youth Group?

The Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program is designed to develop the spiritual and intellectual potential of youth between the ages of 11 - 15 and empower them to serve the well being of society. The program contains no religious instruction, but includes a belief in God.

The program takes the form of Junior Youth groups, guided by a trained older youth who meet regularly in order to explore important concepts and ideas such as unity, honesty, justice, cooperation, hard work and reliance upon God, which are presented in a series of workbooks designed specifically for this age group. What the group learns is applied to their own lives and to the life of their communities through the arts and simple service projects.



What is Empowerment?

- ◆ Developing ones spiritual identity
- ◆ Overcoming peer pressure
- ◆ Developing a sense of responsibility
- ◆ Learn to express ideas with confidence
- ◆ Improving reading, comprehension, writing
- ◆ Carrying out acts of service
- ◆ Creativity, Field Trips and Fun
- ◆ Learning to make the right choices

Who are the Bahá'ís?

The Bahá'í Faith is a world religion whose purpose is to unite all the races and peoples of the world into one human family. Bahá'ís believe that there is only one God, who created us all in order to know and love Him. Bahá'ís also believe that the religions of the world teach the same truth, the only difference between them is that they appeared at a different time in the history of humanity, to educate people according to the needs and conditions of that time. www.Bahai.org

"To be a Bahá'í simply means to love all the world; to love humanity and to serve it; to work for universal peace and universal brotherhood." www.Bahai.us

The Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program is sponsored by the Emerald Coast Bahá'ís, which includes Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

For additional information, registration, and scheduling of training sessions in your community, please contact us.

www.EmeraldCoastBahais.org/youth.html