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2023 SPECTACULAR (SPEC)

Greetings

You are invited to join the Northwest Delegation in attending Spectacular (SPEC) 2023 this summer! SPEC is an Arts, Sports, Worship, and Leadership camp that happens every summer for High School youth. At SPEC this summer we will explore the theme of "Wonder".

The Northwest Delegation consists of youth and staff from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah, British Columbia, and other areas who join us for the trip! Our trip is a 10-day adventure. We will fly into Kansas City on Wednesday, July 12, where we will then spend a few days in Independence, MO, for a Northwest Delegation Retreat. While there, we will stay at the Family Life Center. During the retreat we practice sports and form teams, get to know each other, review our SPEC experience, and share in fun activities such as going to a local water park and more. On Saturday, July 15, we then take a bus to Graceland University in Lamoni, IA, for SPEC. On Saturday, July 22, we take a bus back to Kansas City to fly home. We will communicate the actual flight times, airline itinerary, packing lists and other helpful information to registered youth and staff by the end of June.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The cost for the 10-day trip will be **\$650.00 per youth**. This includes airfare. 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 both SPEC online registration forms) to illustrate how they will contribute within their congregation or community to the covering of the airfare cost. The total cost will include: SPEC registration fee, a SPEC 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 suggest around \$75 for the meals that they will be responsible for. We realize the fee is high and not all families can afford it. There is financial assistance available. More information is towards the bottom of this letter.

You will need to register with both the Northwest Delegation AND SPEC. The Northwest Registration is open now. The SPEC Registration will go live this Spring. Once registered with Northwest, a link to register with SPEC will be emailed to you this Spring.

Register online with the Northwest Delegation at <https://2023northwestspec.eventbrite.com>.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending, as we want to make flight arrangements sooner than later.

Payment is due in two installments as outlined below. Of course, full payment is welcome before the final deadline.

DUE DATES:****April 15, 2023**

- **Northwest Delegation Registration Deadline** at <https://2023northwestspec.eventbrite.com>
- **YES Fund Application:** <http://www.cofchrist-iwest.org/spec.html> (also enclosed)
- **First payment of \$350.00.**

****May 20, 2023**

- **SPEC Registration Deadline*** (*including front and back copy of insurance card*)
- **Second payment of \$300.00.**

Please make all checks payable to “**Community of Christ**” with the participants name in the memo line. Send checks by the above due dates to:

Northwest SPEC, c/o Cindie Ellwanger
30442 101st Pl. SE
Auburn, WA 98092.

Send YES Fund application to:

Inland West Mission Center
11515 E. Broadway Ave.
Spokane Valley, WA 99206
or by e-mail to sdecker@cofchrist-iwest.org

To request financial assistance, please contact the Inland West Mission Center at sdecker@cofchrist-iwest.org. 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/>.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Vaccinations are not required to participate in SPEC 2023. SPEC will be following the lead of Community of Christ International Headquarters in response to COVID and other health concerns as stated for World Conference. We strongly encourage delegations to take precautions that include COVID testing before traveling, staying isolated if campers or staff test positive during the event, and getting up-to-date on vaccinations for individual protection. Masking indoors will be dependent on COVID levels in the area at the time of the event.

In Closing

Please contact one of our 2023 Northwest SPEC Leaders if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great trip and an awesome time at SPECTACULAR 2023! We hope that you'll consider coming with us!

In the Spirit of SPEC,

NW SPEC DELEGATION LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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