

CYIA® Student Guide

Thank you for your interest in Christian Youth In Action training. We are excited about what God is going to do through you and in you this year at training.

Please read through this Student Guide carefully, paying special attention to the dress code, rules, and what to bring list. If you have any questions, please contact your local CEF worker or Maryann Hammar, CYIA Director at 517-322-0001 or mjhammar5@gmail.com.

Dates of Christian Youth In Action 2017

THURSDAY, June 22 – FRIDAY, June 30, 2017, at Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, MI. Registration at CYIA is from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, June 22. Orientation is at 8:00 pm in the Chapel. There will be no meal available for students Thursday pm, although there will be a time for snacks later in the evening. Signs will be posted as you near the campus to help you know where registration will be.

The cost of training is \$300. A non-refundable registration fee of **\$50.00** is to be sent with the application so the balance due will be \$250.00. **If the total amount is paid by May 15, 2017, you will receive a \$25 discount – so total payment is \$275.** Otherwise, the balance should be brought to registration (a check made payable to "CEF of MI"). All funds need to be received before or at registration on June 22.

Praise and Talent Night will be Saturday, June 24 at about 6:45 pm. If you want to participate in the talent portion, come already prepared. Sign up will be available at Registration.

Overview of daily schedule

The schedule begins with "rise and shine" at 6:30 a.m. Daily quiet time is scheduled before breakfast and classes take up the day until late afternoon. After recreation and supper additional classes are held with dismissal to dorms and lights out by 10:30 p.m. A detailed schedule will be available at registration. Fun activities and free time are also included.

Standards and guidelines expected with CEF

It would be impossible to make rules to govern every type of situation. Good behavior must come from the heart, in love and obedience to Jesus Christ and should not be mere conformity to man-made regulations.

The following rules, however, are to be strictly observed.

- ❖ Respect the authority of the staff. Disobedience and back talk will not be acceptable.
- ❖ Pushing the limits of the rules will be seen as disobedience.
- ❖ Improper speech, vulgarity, profanity, and lying have no place in our fellowship.
- ❖ Giving unwanted attention, either verbally or physically, that could be considered harassment, will not be tolerated and can result in expulsion from the program.
- ❖ Students are expected to dress and abide by the dress code.
- ❖ Pranks of any kind, played on students or staff, will not be tolerated. Respect for others and their belongings is expected.
- ❖ Students are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen while in training and ministry. You are to be courteous to others and respect the facilities.

We seek to develop individuals who will faithfully serve the Lord and be good witnesses for Him. Therefore,

- ❖ Be loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Have daily devotions and a desire to win souls.
- ❖ Prepare your studies well and teach to the best of your ability.
- ❖ Abide by these standards and maintain a good testimony on the field and throughout life.

The Dress Code

As a CEF worker we expect your dress to display a good testimony before the saved and unsaved. Please remember that your outward appearance is a reflection of your inward heart and mind. Through your clothing, make-up, and hairstyles you will either draw attention to yourself or will magnify the Lord (1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 3:3-4).

You will want to bring clothes for every day classes, then clothes for church on Sunday, and the commissioning service on the last Friday. During recreation times, the dress code still applies.

As part of the cost for CYIA, each student will be receiving 1 ministry t-shirt. As a fun activity, a water slide will be available, so you will want to bring dark colored, modest shorts, and a dark t-shirt if you want to participate in this activity. Girls can wear a one-piece swimsuit under their shorts and t-shirt.

Ladies (students)

Your appearance should be neat and clean at all times.

- ❖ Please do not bring any tight fitting skinny jeans, leggings, or shirts. Clothes with holes or writing on the seat will not be allowed.
- ❖ Dresses, skirts – must be knee-length when sitting (even if you wear leggings with the dresses/skirts). Slits must not be above the knee; a slip must be worn with light-weight skirts and dresses.
- ❖ Loose-fitting slacks, jeans, and capris/split skirts, knee length (when sitting) shorts are allowed
- ❖ T-shirts with appropriate writing are acceptable.
- ❖ Blouses and shirts – modest, not low cut, or tight; no cleavage or exposed skin between top and waistband when seated or while arms are raised. No strapless, or thin-strap shirts or sundresses.
- ❖ Tasteful earrings are acceptable but nose piercings or visible body jewelry is greatly discouraged.
- ❖ Please bring dress clothes for church, picture, and commissioning service

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Men (students)

Your appearance should be neat and clean at all times. Hair is to be neat and clean, and well groomed. Absolutely NO earrings, facial or visible body jewelry.

- ❖ Loose-fitting jeans, casual, or dress pants, and knee length shorts are allowed
- ❖ Tight fitting jeans and slacks, jeans with holes, or pants with writing on the seat will not be allowed!
- ❖ Pants must be worn at the waist and not sagging.
- ❖ Shirts – collared, polo, t-shirts (T-shirts with writing on them must be appropriate)
- ❖ Knee length shorts will be allowed.
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Preparing for CYIA

1. Get in all the paperwork: application with all forms completed, deposit, references
2. Get with your director/staff person for an interview, to discuss this guide, and receive the verse list.
3. Review the dress code before you pack to be sure you have clothes that abide by the dress code.
4. Work on Memory Verse list (get this from your local director or from cefmi.com website under “training” tab).
5. Complete the Bible Lesson Study Questions (get this from your local director or from cefmi.com website under “training” tab).
6. Become familiar with the Wordless Book. You can get training from your local CEF worker or go to <http://www.cefonline.com/about/our-training/online-training/wordlessbook/> for free Wordless Book training and a demonstration.

What to bring to CYIA

- ❖ Bible (KJV or ESV for teaching times) and your preferred Bible for quiet time;
- ❖ New Testament or small Bible for Open Air.
- ❖ Pencils, pens and paper
- ❖ Bedding (blankets, sheets, pillow etc)
- ❖ Toiletries (towels, wash clothes, toothbrush, etc.)
- ❖ Light jacket or sweatshirt and rain gear
- ❖ Clothes that meet the dress code including dress-up attire (2 outfits, e.g. suits or dresses)
- ❖ Hangers
- ❖ Extra money for canteen, missionary offering, stamps
- ❖ Alarm clock
- ❖ Memory verse list
- ❖ Musical instrument and sheet music or accompaniment tracks (if desired)
- ❖ Fan
- ❖ Required medication (You will need to talk with a staff member at campus registration.)
- ❖ Your driver’s license or other identification
- ❖ Camera

What should **NOT** be brought to training:

- ❖ Radio (unless it is your clock radio alarm clock)
- ❖ CD player, iPod, MP3 player
- ❖ Laptop computer
- ❖ Hand-held games, squirt guns, laser guns
- ❖ Secular magazines
- ❖ Food items (Food cannot be kept in rooms, suitcases or duffel bags for sanitation reasons.) If you have food allergies, you can bring replacement food that will be kept in the kitchen.

This is a unique environment to concentrate on developing yourself for serving the Lord. Bring items that will help you and leave home those items that may hinder.

New Cell Phone Policy

We understand that cell phones are an important aspect of life. With that in mind, we will be allowing limited cell phone use at CYIA by students. The following policy will be implemented, and students must be willing to adhere to this policy.

- Students will turn in cell phones at registration where they will be marked
- Each day between 4:00 – 5:00 pm, students may use their cell phones in the commons area only.

- Before going through the supper line, students must turn in their cell phones
- Failure to turn in your cell phone at the appropriate time will result in loss of phone privileges for the next day.

Mail

If your family and friends want to send mail to you, they can send it to:

CYIA, (student's name), Grace Bible College, 1011 Aldon St, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

They can also send a letter via email to cyiacefofmi@gmail.com with the student name in the subject line. These emails will be opened and printed for the student by Mr. Hammar (Administration Coordinator, or Mrs. Hammar, CYIA Director).

When there is an emergency, please receive permission from the CYIA Director to make a phone call. If your parent needs to get in touch with you outside the hour you will have your cell phone, they can call Mr. Hammar (517)775-1429 or Mrs. Hammar (517)331-5525.

Family, friends or guests

Due to the intensive schedule and the challenge of locating students across campus, drop-by visits are not encouraged. It takes valuable time away from the students concentrating on their preparation for ministry. Special visits need to be cleared by the CYIA Director beforehand.

Families are invited to the Praise and Talent night on Saturday evening, June 24 at 6:45 pm in the chapel.

Pre-training recommendations

➤ **The Memory verse list**

Each year a list of verses are given to each student so they can have those verses memorized before arriving at CYIA. There are only two sections on this verse list. All Wordless Book verses MUST BE recited by Friday evening (June 23). The 5-Day Club verses must be recited by Saturday evening (June 24).

➤ **Wordless Book Training**

It is highly recommended that you become familiar with the Wordless Book and what is taught on each page. You can receive training from your local CEF worker or go to <http://www.cefonline.com/about/our-training/online-training/wordlessbook/> for free online training and Wordless Book demonstration

➤ **Bible Lesson Study Questions**

It is highly recommended that you complete the Bible Lesson study questions BEFORE you arrive at CYIA. This will help you become familiar with the lessons from the Bible so your preparation will be easier. Even if you do not plan to work on any Bible Lessons, please complete these pages. You can get them from your local CEF worker.

What happens for commissioning?

This is the culmination of the training and the beginning of your ministry. We have a commissioning service the last evening of training. Parents/guardians and friends are invited to the service, which starts at 7:00 p.m. This will be held at Grace Bible College, in the gym. An offering will be received to help defray the cost of the training. Meals are not available on campus for family and friends coming for the commissioning service.

What are my possibilities of service this summer?

Different areas of service are available after you complete training. Talk with your director before training to set your schedule.

“State” Missionaries

CYIA students teaching 5-Day Clubs for CEF of Michigan **outside their local CEF area** are considered “State” missionaries. They move around Michigan and are scheduled through the State Office. You, as a traveling missionary must decide if you want to serve as a volunteer or if you desire to be hired by CEF of Michigan.

You must:

- ❖ Be 16 years old by August 31
- ❖ Successfully complete this year's CYIA training
- ❖ Be approved and recommended by the CYIA Director
- ❖ Be approved by the State Director

Local Missionaries

CYIA students teaching 5 -Day Clubs for CEF **in their local area ONLY** are considered local missionaries. You are scheduled by the local CEF chapter and your supervision will be handled by local staff workers. Please follow instructions of your local director/staff worker. They may have different instructions than what you learned at CYIA.

Church Missionaries

Some CYIA students come to training with a plan to teach 5-Day Clubs **for their own local church**. You are scheduled by your local church and your supervision will be handled by the local church and staff.

Helping CEF Ministries

Occasionally there is need for a replacement teacher or helper due to illness or an emergency situation. You may be contacted by the local CEF worker or the State CEF Office to see if you are available to fill in for someone. This may be a single day or a couple of weeks. You may also be asked to help with other ministries during the summer and throughout the school year.

What happens after summer?

At the end of summer ministry, students are invited to get involved in Good News Clubs. Let your local director/staff person know that you are interested in helping in a weekly Good News Club. In December is The Return, a reunion for past, present, and future CYIA students. Parents/guardians and friends are invited to attend this meeting, also. Contact the state office for more information at 517.322.2193 or cefofmichigan@cefmi.com.

If you are interested in pursuing other missions opportunities with CEF, whether short-term or long-term, please contact the State Director.