

community of Christ
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Youth Summer Camping Program



WELCOME

We have another exciting summer camping program planned for 2018! We hope you will join us in these fun and spirit-filled adventures to grow in relationship with God and Jesus Christ. We strive to foster strong, supportive relationships in an environment that encourages both personal growth and discipleship in a joyful, safe environment. We create opportunities for spiritual understanding and exploration, and encourage all to grow deeper in their connection with Christ. Our Junior, Junior High and Senior High Camps are held at our mission center-owned CO & WY campgrounds, and provide opportunity for youth to explore the outdoors. In addition, three unique opportunities for our Senior High youth are available this year: SPECTACULAR, International Youth Forum (IYF) and a combined camp with youth from Arizona and California. Register today by contacting your congregational pastor, youth minister, mission center representative or the mission center office.



WHO WE ARE

The Rocky Mountain Mission Center is a jurisdiction of the Community of Christ, an international denomination headquartered in Independence, Missouri. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and to promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace.

We believe the future belongs to God and the promise of God's kingdom shall be fulfilled. We have a prophetic vision of that kingdom where Jesus Christ is truly honored, where the hungry are fed, poverty alleviated, community is built and peace shared.

We dream of a time when suffering ends and peace prevails. We believe love is the proper foundation of our

relationship with others, that opportunity to grow in the likeness of Christ should be fostered, and the resources of the world can be managed to respect and preserve their creation and purpose. We dream of a time when all evil is overcome and peace prevails. Faithful to the risen Christ, we are empowered by hope and spend ourselves courageously in the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit.

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OUR STAFF

All staff are registered youth workers in the Community of Christ. They are supervised by our Youth Camping Coordinator Melanie Grimes, who is appointed by the Rocky Mountain Mission Center President. Camp directors typically have over 5 years of experience working with youth. The staff is committed to providing quality youth camps and retreats that affirm a tradition of faith, relationship with Christ, sound theology and calls to discipleship. We affirm the worth of all persons and welcome people of all faiths to celebrate God's goodness and love at our camps and retreats.

OUR CAMPGROUNDS

Big Spruce Campground

Big Spruce Campground is located on the Grand Mesa in Cedaredge, CO. The kitchen/dining hall, restrooms with showers and an open-sided chapel are all centrally located. There is a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits and rec building with ping-pong tables. Big Spruce has boys and girls dorms with steel bunks, and smaller rooms with either steel or wooden bunks. Bring your own bedding, towels and jackets or sweaters. Nights can be cool, even in the summer. For more information, see our website at bigsprucecampground.org

Camp Paradise

Camp Paradise is located 25 miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. The kitchen/dining and meeting areas are on the first floor of the lodge. Each of the ten sleeping rooms has a combination of bunk beds and a double bed, and are located on the second floor along with restrooms and showers. Camp Paradise also has a separate bathhouse with handicap accessible rooms and restrooms. Activities include volleyball, softball, horseshoes and several hiking trails. Bring your own bedding, towels and jackets or sweaters for cool nights. For more information, see our website at cofchristrm.org/campparadise/

THE COST TO PARTICIPATE

In 2016, the Mission Center began raising money to support **Developing Disciples to Serve**. This means that all youth participation in Rocky Mountain Mission Center camps and reunions for the 2018 camping season is now offering based. In other words, we ask the youth themselves, their families, and their congregation to make a **meaningful offering of any amount** for camp participation. Any shortfall in camp expenses will be covered by the Mission Center. The only camps not included in opportunity are Spectacular & IYF. With more grocery card funds in the future, we hope to add SPEC to this offering.

If you want to help the Mission Center make this support possible beyond 2018, please consider using a King Soopers/City Market or Safeway/Albertsons grocery card. The Mission Center will receive 5 percent of your grocery purchase from the grocery store at no cost to you. Contact Phyllis Modica at pmodica@cofchristrm.org for more information.

The cost to create the camping experience includes campground fees per night, meals, activities, transportation and staff costs. The estimated cost per camper for each camp are:

Junior Camps - \$150 • Junior High/Senior High Camps - \$250 • AZ/CA/CO Senior High Camp - \$250

WHAT TO EXPECT

Big Spruce Junior Camp

Come hang out on the Grand Mesa! Campers will explore the theme ***Be a Star Wherever you Are!*** You'll have fun with your friends doing things like hiking, basketball, sand volleyball and more. Playing, learning and craft projects will fill the days while campfires and fun times with friends will fill up the nights.

Big Spruce Junior/Senior High Camp

Head on up to the Grand Mesa to spend a week having fun with your friends. Recreational activities may include hiking on the Mesa, basketball and ping pong tournaments and a day trip to the hot springs of Ouray. Theme classes, crafts and a special camp project will fill up the days while campfires, night hikes and crazy games in the dark will occupy the nights.

Camp Paradise Junior/Junior High Camp

Look forward to the next adventure in the Narnia series - ***A Horse and His Boy*** - and spend a fun filled week in the mountains, complete with swimming, hiking, crafts, campfires and day trips. Campers will learn and gain confidence in a supportive environment. The two camps will start out together and then when Junior Camp is over, Junior High Camp will continue through the rest of the week.

Senior High Camp - Whispering Pines

Come spend a week at Whispering Pines campground in Arizona with campers and staff from California, Arizona and Colorado. Spend the week exploring the SPEC theme ***St()ry***, meeting new youth and enjoying the mountains of Arizona. Check out their information at azwhisperingpines.org

SPECTACULAR & IYF - Independence, MO & Graceland University

Be part of two of the biggest youth events in the church! Join the Rockies Delegation at IYF and SPEC where you will spend a week and a half taking classes, playing sports, performing or creating works of art and strengthening your relationship with God in a supportive and diverse environment.

International Youth Forum (IYF) will be held at the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri. The theme is ***Discover***. Campers will participate in a meaningful Temple experience including worship, spiritual education, small-group experiences, plus an opportunity to engage with people from other cultures.

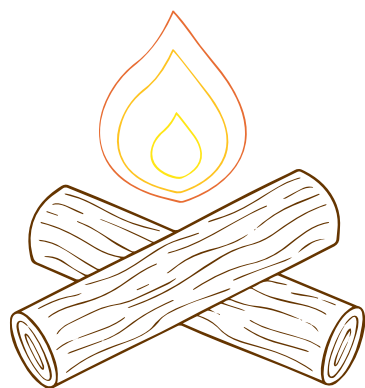
International SPECTACULAR (SPEC) will directly follow IYF at Graceland University in Lamoni, IA. The theme is ***ST(O)RY***. Campers will spend the week selecting from a variety of classes, playing sports team and individual sports, performing or creating works of art and strengthening your relationship with God in a supportive and diverse environment. International years are especially wonderful time to experience all the fun that SPEC has to offer and engage with young people from around the globe.



THINGS TO BRING

The following is a suggested list of things to bring:

Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Towel & Washcloth
Toiletries
Underwear
Long Pants
Shorts
T-Shirts
Sweatshirt or Jacket
Pajamas
Warm Socks
Tennis Shoes
Sandals/2nd pair of shoes
Swimsuit
Raincoat
Insect Repellent
Sunscreen
Water Bottle
Sunglasses
Hat/Gloves
Sports Equipment
SENSE OF ADVENTURE!



Youth camping clothing Guidelines:

Each participant in Rocky Mountain Mission Center youth programming will be asked to abide by the following guidelines:

I would like to attend a Community of Christ youth event therefore,

- I will strive to dress appropriately for this Christian event.
- I will wear clothing that covers my undergarments, and fits well without exposing more than my arms, neck, shoulders and legs (shorts mid-thigh length/ at least a 6 inch inseam).
- I will not wear clothing that promotes or advertises alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, racism, sexism, hatred of any group or person, violence, sexual activities or situations, or companies, musicians and other individuals who promote these things.
- I will bring appropriate clothing, shoes, and gear for camp activities, and be ready to wear them when the activities require me to be safe and secure.
- I understand that the director has final say in what may or may not fit these guidelines, and I will respect any requests to comply with these rules.

If I wouldn't wear it to school or if it would make me unsafe then I agree not to wear it at this event. I will welcome and expect respectful, private feedback from staff.

CAMP DATES

2018



Big Spruce JUNIOR CAMP

Location: Big Spruce Campground in Cedaredge, CO
Dates: June 1-4, 2018
Time: From Friday 6pm to Monday noon

Big Spruce JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH CAMP

Location: Big Spruce Campground in Cedaredge, CO
Dates: June 4-June 9, 2018
Time: From Monday 6pm to Saturday noon

Ages for RMMC Camps:

Juniors - completed grades 3-5
Junior High - completed grades 6-8
Senior High - completed grades 9-12

Camp Paradise JUNIOR/JUNIOR HIGH

Location for both camps: Camp Paradise outside Wheatland, WY
Junior Camp Dates: June 17-20, 2018 Junior High Camp Dates: June 17-23, 2018
Time: From Sunday 6pm to Wednesday noon Time: From Sunday 6pm to Saturday noon

Senior High camp in Arizona

Location: Whispering Pines Campground, Prescott, AZ
Dates: June 23-29, 2018
Time: From Saturday to Friday - Flight times TBD

International Youth forum & SPECTACULAR

Location: Community of Christ Temple, Independence, MO Location: Graceland University, Lamoni, IA
Date: July 18-20, 2018 Date: July 21-30, 2018

Cost: \$950 (late fees charged after June 16th), sibling & first time friend discounts apply (\$50 off)
Who: Campers who have just completed 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grades.
Transportation, garment and delegation fees are included in the cost.
About 1000 youth from around the world will attend these once in a lifetime events held in Independence, MO and in Lamoni, IA about 120 miles north of Kansas City. This is something you really don't want to miss!

*The Rockies IYF/SPEC Registration Packet will be available in May.
Please contact the Mission Center office for more information.*

HOW TO REGISTER

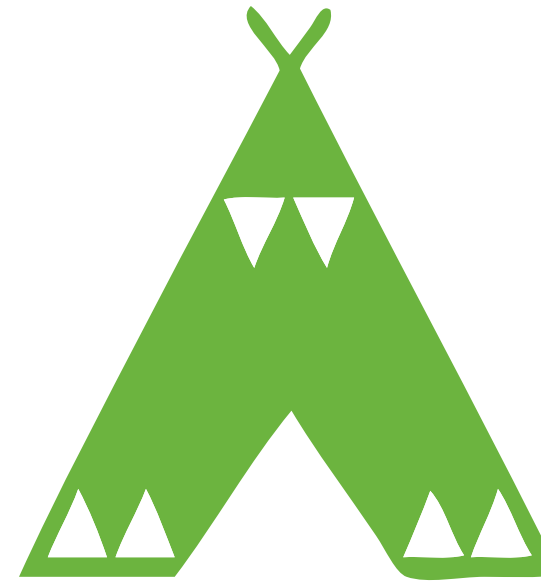
There are two ways to register for any of the Summer 2018 RMMC Youth Camping Program Events!

1. Register through your local congregation's financial officer or designee during the SUPER SUNDAY registration day on **May 6, 2018**.
2. Fill out the included registration forms and mail to the Rocky Mountain Mission Center office. Registration forms are also available online at cofchristrm.org, then click on the *Youth and Young Adults* link.

Instructions for Registering:

1. Fill out the 2018 Youth Registration Form (available with this mailing, online and from your congregation's CFO or designee)
SPECIAL NOTES: Under the General Health Information, please **completely** explain if your child answers yes to any of the questions.
 2. Fill out the Medication Administration Authorization Form
 - If your child is not under the care of a physician for any medical condition and is not taking any over the counter or prescription medications, you do not need a Health Care Providers signature. You **DO NEED** to sign the form yourself and initial the Preventative Creams/Ointments/Sunscreen section if you would like those to be made available to your child.
 - If your child is taking any over the counter or prescription medications, you **MUST** fill out the Medication Administration Authorization Form completely **AND it must be signed by your Health Care Provider (HCP)** before any medications can be administered. If you need additional space, feel free to write on the back of the form and have the HCP initial next to each additional medication.
 - For each medication listed, **all information** needs to be filled out, including: **Name, Dosage, Route, Time and any Special Instructions.**
- * Your child's Medication Authorization is good for one year from the date on the form, however, if any medications change the form must be resubmitted with correct information and new HCP signatures.*

To request an additional registration form, please contact your pastor, the mission center office or website:
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SUPER SUNDAY

registration day

MAY 6, 2018

- WHO:** All youth registering for a summer camping program event
WHAT: One easy, centralized day for you to register for camp!
WHEN: May 6, 2018
WHERE: Your congregation!

Register at your congregation with your CFO or their designee on May 6, 2018 to help jumpstart the camping season! Every early registration we receive helps us better prepare to create a outstanding camping experience!

