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SPECTACULAR 2023

It's time to start making plans to attend SPECTACULAR (SPEC) in 2023 and we want YOU to go with the Rockies Delegation! Here are some details about our time together:

- WHAT** SPECTACULAR is the Community of Christ's largest youth gathering each year, and is located on the beautiful campus of Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. SPEC's mission is to create a safe, Christ-centered community that encourages young people to discover God, their inherent worth, and cultivate and express their giftedness. This week-long camp, organized by the Community of Christ, includes sports competitions, music and art classes, educational experiences on issues facing today's teens, musical productions, dances, movies, live performances and worship. It is a fun and full week.
- WHO** Teenagers who have completed 9th - 12th grades are eligible to attend Spec. (Class of 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026) We will attend this event as a delegation. You are invited to join the **Rockies Delegation**. We are people from Colorado, Wyoming, and parts of Nebraska, Kansas and New Mexico, and occasionally have other members from around the United States. We would love for you to become a part of the Rockies Delegation. Our delegation leader is Melanie Grimes.
- WHERE** Spectacular is held on the Graceland University campus in Lamoni, Iowa. [Yes, Lamoni, complete with Amish neighbors, rolling cornfields and night time cow tipping, or so we've heard...]
- WHEN** We will begin our adventure as a Rockies Delegation by leaving from Denver/Wyoming on Friday, July 14th early in the morning and driving to Liberty, MO. Housing will be available the night before in the Denver Area. Specific information with addresses and phone numbers will be sent out after registration. If you are joining us from Wyoming or Nebraska, or other areas around the US, we will arrange transportation times & locations once we receive your registration. Once we all have joined each other in Missouri, we will begin to get to know one another and prepare for the next day. On Saturday morning we head to Graceland's campus. SPEC is over by noon on July 22nd. We will then spend the night again in the Kansas City area before driving the rest of the way home on Sunday, July 23rd.
- COST** SPEC is not cheap, but IS inexpensive for the quality of the experience. The camper fee for SPEC 2023 is \$795. This amount does NOT include traveling meals (~\$75) and miscellaneous expenses. Special funds are available to assist families with some or all of the cost to attend SPECTACULAR. Please contact Rocky Mountain Mission Center (303-426-6760 or information@cofchristrm.org) to discuss how we can support your teen attending this amazing event.

Staff registration is \$275.00 (without the garments or Worlds of Fun Tickets)

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Sound interesting? Here's what you need to do:

1. Fill out the enclosed SPECTACULAR Registration Form
2. Fill out the Interest Sheet
3. Have a check or money order made out to: **Community of Christ** for either a \$100 deposit (balance required by July 3) or the total amount. *Hand-delivered* cash is OK too, but please seal it in an envelope and write the camper's name on it and the amount in the envelope.
4. Email forms to melgrimes@gmail.com & deliver deposit or payment, no later than June 6, 2022, to:
Community of Christ
9501 Lou Dr.
Denver, CO 80260
5. Get ready for a GREAT TIME! (Note: We'll send you even more information after you register)

If you want more information, contact any of the following:

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RMMC Website - cofchristrm.org, under programs/youth events
RMMC Youth Website - www.rmmcyouth.org
Spectacular Website - spec-cofchrist.org/

SPECTACULAR 2023 | Interests Sheet

Your Name: _____ (Please print)

This sheet is to determine your interests in activities for this year's Spectacular. Please specify your interests below by placing an "X" in the box next to the events in which you would like to participate. But first, here are the rules for signing up:

The Extravaganza Musical Stage Production is open to everyone interested whether you are focusing on sports or the arts at Spec. In the sports activities, you are allowed a maximum of 2 team sports, and highly encouraged to participate in at least one Rockies team sport.

Team sports are:

- Basketball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Volleyball

You can participate in as many individual activities/sports as time permits.

Rule of Thumb:

If you participate in two team sports, a maximum of 3 or less additional individual events is suggested.

Select Your Events:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extravaganza | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Racquetball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball (male) | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Tennis |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball (female) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball (coed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Track & Field |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball |

Note: Include arts and music activities in your time estimations. Participation at all skill levels is provided and encouraged at Spectacular. In order to place you at the correct skill level for the sporting events, we need to know your experience level for each sport you've selected. Next to your selected sports, please check all appropriate skill level boxes that match your experience.

	Recreational Participation	PE Class Participation	7th/8th Competitive	9th/10th Competitive	JV/Varsity Competitive
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquetball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Table Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Track & Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rockies SPEC Packing List

Please bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Sweatshirt or jacket (we'll be in air conditioning when we travel)
 - * See Clothing Guidelines in your SPEC packet. If you need a copy of this, let Melanie know.
- Clothes to play athletics in for SPEC
(you will be given a Rockies team tank to wear)
- Tennis Shoes
- Sandals or Casual Shoes
- Bedding
- Graceland beds are extra long twin beds, if that helps your planning
- Towel & Toiletries
- Swimming Suit and Additional Towel
- Flip Flops for the showers at Graceland
- Sports Bras
- Dress Up Outfit for the dance (if you like)
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Medications (campers handle their own at SPEC, although it is helpful that we know what they are on in case of emergency - If other arrangements need to be made regarding Medications, please contact us.)
- Fans (Graceland Provides one for each room, but you might want a few if it's a hot year)
- Water Bottle
- Cell Phone & Charger
- Book or Ipod for Traveling
- Good Attitude
- Sense of Adventure!

Note: We will be wearing delegation shirts most of the time, so packing lighter on shirts and heavier on shorts/pants might work best - we all need to try to save space.

ROCKIES Additional Packing Notes

Valuables:

*We would not suggest bringing much more money than what you think you might need and would also suggest not bringing valuables or expensive jewelry. While we are attending a Christian camp, and your rooms at Graceland have combination locks on them, it is best to protect your expensive investments by leaving most valuable things at home.

Body Jewelry:

Also, if you have any visible body piercings (ear or otherwise) you will need to remove them in order to play sports. You can wear a clear piercing retainer, which are available at most body piercing shops or online.

As for money you will need:

If you are traveling with the delegation, you will need money to cover approx. 9 meals. Most all of our meals will be some sort of fast food option.

There are things to purchase at SPEC, including items delegations bring, t-shirts and other items from Outreach International, HealthEd Connect and Graceland. Of course, purchasing these items is completely voluntary, but if you are interested, you might want to pack a small amount of extra money for items like this.

Finally, just to clarify, and **this is terribly important:**

While we know that some of you live in a state that has legalized Marijuana for those over 21, IYF & SPECTACULAR are very clear about being a drug, alcohol and tobacco free environment. DO NOT bring any one of these things, or paraphernalia, with you. If you do, you will be sent home immediately at your and your parents expense. If this appears to be a problem, we will search bags.

If you have any further questions on what to bring, or what not to bring, please let us know!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MISSION CENTER
YOUTH CAMPING PROGRAM
Camper Expectations

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

- Live by the rules, schedules, and purposes of the camp including participation in community work assignments.
- Live by the health, safety and property care rules of the campground/event space.
- Leave all large electronics at home and follow the rules for the use of smaller electronics as set by the camp director and staff
- Not possess or use tobacco products, marijuana, alcohol, or illegal drugs at camp.
- Be courteous and respectful of others and their property. This includes refraining from engaging in pranks, especially those that embarrass others and/or harm personal property or campground property.
- Use appropriate language that respects the worth of all people.
- Dress in an appropriate way that maintains personal dignity and the dignity of others. This includes not wearing 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.
- Do your best to be a good camper and make the camp a positive experience for all campers and staff.
- Follow any COVID-19 or other public health guidelines posted or announced by the Camp and Campground Staff.

If I don't follow these guidelines, I will welcome and expect respectful, private feedback from staff.

SPECTACULAR'S Guidelines

I will wear clothing that is appropriate for a youth event that honors all individuals.

- Shirts, shorts and shoes must be worn at all times.
- No altered t-shirts (arms cut off, seams opened up, etc.)
- Nothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, racism, sexism or sexual activities/situations etc.
- So basically...if you can't wear it to school, don't bring it to SPEC.

If you have any questions or concerns about these expectations, please feel free to contact Melanie Grimes at 719.660.7329.

Rockies SPECTACULAR Registration Form

First Name:	Middle Initial:	DELEGATION NAME:	Check: I am a		Camper
Last Name:	Birth date: (mm/dd/yyyy)				Staff
Street Address:		Last Grade Completed: 9 11 10 12	T-shirt Size:		Gender: Female Male
City:	State/Province:		S L 2XL 4XL M XL 3XL		
Zip/Postal Code:	Country:	Languages: ENGLISH - Speak Read/Write Other Language: FRENCH - Speak Read/Write			
Participant Email:		Social Media: <i>Do you participate in these social media networks?</i> Facebook name: _____ Twitter handle: _____ Instagram name: _____ SnapChat name: _____ Other _____			
Participant Mobile Phone: ()	Texting? Yes No				
Sibling in Attendance as a Camper:					
First-time Friend Coming with Me:					

Parent/Legal Guardian Contact Information

Name:	Email:	Phone ()	Mobile ()
Name:	Email:	Phone ()	Mobile ()
Emergency Contact:	Email:	Phone ()	Mobile ()

Medical History *(Please check yes or no and explain any "yes" answers in the space provided)*

Yes No	Are you allergic to any foods, latex, medications, etc?
Yes No	Are you presently under a physician's care for any acute/chronic medical condition?
Yes No	Are you currently taking any medications?
Yes No	Do you have any physical restrictions or emotional, medical, or psychological conditions that need special attention? If yes, please list these conditions.
Yes No	Have you recently been exposed to a contagious disease?
Yes No	Any special dietary needs? Diabetic Vegetarian Other (please specify)

Family Physician: Phone: ()

(Please attach a photocopy of your insurance card)

Statement of Consent and Release

I, the undersigned, have read understand and agree to abide by the rules, guidelines and releases specified in this form.

Participant Signature:

Parent/Legal Guardian (if participant under 21):



SPECTACULAR --- All-Camp Policies and Expectations

Our mission is to provide a safe, Christ-centered community that encourages young women and men to discover God, their inherent worth and cultivate and express their giftedness. In order to ensure this mission is lived out, we have some simple expectations and policies in place.

What you can expect from SPECTACULAR leadership:

- We are committed to uphold the staff and campers in prayer.
- We are committed to provide a ministry that allows for a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and upholds the values of SPECTACULAR.
- We are committed to open and ongoing communication with delegation staff and campers via email and social media.
- We are committed to uphold the expectations of staff and campers.
- We are committed to support and partner with delegation leaders to work through any situations that may require disciplinary action.
- We are committed to creating an intentional Christian community.

Guest Policy

Guests are welcome to visit SPECTACULAR. In order to promote the safety of our SPECTACULAR community, the following procedures must be followed.

- Guests must stop by the SPEC office to sign in and receive a wrist band that will identify them as a guest.
- Guests must arrange for their own housing off-campus.
- Meals and other camp activities are not provided.
- Please limit stay to one or two days.

Release and Consent

Please read each of the following Release and Consent Statements, and sign the registration form.

Medical Treatment Consent

I, as parent, legal next-of-kin, or guardian of the registrant listed on this form hereby authorize any necessary medical treatment for this person.

I also guarantee payment of all charges incurred during this medical treatment. (Physician, hospital, x-ray, lab, drugs, ambulance, etc.)

Activity Participation Consent

I specifically consent for the registrant's participation in activities offered by SPECTACULAR, including but not limited to boating, swimming, organized and informal sports events.

I have deleted any items from the preceding list to which I do not give consent for participation. I certify that the registrant has the necessary skills to participate in any of the approved activities (i.e. if boating is approved, the participant can swim).

Liability Release

The parent, legal guardian, next-of-kin, or participant signing the reverse of this page acknowledges that even though every effort is made to provide a safe, accident-free environment, incidents may occur.

In consideration for being accepted for participation at SPECTACULAR, the parent/guardian does for myself and for and on behalf of this registrant, if said registrant is not 21 years of age or older, hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Community of Christ, SPECTACULAR, Graceland University, and the directors, agents, and employees thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the parent/guardian and the registrant that occur while said registrant is participating in SPECTACULAR.

The parent/guardian further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said organization, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said organization as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Photo Release

In consideration of the right of the registrant to participate in this activity, I hereby give consent to and authorize the taking of photographs or video in which the registrant may appear. I hereby waive all right of privacy in and to any said pictures or videos.

SPECTACULAR ---Camper Expectations and Commitment of Support

This Covenant was created to help campers understand and abide by expectations of SPECTACULAR campers. It will help foster a respectful, safe and healthy environment in which we can explore our faith, make new friends, worship and learn together.

Please review and sign this covenant with your parent or legal guardian:

- Because God calls us to create sacred community with each other, I covenant with God and other campers and staff to uphold the values of SPECTACULAR and conduct myself in a manner that promotes a community of faith.
- I will participate in all activities and work with others to learn and grow from my experiences.
- I will treat all people with dignity and respect. Yes...I know that means no insults, sexual innuendos, degrading speech etc.
- I will model a positive attitude and spirit of generosity and compassion. I will encourage others to do the same.
- I will model good sportsmanship as a player and a fan.
- I will respect the property of all people and places. If I find something that does not belong to me, I will turn it in to the lost and found.
- I will not bring or use tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks, weapons, pornographic material, or anything else of this kind. I realize that such behavior and could require my dismissal from this community.
- I will not engage in any form of sexual activity.
- I will report all instances of sexual harassment and sexual exploitation to my delegation staff or a member of the SPECTACULAR staff.
- I will wear clothing that is appropriate for a Christian youth event.
 - Shirts, shorts and shoes must be worn at all times.
 - No altered t-shirts (arms cut off, seams opened up, etc).
 - Nothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, racism, sexism or sexual activities/situations, etc.
 - So basically ... if you can't wear it to school, don't bring it to SPEC.
- I will observe the following guidelines for visiting the rooms of others:
 - There will be no opposite gender visitation in the dorm rooms.

- Visitation will only be in public areas.

- I will honor my responsibility to be on time and prepared, including honoring curfews each night.
- I will not leave campus. If I need to leave campus for any reason, I will obtain permission from my delegation staff and an adult will be selected to accompany me.
- I understand and accept that violation of this Covenant could result in my returning home at my own expense before the meeting's conclusion.

Disciplinary Action

If an individual fails to meet the camper or staff expectations, the SPEC directors and head of security will work with delegation leaders to determine an appropriate course of action. It is our intention to be fair and just, but we are serious about providing a safe and sacred community.

- Disciplinary action will never include physical punishment but might consist of restriction of participation, restriction to an assigned area, apology to the group, additional duties, etc.
- If leaders feel a situation warrants notification, parents or guardians will be contacted.
- If the infraction is serious, the SPECTACULAR directors, head of security, and the delegation leaders will determine if an individual will be asked to leave.
 - Individuals (or the parent or guardian) who are asked to leave SPECTACULAR will be responsible for all transportation expenses and fees. Registration and other travel fees will not be reimbursed.
 - If damage to property occurs, individuals will be assessed for the cost of damages and repair.
 - Individuals who break public laws will be asked to leave SPEC and will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities.

This covenant is the foundation of expectations for the entire SPECTACULAR community. We understand and support delegations that choose to hold their campers to further accountability at this event.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING IN THIS COVENANT!

Camper Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____