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CYIA OMAHA

HANDBOOK 2024



HELLO

I am so excited that you're planning to attend Christian Youth in Action®. *CYIA*™ is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship®. At *CYIA*, you will be challenged to pursue Jesus! You will learn what the Gospel really is and how to share it with others.

CYIA is a week long training program that offers you an opportunity to grow spiritually. You will gain confidence in sharing your faith, and develop a passion for reaching people with the Gospel. You will be surrounded by students and young adults who desire to live for Jesus.

After *CYIA*, you will get to practice what you learn and share the Gospel through 5-Day Clubs. Most of the kids who attend these clubs know little about God. God can use you to make an eternal difference!

In the next few pages, you will see the guidelines for *CYIA*. The purpose of these guidelines is to **promote unity and prepare students for ministry** this summer and beyond. Throughout the summer, students will be interacting with individuals and churches from a variety of denominations. It is our goal that, by providing these guidelines, we will be able to effectively serve every individual for the glory of God!

I attended *CYIA* for the first time in 2007. God used this program to impact my relationship with Jesus, and it was at *CYIA* when I felt his call to ministry. I am praying that God does a work in your heart too. Welcome to the *CYIA* family!

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

ESTHER BEASLEY
LOCAL DIRECTOR
CEF OMAHA



CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION

CYIA exists to develop leaders by challenging students in their relationship with Jesus, and to train and equip them to share the Gospel with children in their communities.

GUIDELINES

PRAYER PARTNERS

Students are asked to recruit at least five prayer partners. Recording the names of these individuals is part of the application process. Students should keep in touch with these partners and update them on special prayer requests.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

The six days of training are primarily filled with classroom instruction, study, coaching and assessments. Time is also given for fun and games. A typical day looks like this:

7:00 Wake Up
7:15-8:30 Devotions and breakfast
8:30 Chapel
9:15-12:30 Classes
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Break/games
3:30-5:30 Study/coaching
5:30-6:30 Supper
6:30-9:00 Club demos, coaching
9:00-10:00 Break/games
11:00 Lights out

COACHING & PRACTICUMS

Young adults ages 18-30 serve as coaches for the students. These young adults have been through CYIA for many years, and come back to serve each summer. They will help students learn how to teach effectively and coach them to be better. Students will practice with their coach and be assessed on their presentation. Please know that study groups and teams are preassigned, and that you will be expected to respect the coach you have been given.

WHAT TO WEAR?

GIRLS

Morning: Classroom attire is nicer, jeans, capris, dresses or skirts, t-shirts, dressy tops etc. may all be worn.

Afternoon: If desired sleeveless shirts (*straps must be four inches*), shorts or leggings may be worn. Shorts must have a 6" inseam (*no rolling up*) or reach mid-thigh length. Leggings must have a shirt that extends past the bottom. Shirts cannot cover shorts. One piece or tankini for swimming.

BOYS

Morning: Classroom attire is a nicer, jeans or khakis, t-shirts, polos etc. No sweatpants during morning classes.

Afternoon: If desired shorts or sweatpants may be worn. Bro tanks and sleeveless shirts can be worn during break and game times. Swim trunks for swimming.

Dress codes are tricky! It is our goal to uphold standards that unify a variety of backgrounds. Reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

★ AGE

All students at CYIA must be 13 years old or older.

ATTENDANCE

Students must attend all classes and be on time, using the bathroom during breaks.

CABINS

Students who wish to room together can make a request on the application. (*We will honor, if possible.*) Students cannot request a specific cabin leader. Students must respect lights out time and all members of the cabin.

TECHNOLOGY

★ We encourage parents to have a discussion with their students about leaving all phones at home during CYIA. However, if phones are brought, they should only be used during breaks. Prior to heading to cabins at night, all phones will be left in a designated location. All other electronics (*tablets, kindles, etc.*) should be left at home.

VISITORS

Visitors are not allowed at CYIA. If someone wishes to visit, it must be approved by the CYIA Lead Team.

WHAT TO BRING:

ESV Bible (*Provided for 1st years*)

Pens/pencils and highlighters

Sticky notes

Sleeping bag or bedding for twin size mattress and a pillow.

Towels and other toiletries

Swimsuit (*if desired*)

Clothing and shoes (*tennis shoes needed for some games and activities.*)

Summer GNC Club Kit

Snacks (*They are provided several times a day, but more is always better, right?!*)

Weapons of any kind are **not** allowed.

AFTER CYIA:

Every student who attends CYIA is required to participate in four Summer Good News Clubs. Students can sign up for clubs that work for their schedule online. While we do our best to work with your schedule, all final teaching assignments are made by the CEF staff. The dress code expectations at all Summer GNCs will be the same as at CYIA training.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

For your safety, all students and staff must sign in agreement to the CEF statement of faith, and be screened through a child protection policy.

GUY/GIRL RELATIONSHIPS

Students should understand that the purpose of CYIA is to challenge you in your relationship with God and train you to share the Gospel. Ask God to help you keep the right perspective during this program. Personal displays of affection or coupling off with a member of the opposite sex is not allowed. If we notice inappropriate behavior starting to form, it will be addressed.

MEDIA POLICY

In the spirit of forming a Christ-centered environment at CYIA and 5DCs, we ask that no secular music nor non-ministry-purposed media/videos be watched during CYIA and during times of CEF-related ministry in trips to 5DC locations or during a 5DC.



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