

Summer Youth Missionary Opportunity



CYIA™ (Christian Youth In Action) is a CEF summer program where high school and college age students (ages 15-22) are trained to conduct 5-Day Clubs. After two weeks of intensive training, these summer missionaries conduct several 5-Day Clubs a day in Chester, Lancaster, and York counties during July.

The CYIA summer missionaries impact thousands of children. Meanwhile, their own spiritual lives are also dramatically changed as they discover how God has called them. For many, this experience of full-time missionary work serves as a catalyst for future ministry work, possibly as educators, pastors, missionaries, etc.

Application is found on websites cefcrc.org or cef-sc.org

April 1		All applications are due
April 10	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM Parent/Student Information Meeting
Register in advance for this ZOOM meeting. https://zoom.us/meeting/register/JMtfu-hrTluHNx6ndWKzoaFM0dxpnExCsLN After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.		
TBD		Interviews, CEF Office
May 22	9:00 AM- 2:00 PM	Orientation & Pre-Training, CEF Office
June 19	9:00 AM-6:00 PM	Day Apart, CEF Office
June 24- June 30		Training Camp, CIU
July 1-2		Observation Clubs, CEF Office and Club Locations
July 12-16 July 19-23 July 26-30		Weeks for 5-Day Club®, Club Locations
July 29	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	End of Summer Celebration



Student must be present for entire Training School to participate in CYIA program

Please plan vacations and doctor appointments the week of July 4, 2021 or August.



What is Christian Youth In Action?

Christian Youth in Action is NOT “a summer job”! Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) is a summer missions experience for students ages 15 through college. At CYIA missions training school held on the campus of Columbia International University, Columbia, SC you'll discover, along with others your age, how to tell the Good News of Jesus to children in your own neighborhoods and community.

Can anyone join?

Well, yes and no. Yes, anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior may apply. You should be growing in your faith and have a consistent walk with God. You must also be in agreement with our Statement of Faith which is included in our application. However, if you have not yet gained a relationship with Christ, this program is not for you yet. Speak with a Christian friend or Pastor to find out how you can enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Take about a year to really grow in your faith and then try us again. Oh, yeah - you must be between the ages of 15 through college age.

Is there any cost?

Yes. The total cost to ensure the students are properly trained is \$340.00 (school) plus \$80.00 (material) fee. The total of \$420 must be paid by June 10, 2021. This provides all your lodging, meals, recreation, and instruction for your 7-day, 6-night school experience, training materials, pre-training, t-shirts, transportation fee, and mailing expenses for sponsorship letters. We are requesting the student's home church to underwrite the school fee.

What is the deadline to apply?

Deadline is April 1, 2021. Application and information are available at www.cef-sc.org under CYIA. Please make sure you include all the information for your references. The office staff will contact your references by phone, mail or email.

When does this take place?

Your local CEF sets up a pre-training, usually in the months of March, April and May. Then you will go to the Christian Youth In Action state-wide training school in June. The following week after training school you will have post training and some refresher courses and practical experience. Then the real fun begins 3-5 weeks of ministry reaching boys and girls with the Gospel in your own community along with other students from your area. This my friend is simply awesome. Nothing like it!

Who is in charge of this program?

Child Evangelism Fellowship is the world largest children's ministry reaching 19.2 million children last year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We've been around for 80 years and boy, has God taught us a thing or two about children's ministry. You can learn more by visiting our state website at www.cef-sc.org or our international website at www.cefonline.com

What is my first step to become a summer missionary?

Your first step is prayer. Ask God for his wisdom and guidance about this major decision. Don't take this lightly. This is a major commitment - to God. Like God's Word says, you need to count the cost. Then, you should complete the online application. You'll have an interview process and may have a few other things that your local CEF office can cover with you, but these are your first steps.

Contact the Catawba River Chapter office for additional questions/information at office@cefcrc.org or 803-324-9888. (Calls will be returned within 48 hours)