

Dear Pastor and/or Leader,

Thank you for your passion for the students in your church, city, and surrounding community to be forever changed by our unchanging Father. Pastors and leaders just like you are what enables students to have profound encounters with a living God at Red Culture Camps. Even if this may be your first time at a Red Culture Camp understand that by your presence, attitude and direction, a student's eternity can be altered. From a salvation moment to clarity of one's future, these experiences will alter a student's life forever. I am so thankful to Him for the imparted wisdom of those before us that saw and invested in our Iowa campground so that students this summer can spend one week engulfed in His presence!

Red Culture Camp: Rates and Dates

Youth Camp (same for all camps)

Early Bird Rate: \$155

Due at the IMN 21 days before the camp you are attending.

Regular Rate: \$165

Due at the IMN no later than 5pm of the Wednesday prior to the camp you are attending

Walk-on Rate: \$185

All registrations received after 5pm the Wednesday prior to the camp you are attending. (regardless of postmark)

Remember the due dates you communicate to parents should differ from the IMN. The Student Ministries Department suggests making your due dates one week earlier than the IMN due dates. This allows time for you to review each form, make sure it is filled-out properly, and request a church check for the full amount. Don't forget all the information is required, including the insurance information. If a student is uninsured simply write "N/A"

Youth Camp #1 (includes specialized Jr High Track): June 10 - 14

Worship: Worship Live, North Central University

Speaker: Chris Mancl, Student Ministries Pastor at Heritage Church in Brainerd, Minnesota

Youth Camp #2 : June 17 - 21

Worship: Worship Live, North Central University

Speaker: Chilly Chilton, Founder & Pastor of Courage Church in Detroit, Michigan

Youth Camp #3: June 24 - 28

Worship: Interface Worship, Ft Myers Master's Commission, Ft Meyers, FL

Speaker: Greg Washington, Student Ministries Pastor at Parklawn Assembly Church of God, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Kids Camp

Week #1: July 8 - 12

Worship: Paradigm Worship, Apple Valley, Minnesota

Speaker: Big Vinny, Children's Evangelist, Lehigh Acres, Florida

Week #2: July 15 - 19

Worship: Paradigm Worship

Speaker: Big Vinny

Red Culture Camp: Our Purpose

Jr High Track:

is an age appropriate camp setting geared specifically toward the junior high student. With senior high camp running simultaneously in other Sunstream facilities, it enables churches to budget and prioritize counseling while remaining cost sensitive to families. Recreation and spiritual experiences are provided with the social needs of junior highers in mind and enables us to avoid power imbalances. This specialized track is offered the first week of camp in June. The Junior High Track includes separate accommodations, recreation, and morning chapel.

Junior & Senior Combined:

exists because many of our churches do not have the privilege of full time staff to disciple junior and senior high students nor the personnel to adequately counsel everyone they bring. We provide combined camps for transportation convenience, to provide trained counseling to all churches regardless of size, and remain sensitive to the many leaders and counselors who invest a week of vacation to serve at camp. The combined approach also provides additional opportunities for peer mentoring (a viable force in discipleship) and a platform for the spiritually mature student to develop leadership skills while interacting with those younger. All three weeks of teen camp allow for a week of intense discipleship and mentoring while providing a fun and exciting atmosphere any student will love!

Kids Camp:

is an age appropriate camp setting, by design, allowing our campers to have an "EPIC" life experience. EPIC stands for: experiential, participatory, image-rich, and connections. The EPIC design assists in developing a camp atmosphere where our children have the right balance of social and learning interaction, while developing a life long relationship with Jesus and their peers. Some of our camp activities include: live worship, relevant skits, interactive teaching, multi-media, hands-on projects, and exciting games.

Age Policy

The age limit along with the programming at camp are designed according to both spiritual and physiological needs of our children and youth. The Iowa Ministry Network feels that it is in the best interest of the camper that their camp experience be synonymous with their normalized experience; the normalized experience being the public or private school where they are currently involved. The minimum grade level required at each camp refers to the grade in which they will attend in the fall of 2013.

Camp Code of Conduct & Visitor Policy

Our Camp Code of Conduct is congruent with what campers would experience in school or in the children's or student ministries of a local church. All campers and their legal guardians are required to sign and date the Code of Conduct form in order to attend camp. This form must be included with each camper's registration in order to receive the early bird or regular rate.

For the protection of all campers, no visitors (other than relatives and pastors) will be allowed on campus. Visiting day is Tuesday only from 6:30 pm - cabin time. All visitors must check-in and check-out with the camp manager or an individual approved by the camp manager. In order to receive approval for your visit, please e-mail Nathan at nschaad@imnag.org with your name, phone number and the student(s) you wish to visit at least 24 hours prior to the day you'd prefer to visit.



Health Policy: Lice Checks & Medication

It is always our number one priority to protect your campers and to help promote a healthy camp environment. Our policy prohibits anyone with head lice to be admitted to camp. Please inspect your students for lice 14 days prior to attendance and again on departure day. Please bring your lice check form (available for download on our website) and give it to the gate attendant upon your arrival at camp.

All perscription and over-the-counter medication is required to be turned in to the camp First Aid Personnel, this policy includes all counselors and/or volunteers rooming with students, at registration. The Camp First Aid Personnel will be responsible for dispensing all medications. Prescriptions and over the counter medications are required to be in their original prescription bottle or container with the dosage and instructions still intact. Please place all prescriptions and medications in a ziploc baggy with the campers name, the church they are traveling with and the city the church is located.

Early Pick-up Policy (and picking up a sick camper)

No camper is allowed to leave the campgrounds without the proper paperwork, including legal guardian consent. Legal guardians must indicate the individuals approved to pick-up their child for appointments, in case of illness, and emergencies. They may do so on their registrations in the section titled "Early Pick-up". Otherwise, the only individual allowed to pick-up a camper early is the legal guardian that signed their registration form. Please ask your parents to inform you if they intend to pick-up a camper early. Let the camp manager know about early pick-ups upon your arrival at camp or as soon as possible.

Promotion & Administrative Resources

It is the sincere desire of the Student Ministries Department and Red Culture to do whatever we can to assist you in promoting and planning for Camp 2013. It is not too early to begin planning and communicating now, as the summer will be right around the corner.

Here is a list of resources included in your packet and/or online:

(contact the student ministries department for any printing needs)

Teen Poster

Kids Poster

Brochure

Promotional Guide (available online only)

Registration Guide, Registration & Camp Code of Conduct Form (editable file available online)

Counselor Packet

Registration Spread Sheet (version with formulas available online)

Lice Check Form (available online only)

What to Bring to Camp (available online only)

Contact the Student Ministries Department at youthdept@imnag.org to order more promotional material or, simply visit www.imnag.org/events (click camp) to download a copy. Please note that each piece is geared to a specific audience. Brochures are geared toward parents and posters toward students and children. Last year we removed any due dates from the registration and brochures so you can communicate your due dates to parents. This allows us to streamline the process of communicating our events via the local church and not directly to the individual. It is our desire to equip and resource you as a leader, therefore, giving you the power to make decisions that are best for your church.

Registration Process

In order to help you or your assistant keep track of all the "To do's" we have included a "Registration Guide" to help you track your progress and make sure you've completed all the necessary steps before mailing in your registrations. Please see the Registration Guide for more instructions.

Counselors & Applications (Please see counselor packet for further instruction.)

Theme Days

Youth Camp

Tuesday - College Day (Represent by "sporting" your favorite college or university's colors and/or gear.)

Wednesday - Movie Magic Day (Who's your favorite movie character?)

Thursday - Twin Day (Find your missing half and dress alike.)

Kids Camp

Tuesday - Crazy Hat Day (Get Wacky)

Wednesday - BGMC Day (Dress in yellow, wear BGMC gear or dress like buddy barrel)

Thursday - Favorite Super Hero (Save the day as your favorite caped hero)

Schedule

Monday - 10:00a Registration Begins

12:00p Registration Closes

Friday - 12:00p Dismissal (Youth Camp #1 will dismiss at 11:00a this year.)

As we approach the summer, Red Culture will be in touch with you via email, twitter, facebook, and text message (please let us know if you would like your cell number added to our texting service) regarding further details and reminders. If you haven't already, please follow redcultureiowa on twitter and "Like" Red Culture Iowa on Facebook.

Once again, I hope that you find this information beneficial. If you have questions about anything camp related, please contact the Student Ministries Department at (515)276-5493, or youthdept@imnag.org We are looking forward to serving you!

As always, the details covered in this letter do contribute to the overall experience of our campers. As you and I pray, believe, and administrate well, I believe God will bless our time together.

See you at camp,



Matt Loomis

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