

IYF18

Two weeks in America with young people from all over the world.

*Singing, eating, talking, playing, praising
...and all as part of an amazing mix of cultures.*

Do you want to be part of this?

Well next summer you can be.

The International Youth Festival and Spectacular will take place in Independence, Missouri and Graceland University, Iowa in July 2018 and a group of youth from the British Isles will be travelling out to be part of these fantastic events. If IYF 2018 is anything like previous ones then it will be an experience of a lifetime for those who will be there.

We know that there are already a good number of youth who are planning to go to IYF or who are expressing an interest in doing so and we are really excited about that.

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you as much information as we have at this time and to ask you to book in officially by completing a booking form and sending it in with a deposit.

July 2018 might seem a long time away but there is a lot to do before then. We need your help to get everything done, so please read the following info, then plan how you can do your bit to ensure that we have a great trip.

Cheryl and Andrew Fox

When and What?

Our proposed schedule at the moment is:

Meet up	-	Monday July 16 (evening)
Fly out	-	Tuesday July 17
IYF	-	Thursday July 19 - Friday July 20
Spec	-	Saturday July 21 - Saturday July 28
Chill Out	-	Sunday July 29 - Monday July 30
Fly home	-	Tuesday July 31
Get home	-	Wednesday August 1

The International Youth Festival (IYF) will take place at the Community of Christ International Headquarters in Independence. It will be a celebration of Jesus Christ through praise, discussion and sharing together.

Spectacular (Spec), which will be at Graceland University in Iowa, is a week of music, arts, sports and learning opportunities.

Our chill out time will be an opportunity to end our trip with some shopping and maybe a visit to a water park.

How Old?

The event is open to anyone that will be finishing school years 10-14 (or equivalent) in July 2018.

How Much?

The true cost of the trip is probably around £1750. This will cover the cost of flights, accommodation, transport, food and registration fees for IYF, Spec and the British Isles Peace Colloquy.

Each participant from the British Isles will be asked to pay a basic amount of **£1200**. We are planning to use around **£300** per person from surplus from previous IYFs and money in Mission Centre reserves. This will leave us needing to raise a further **£250** per person.

We are encouraging families to give serious consideration to whether they are able to afford a figure in excess of £1200 and, if this is the case, to make a donation to the general IYF fund.

We recognise that there may be some young people wishing to attend IYF for whom a cost of £1200 would prohibit them from being able to attend. In such cases there will be up to £200 per person available in subsidies.

We will be expecting each person to pay at regular intervals rather than a lump sum at the time we depart. The proposed payment dates are:

Booking in	£200
January 31st	£350
March 31st	£350
May 31st	£300

Fund Raising

We need to raise a large amount of money over the next 8 months. It will require a lot of hard work and imaginative ideas. If you are booking in then you need to be thinking about ways in which you can aim to raise around £250. Some of you may wish to do things individually, but often doing things together as a group is more effective and more fun. The booking form will ask you to identify some things that you might be able to do. By doing this you are not necessarily committing yourself to do these but it will help us to build up a list of ideas.

We are requesting that all amounts raised for IYF are given to the IYF fund. Please pay amounts into the IYF bank account 20-84-41 and 90103934 and include something in the reference so that we know that this is fundraising money and where it has come from.

We will be doing some things to raise funds for IYF at the Mission Centre Conference in Birmingham on Sunday October 29th so hope that you can be there to help with this.

At this year's Summer Camp £850 was raised to go towards IYF fundraising, so we have made a start...but there is still a long way to go.

Booking In

Even if you have already indicated that you wish to go to IYF now is the time to book in officially. To do this you need to complete the attached booking form and return it with a deposit of £200.

We would like everyone to have booked in by **October 31st** at the latest, but why not fill the form in now and send it to us straight away?

Before IYF

At previous IYFs the British group have got together on one or more occasions prior to the event. These have provided opportunity to talk over plans and to get to know each other better before the trip. **This time all of those attending IYF from the British Isles will be expected to attend the Peace Colloquy which will take place at Dunfield from 23rd to 25th March 2018.** This event will also include the Mission Centre Conference. In addition to serving the purpose of previous IYFs get-together, the Peace Colloquy will be a time to learn about many aspects of peace and to spend time with members of the Mission Centre who are supporting the attendance of youth going to IYF. The cost of attending IYF given on the previous page includes the cost of being at the Peace Colloquy.

There may also be a second time when the IYF group get together before IYF but no decision has been taken on this yet.

More Information

More general information about IYF and Spec may be found at www.cofchrist.org/international-youth-forum and www.cofchrist.org/spectacular . There's not a lot on the IYF page at the moment but the Spec page does have lots of pictures from the 2017 event so you can see the sort of thing you will be a part of next year.

Any Questions?

If you or your parents have any questions about IYF please get in touch with us.

Our phone number is 01246 864028 or you can email us at cherylfox66@yahoo.co.uk.

Excited Yet?

We are!

IYF is going to be amazing. Just ask anyone who has been to the previous IYFs.

Do you want to be part of IYF 2018? We hope so!

It is important that your parents are aware of all of the information that is being sent out regarding IYF so please make sure that they get to read this newsletter.

IYF & Spec 2018 - Booking Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

To be completed by young person:

The following are some things that I am considering doing as part of the fund raising efforts for IYF:

To be completed by parent/guardian:

Please tick/complete as appropriate:

I will be paying the basic cost of £1200 for the trip: _____

I will require a subsidy of £____ (up to £200).

In addition to the amount indicated above I plan to make a donation of £____ to the IYF fund.

I enclose a deposit of **£200** towards the costs of the trip to IYF.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please complete the booking form and return it electronically to cherylfox66@yahoo.co.uk or by post to Cheryl Fox, 66 Springvale Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 9SB.

Deposits can be paid:

Online to the 'Community of Christ-IYF' account

20-84-41 90103934 (please put your name in the reference) or

By cheque made payable to '**Community of Christ**'.