

Email to all CCYM applicants following appointment selections of DS

Dear CCYM Applicants,

My name is Kris Mutzenberger, and I am the Conference Coordinator for Youth Ministry. I am writing to inform you of a variety of things regarding the upcoming Dak YAC, election process, CCYM Summer meeting and Annual Conference.

First, if you have not registered to attend Dak YAC; you need to do so as soon as possible. The registration forms and packet are available at www.dakayouth.com. Dak YAC is June 6-8 at Wesley Acres Camp. Make sure to print the directions to Wesley Acres out of the registration packet. We will begin with registration on Sunday, June 6 at 6pm. Please eat supper or have a plan before showing up at the camp. You are responsible for your own transportation to Dak YAC, however, if you are having difficulty arranging transportation contact Becky Holten in the Conference Office, 605-996-6552. We try and help coordinate rides across the Dakotas for Dak YAC. Dak YAC is the place that the election process for CCYM is carried out; you can't miss that. If you are having scheduling trouble; like you can't get there until Monday; let me know we can work with you.

Second, as you pack for Dak YAC, realize that those elected and appointed are expected to stay for our CCYM summer meeting at the camp and to attend as delegates at the Dakotas Annual Conference (AC). This means that you would not be returning home until Saturday, June 12 at the conclusion of Annual Conference that afternoon. Pack accordingly and make sure your parents/guardians know this will be your schedule if elected. Be sure to bring a Bible, and you will need tennis shoes/sleeping bag/pillow/towel/toiletries while we are at the camp. At Annual Conference you will need to have appropriate clothes for leading worship as well as attending the opening banquet, and an appropriate/plain black shirt. We will provide your transportation from Wesley Acres to Bismarck (the site of this year's Annual Conference) and your meals and lodging while you are at AC. We will also work to arrange rides home with pastors, delegates etc, if you don't already have a get-back-home plan.

Third, our summer meeting time (Tuesday Night-Wednesday afternoon) will be our chance to get ready for our CCYM year, get to know one another, plan worship for Annual Conference and other orientation kinds of things. **Attached you will find the permission slip to use the ropes**

course at Wesley Acres. You MUST bring this completed and signed with you to Dak YAC. Part of our summer meeting/get to know you/bonding time will be to do this fun stuff together, but we can't unless you all have your forms.

Fourth, as you know, each year our District Superintendents appoint one person from their district to serve on CCYM. These four individuals will not be a part of the voting process, but they will be asked the same three questions in front of Dak YAC as an opportunity to get to know one another. Two of the questions are known to the candidates and one will be a surprise. The known election questions for this year are: What's your favorite Bible story and why? And What does servant leadership mean to you? These questions will also be posted on the youth website.

Fifth, just so you know what will happen, the election process is as follows:

Step 1 All Candidates are introduced

Step 2 All Candidates leave the session.

Step 3 Question 1 (unknown to Candidate) and Question 2 (known to Candidate) is asked of each Candidate separately until entire group has been asked both questions, then all invited to return.

District Elections begin

District Candidates are asked question 3 (known to Candidates) Candidates stay in room.

Balloting begins—60% of valid ballots to elect.

Two consecutive ballots with no election—candidates are limited to spots + 1.

Three more ballots with no election—spot moves to At Large.

Continue until all Districts are completed.

At Large Elections Begin and all remaining candidates eligible.

Step 1 Questions of remaining candidates—2 options –Choice of Bar.

Option 1-same question of every candidate. (Candidates absent)

Option 2-selection of random different questions, (candidates all present.)

Step 2 Balloting begins—60% of valid ballots to elect.

Two consecutive ballots with no election—candidates are limited to spots + 1.

Three more ballots with no election—spot declared vacant

If four or more spots are vacant, the Exec Cmte and DSs may appoint to fill vacancies.

Now we have a CCYM!

Those who have been appointed to CCYM for 2010 are:

Sakakawea District (Western ND): ShyAnne Purvis

Three Rivers District (Eastern ND/NE SD): Savannah Walseth

Prairie Hills District (Western SD): Molly McCaskell

Glacial Lakes District (SE SD): Tyler Hajek

That means that the remaining applications will be passed on to the Dak YAC for the election process.

There are 20 positions available on CCYM, and we have received 22 applications. Unfortunately, that means that several of you will not be able to serve on CCYM this year. I have read all your applications and recommendation letters, know many of you through camps and events, and recognize that you are all highly qualified and would each be an asset to our servant ministry for the Dakotas Annual Conference. Thank you for your local church participation, your commitment to growing in service and faith, and your willingness to be a part of the CCYM.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Dak YAC,
Kris Mutzenberger

PS: Be sure to share this information with your parents!