2012 Boise Youth Spectacular

BYS!
ARISE & SHINE!

JULY 14-21, 2012

Counselor Application Packet

Applications due May 1, 2012
# 2012 Counselor/Staff Training Schedule

*Attendance at everything is required.*

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<td>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Counselor Staff Training begins at the Boise Institute</td>
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<td>Sunday, July 15th</td>
<td>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Training Fireside (5 Mile Chapel, 2650 S. Five Mile Rd)</td>
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<td>Monday, July 16th</td>
<td>5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Check in at the Institute and stay at BSU dorms for 5 nights.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, July 17th</td>
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<td>First BYS session begins</td>
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<td>Wednesday, July 18th</td>
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<td>Thursday, July 19th</td>
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<td>Second BYS session begins</td>
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<td>Saturday, July 21st</td>
<td>2:30 pm</td>
<td>Counselor/Staff work is complete</td>
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**Counselors and Staff:** Will receive 1 Institute of Religion Leadership Course credit. Food & lodging will be provided July 16 through July 21. Counselors and staff will also receive incredible training and cool ‘event’ t-shirts.

**READ EVERY WORD OF THIS PACKET CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING**
Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff

Applications Due: May 1, 2012

Serving at the Boise Youth Spectacular (BYS) July 14-21 will be a tremendous opportunity. The experiences you will have with the youth will uplift and strengthen you as well as those whom you serve. Your preparation must include daily scripture study, fasting, and personal prayer. You will be required to work both sessions of BYS. If you are unable to commit to all of this do not apply to be a counselor.

OPENINGS
- The Boise Youth Spectacular will accommodate approximately 640 youth per session. Youth are divided into groups of 20 with 2 counselors per group.
- The opportunity to serve at the Youth Spectacular is open to all Young Adults who meet the outlined criteria.
- 64 counselors and 16 staff members are needed! Please submit your application early.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Applications must be submitted to: Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff, 1929 University Dr., Boise, ID 83706 by May 1, 2012. If selected, you will be notified by May 31st.

BYS COUNSELORS
- Counselors are to be with the youth throughout the conference, provide supervision, be an example and friend. Counselors must be diligent and service oriented; he or she must have a genuine desire to help the youth strengthen their testimonies of Jesus Christ and their commitment to live the gospel.
- Counselors must be at least high school graduates (2012) and no older than 34.
- counselors will be on call 24 hours a day for their group. In many ways, each counselor represents The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the youth and their behavior and dress should reflect this at all times. For example, no facial hair (including sideburns past mid-ear) or earrings on men. Women may wear only one pair of earrings. Extreme hair styles or multi-color hair is not acceptable.
- Counselor T-shirts (2) will be provided for Days 1 and 2 of the Spectacular. On Day 3, all participants (and counselors) will be in Sunday dress.
- Lodging and meals are provided.

BYS STAFF
- Staff members will be heavily involved in administration of the many duties that make a Youth Spectacular successful. Their duties include: registration, food service, Fun-in-the-Sun, crowd control, assisting counselors, and much more.
- Staff members are generally ages 18-30.
- T-shirts (2) are provided for the staff
- Lodging and meals are provided.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION
- Participation as a counselor/staff member is limited to those who are 18-34 years of age.
- Your bishop must send in a confidential form as an approval to your participation.
- An additional letter of recommendation is required.
- An electronic photo of you must also be submitted via email to 2012bys@gmail.com (see photo page).
- Spring institute or church school religion class attendance (or equivalent) is highly recommended.
- Attendance of all training sessions (beginning Saturday, July 14th) and the entire conference (through Saturday, July 21st) is required. If you must miss any portion of the conference, please do not apply.
- Counselor/Staff will receive an information packet with assigned readings prior to coming to the Youth Spectacular counselor training. You are required to complete the assignments and come physically, emotionally, and spiritually prepared to serve.
### THIS IS A LIFE CHANGING EVENT!!

BYS for counselors and staff is a “mission-like” experience. You will be asked to leave everything behind for 8 days (July 14-21) as you come to do all you can to help strengthen the testimonies of the youth. The Lord will bless you and you will meet lifelong friends! Personal scripture reading, fasting, and obedience will help prepare you for this ‘great and marvelous work.’

OK, now on to the application process!!!

### APPLICATION PROCESS

The following 4 parts of the application are attached.

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Be sure that all 4 items are sent to: Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff, 1929 University Dr., Boise, ID, 83706 by May 1st. Your recommendations must be mailed in by those completing them. Please remind them! Give them stamped envelopes and whatever happens…don’t let them hand the recommendation back to you! It will not be accepted if it comes from you. They may fax or email the information as well. That information is on each page.

### BYS HONOR CODE FOR YOUTH, COUNSELORS, AND STAFF

Each participant is expected to demonstrate, in all their behavior (dress, speech, and actions), attitudes that reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ. Involvement in any kind of behavior or activity contrary will result in immediate dismissal from the Spectacular. Dress and grooming should always be modest, neat and clean. Clothing should be modest in fabric, fit, and style. “Grubbies” are not appropriate. Clothing which is sleeveless, strapless or revealing is not acceptable. Skirts and shorts must be knee length and slits in dresses must not extend above the knee. Earrings may be worn in ears only and not by males. Facial hair is not permissible for young men. Extreme hair colors/styles are not acceptable. CELL PHONES (except for the counselors) ARE PROHIBITED AT THE YOUTH SPECTACULAR. Casual NICE Dress = no jeans, shorts, or T-shirts.

### Part A: PHOTO APPLICATION INFORMATION EMAIL ONLY

Please email a low to medium resolution (<1mg) photo of yourself to 2012bys@gmail.com

Your application will not be complete without a photo. - Due May 1, 2012

Photo Guidelines

- This should be a recent color photo (within the past 6 months).
- A nice smile is preferred in casual to nice dress (modest is hottest).😊
- The photo size should not exceed 1mb in size.
- No gestures or signs.
- This photo will be used for BYS purposes (BYS photo book for the youth).
**Part B: BYS Counselor/Staff Application**

*(Please print clearly)*

**Circle one:** Counselor  Staff  **Circle each that applies:** Previous BYS experience participant staff counselor

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<th>Name</th>
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**Email address**
*(please check it regularly!)*

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**Phone #**  Cell Phone #  Work Phone # *(if we can call)*

**Current Calling** *(or most recent)*

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**Have you served a mission?**

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**Institute/Religion Class for Spring 2012**

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**EXPERIENCE**

Below, please check areas where you have had substantial experience. If your experience is not included here use the “other” section or include the experience as part of the additional information section. Don’t worry if you can’t check anything!

- Missionary
- MTC Teacher
- School Teacher
- YM/YW leader/advisor
- Seminary Part Time/Early Morning teacher
- Sunday School teacher
- R.S./E.Q. Instructor
- College T.A.
- Sign Language
- Worked with mentally/physically handicapped

- Other

- High School Leadership
- Mission Leadership
- College/University Leadership
- R.S./EQ Presidency
- Girls camp counselor
- YM/YW Medallion
- YM/YW class presidency
- Eagle Scout
- Duty to God
- Seminary council
- Institute Council
- EFY Counselor

- Other

I certify that I am emotionally and physically able to serve as a Youth Spectacular Counselor or Staff Member. My testimony of Jesus Christ, Joseph Smith and the restored gospel is strong and I am anxious to work with YM/YW and help them strengthen their testimonies of these same truths. I am teachable, able to adapt and willing to yield to counsel from my peers and other leaders. I have read all the requirements and promise that my behavior and dress will reflect the light of Christ. I will not miss any portion of the training or either session of the spectacular. I am anxious to serve.

* I also promise that my “social-media” life is in harmony with gospel teachings. Only appropriate media (photos & videos) and language are used. I would not be embarrassed if the youth or my leaders were aware of the content.

**Signature**

**Date**

Please give us any further personal information that you desire in the area provided below. You may use the back of this page if necessary.

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**Please fax, email (scan & attach) or mail by May 1st to:** Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff, 1929 University Dr., Boise, ID 83706. Fax 208-344-8456. Email: 2012bys@gmail.com
Part C:  BYS Bishop’s Confidential Recommendation

Bishop, do not hand this back to the applicant…it must come from you via mail, fax, or email.

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**Applicant’s Name**

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**BISHOP- PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY**

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**STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Those who are age 18 and older may apply to work as staff members. They will not be counselors, but will be heavily involved in administration of the many duties that make a Youth Spectacular conference successful. Their duties include: registration, food service, crowd control, assisting counselors, and much more.

Please check one:

- [ ] I find this applicant worthy and emotionally capable of being a BYS Counselor or Staff Member.
- [ ] This person should not serve as a counselor, but I have no reservations about him or her serving on the staff.
- [ ] I approve this person with reservation. Comments below or on back.
- [ ] I do not recommend this person to work at the Boise Youth Spectacular conference this year. Comments: (Use the back of this page if necessary.)

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**Bishop’s Signature**

**Date**

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This information will not be released to the applicant under any circumstance. Thank you.

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**Applicant:**  *Give your bishop a stamped, addressed envelope* and have him mail it by May 1st to: Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff, 1929 University Dr, Boise, ID 83706 OR fax (344-8456), or email (scan and attach this to document) to 2012bys@gmail.com
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We are in the process of selecting counselors and staff for the Boise Youth Spectacular Conference July 14-21, 2012. The information you provide will help us in selecting the best possible people to serve. The following is an outline of the responsibilities.

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Given this information please tell us why you think the applicant you are recommending should be considered.

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Relationship to Applicant | Length of time you've known the applicant
Would you want to have your child under the applicant's supervision at the Boise Youth Spectacular conference for 3 days?

Name | Phone #
Address | City/State/Zip Code

Signature | Date

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