

WELCOME TO CELEBRATE LIFE

This packet includes all the information you will need for District Celebrate Life, which is combined into a one-weekend event! Regional packets will be passed out there.

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THE PURPOSE OF CELEBRATE LIFE

We believe that God has given every one of us gifts; these gifts are given not to make us look great, but to, in some way, bring glory to Him. In having Celebrate Life we hope to help students find the gifts they have, develop those talents, and discover how God can use them to build His kingdom. It is also our hope that through Celebrate Life (and other district NYI events) those students will form relationships that will encourage their walk with God and become great bonds for years to come.

It is worth noting that District Celebrate Life is not designed with outreach specifically in mind. Our target students are those who are involved in your youth ministry. While we do want to do well in competition, "well" needs to be defined by our attitude as we compete and the level at which we play, sing, draw, etc. according to the abilities given us.

At the district level, we have combined sports day and talent day into one event. Our purpose in doing this is twofold: 1) We want District Celebrate Life to be a great entity in itself, not just a necessary stepping-stone to get to Regional's, and most importantly, 2) Having a large, overnight event allows us to have services and put more of an overall spiritual emphasis on the event.

HOW CELEBRATE LIFE WORKS

The Nazarene church is set up into regions. In the U.S. each of these are centered around a Nazarene College. We are on the Olivet Region. Regions are further broken down into districts. On the Olivet region there are 11 districts from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. We are the Michigan District. Every May, Olivet holds a regional competition for students in 7th through 12th grades. **To participate in that event each student must be a part of his/her districts' event earlier in the year.** So, we invite students from local churches to participate in sports, talent, communications, Bible quizzing, science trivia, and arts and crafts at the district event. For talent, communications, arts and some sports the district event operates like a solo and ensemble contest. Participants receive comments and scores to help them improve for ministry. Team sports, Bible quizzing, and science trivia will have tournaments and tryouts to determine a single district team.

To participate in the district and regional Celebrate Life events students must be an active member of their local NYI and *must be at least 12 years old by the date of the regional event in May and in the 7th grade.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

District Celebrate Life

January 27-28, 2017 at Kuyper College in Grand Rapids, Michigan
Cost: Approximately \$65, with food and hotel.

Regional Celebrate Life

May 11-13, 2017 at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois.
Cost: Approximately \$100 (depending on number of events entered)

CONTACTS

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Any questions you might have should be found in this packet. In the case that there is a question not answered in this packet please feel free to e-mail or call me.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Things you are responsible to know

1. All participating students must be in **7th -12th grades** at the time of Regional Celebrate Life in May. There are no exceptions.
2. Deadline: All forms must be postmarked by **December 1, 2016**. After that, there is a **\$10 late fee per registration**. Late students wishing to participate in the tournaments will NOT be guaranteed a spot. Please be honest and send the late fee if you post mark after due date.
3. Students can only participate in **one team sport** at the Regional Celebrate Life. If they try out for more than one at districts, they must be prepared to choose which team they want to compete on (these include basketball, volleyball, soccer, bowling, and mixed-doubles TT)
4. Students are responsible to know what time their events are before they come, if they are planning on coming late or leaving early. This is ESPECIALLY important for Regional Celebrate Life. Music performances can be rescheduled if necessary.
5. The yes/no check for being able to go to Regional Celebrate Life is now very important, as the assumption is no longer that everyone attending Districts is attempting to get to Regional CL.
6. **Big Team Sports:** are in a try-out format at Districts.
 - a. Basketball is tryout-based
 - b. Volleyball is tryout-based
 - c. Soccer is tryout-based
 - d. Dodgeball is tryout-based
7. Students must have original music for their vocal entries and instrumentals.
 - a. Vocal entries must be memorized or points will be deducted.
 - b. Instrumentalists *can* use music.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Things that will be helpful for you to know:

General Issues

1. Early Youth is considered 7-8 grades. Senior Youth is 9-12.
2. Students may now attend both Districts and Regionals as a **spectator**. This means that even if they do not want to participate in anything, they are still welcome to come! They will obviously still pay the \$42 event fee.

3. Encourage your students to perform their talent in your church services. This helps to accomplish much of the purpose of this event, as well as help them to get ready for Celebrate Life.
4. Students may want to bring extra money for a café area at Kuyper College.
5. **Registration forms should be postmarked by Thursday, December 1, 2016. Late forms will not be accepted if postmarked after Monday, December 19, 2016.**
6. **Meals will be provided for sponsors with a ratio of every 10 students to one sponsor (example: if you bring 1-10 students one sponsor will be paid for, and if you bring 11-20 students 2 sponsors will be paid for). If more sponsors come they will have to pay \$15 for the two Saturday meals. Students & sponsors with wristbands will be the only ones allowed to eat in the cafeteria for meals on Saturday. Parents and other attendees will need to eat off-sight.**

Event Questions:

1. If there are no students playing **doubles table tennis** we will take the runners-up from the singles tournaments and put them onto the doubles teams.
2. **Stick ministry** is considered a mime.
3. Any vocal ensemble/band combining instruments and vocals is considered a **Praise Band**. They will play a set of 10-15 minutes. Please make a note of the focal points on the scoring sheet.
4. If your students have a band with an **original song**, we recommend that they enter it as a vocal ensemble or solo with live music.
5. Have sample judges' score sheets available for your teens so they know what to expect when they compete.

HOW TO REGISTER

Each Individual Student:

1. Must pay a **Base Cost of \$42, +\$1** for every event that they're in. Please have them pay your church, and send one church check for your group's registration.
 - a. This cost covers t-shirt, facility rental, worship services, and two meals at Kuyper College.
 - b. There is a late fee of \$10 for every registration not postmarked by Dec. 1, 2016.

2. Forms should be postmarked to the Celebrate Life leaders **by Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016.**
3. **Late forms will not be accepted if not postmarked by Monday, December 19, 2016.**

Group Leader:

1. Keep a copy of all forms for yourself. Send in one envelope:
 - a. Each Individual Registration Form (make a copy for yourself)
 - b. Sponsor Registration Form (make a copy for yourself)
 - c. One check for the total (\$42/student + \$1 for every event they're in), made out to **Michigan District NYI**
 - d. Mail to: Aaron and Erin Brawner
3100 Ellsworth Rd.
Perry, MI 48872
2. Call a hotel and book as many rooms as you need to (see hotel information page). You may want to have the students include the hotel money in their payments to the church. (Many churches alter the price on the registration form before printing so as to include the hotel and gas costs in the price. This makes it less confusing for students and parents. We will still be able to use the registration forms, even if there is a different price listed.)
3. **Registrations must be postmarked by Dec. 1, 2016.** All entries postmarked after that will be charged an extra \$10, which must be paid with your registration. Late forms will not be accepted if not postmarked by **December 19, 2016.**

Celebrate Life ~ Individual Registration Form

January 27-28, 2017 ~ Kuyper College Cost: \$42 (plus \$1 for each additional event)

Please print and complete **all** information. Check here if this information has changed from last year

Name _____ M / F DOB ___ / ___ / ___ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ or Cell Phone (_____) _____

Local Church _____ Adult Sponsor _____

T-Shirt Size _____ ****Size LARGE will be ordered if none is specified!****

Parental Permission and Waiver of Liability

I hereby give authority to the NYI President of the Michigan District, to obtain minor medical attention or to authorize treatment at any hospital in the event of a medical emergency.

I also recognize the authority of all Michigan District Celebrate Life staff, district sponsors, and any Kuyper staff as those who will supervise this event and uphold proper conduct. I understand that my son/daughter could be sent home and that I would be responsible for their transportation home and any destruction of property.

I will not hold the Michigan District NYI, the Church of the Nazarene or Kuyper College responsible for accident, injury, or theft. My son/daughter has my permission to attend District Celebrate Life. I also understand no refunds will be given for this event.

I give permission for Michigan District NYI to use pictures of my child for media. Circle Yes / NO

_____, 20____
(Parent or Guardian Signature) _____ (Month) _____ (Day)

Home Phone # (_____) _____ Work Phone # (_____) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Em. Phone # (_____) _____

Insurance company _____ Policy Number _____

Known Allergies _____

Registration costs:

Registration \$42 _____

Number of events: _____ x \$1 each = _____

Late Fee: \$10 _____ total: _____

(Late Fee if postmarked after Dec. 1, 2016. Will not be accepted if postmarked after Dec. 19, 2016)

IMPORTANT: If I am selected to compete for our district at the Regional competition, I will be available to go to Olivet Nazarene University on May 11-13, 2017. YES / NO

I accept my responsibility to make Celebrate Life a safe, uplifting, and fun event for everyone there. I will follow the guidelines set by the Michigan District NYI and Kuyper College, and I am aware that failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. I also understand that I will NOT be eligible for Regional Celebrate Life if I do not participate in the District Celebrate Life event.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Event Registration

Please check the appropriate box or boxes and fill out the needed info.

VOCAL MUSIC

SOLO ~ Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Name of Song _____

DUET ~ Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Name of Partner _____
Name of Song _____

TRIO ~ Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Name of Partner _____
Name of Partner _____
Name of Song _____

ENSEMBLE (4-11 members)
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Name of Group _____
Name of Song(s) _____

CHOIR (more than 12 members)
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Name of Group _____
Name of Song(s) _____

RAP: Solo Duet Trio Ensemble
Name of Song _____

PRAISE BAND
Name of Band _____
Name of Members (Please list separately the instrument of persons playing)

INSTRUMENTAL

KEYBOARD SOLO: Piano Organ
Name of Piece _____

INSTRUMENTAL Solo Duet Trio
Instrument Played _____
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Name of Partner 2: _____
Name of Partner 3: _____

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE (4-11 Members)
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Instrument Played _____
Name of Piece _____
(Please list separately the instruments and persons playing)

BAND (12 or more members)
Accompaniment: CD / Tape / Live
Instrument Played _____
(Please list separately the instruments and persons playing)

MIND COMPETITIONS

SCIENCE QUIZZING CHESS

ARTS

PAINTING SCULPTURE &
CRAFTS
 DRAWING STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

COMMUNICATIONS

DRAMA
Group Name _____
Name of Piece _____

MIME
Group Name _____
Name of Piece _____

PUPPETRY
Group Name _____
Name of Piece _____

SPEECH/READING CREATIVE WRITING

BIBLE EXPOSITION VIDEO EDITING

DANCE
Group Name (If applicable) _____
Name of Piece _____
Style of Dance _____

SPORTS

******If you are playing more than one team sport please indicate your priority with a number on the blank******

- 5K RUN
- BASKETBALL (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY _____)
- VOLLEYBALL (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY _____)
- DODGEBALL
- CO-ED SOCCER (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY _____)
- BOWLING (TEAM SPORT, PRIORITY _____)
- FREE THROW
- HOT SHOTS
- GOLF
- TABLE TENNIS SINGLES / MIXED DOUBLES
(TEAM SPORT, ↑ PRIORITY _____)

Note: if no one is registered for mixed doubles, the runners-up for singles will become our doubles team.

TENNIS (register here, tryout at Regional Cel. Life)

HOME RUN DERBY
(register here, tryout at Regional Cel. Life)

Celebrate Life ~ Sponsor Registration Form

January 27-28, 2017 ~ Kuyper College

Saturday meals at Kuyper College will be provided for sponsors with a ratio of every 10 students to one sponsor (example: if you bring 1-10 students one sponsor will be paid for, and if you bring 11-20 students 2 sponsors will be paid for, etc). If more sponsors come than the ratio they will have to pay \$15 for the two Saturday meals. Students & sponsors with wristbands will be the only ones allowed to eat in the cafeteria for meals on Saturday. Parents and other attendees will need to eat off-sight.

Sponsors Attending:

1. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
2. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
3. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
4. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
5. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
6. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
7. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
8. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
9. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
10. _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Number of students attending: _____

Number of sponsors paid for with ratio to students: _____

Number of extra sponsors attending: _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

*****This form and money must be included with registration forms and check.**

Please ensure that all student forms are filled out completely. This includes a parent signature, student signature, and t-shirt size!

HOTEL INFORMATION

****Coming soon! Watch your inbox for updated 2017 hotel information!****

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This is subject to change, as the amount of different events will determine where they fit.

Friday

- 6:00 pm** Registration begins
- 7:30** Kick-off service
- 9:30** Battle of the bands
Hot Shot/Free Throw competition
Alternative tryouts for basketball
Alternative tryouts for volleyball
- 10:30** Alternative tryouts for soccer
- 11:30** Everything closes down

Saturday

- 8:00** Judges' meeting
- 9:00** Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball,
and Soccer begin (see Sports schedule)
Music and drama talents begin
Art and writing judging begins
Science Quizzing
- 9:30** Chess Starts Room 213
- 9:30** Bowling Leaves
- 9:45** Golf Leaves
- 10:00** 5K Runners Leaves
- 10:40 -12:00** Impact Tryouts - Chapel
- 11:30 -1:00** Lunch
- 12:00 -1:00** Break in tournaments for lunch
- 1:00** Coaches option tryouts
(soccer, b-ball, v-ball)
Hot Shot/Free Throw competition
- 1:30** Choirs Begin
- 2:40 -6:00** Impact Tryouts - Chapel
- 5:30** Please have your art and writing picked
up.
- 5:00-6:30** Dinner
- 6:30** Closing service / awards
- 8:30** Head home

If your talent conflicts with another event you need to be at, simply go to the Celebrate Life Office and set up a later or earlier time. Please do this as soon as possible. All Writing and Art Pieces must be turned in during Registration.

DIRECTIONS TO KUYPER COLLEGE



Consult www.mapquest.com for more detailed directions.

Address of Kuyper College: 3333 East Beltline N.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525
(616) 222-3000

Campus buildings we will be using:

The buildings we will be using at Kuyper College are very close to each other and are all connected with indoor walkways. The Dewitt Student Center is where registration will be held. From there you can easily be directed to where all the events will take place.