

**2013 BOISE YOUTH SPECTACULAR**

**BYS!**

**“STAND”  
IN HOLY PLACES**

**JULY 20-27, 2013**

**COUNSELOR/STAFF APPLICATION PACKET**

**Due May 3, 2013**

**PLEASE READ EVERY WORD OF THIS PACKET CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING**

## **Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff**

Serving at the **Boise Youth Spectacular (BYS)**, July 20-27, will be a tremendous opportunity. Counselors must be at least high school graduates (2012) and no older than 34. Staff members are generally ages 18-30. Counselors will be required to work both sessions of BYS, and be on call 24 hours a day for their group. Counselors will stay in BYS approved housing for the duration of the event. Counselors and staff represent The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the youth, and their behavior and dress should reflect this at all time (please see the Counselor/Staff Application for additional details).

In harmony with the BYS theme to “STAND” in Holy Places, it is our strongest desire that every BYS counselor and staff member live worthy of and hold a current temple recommend (limited use recommend is acceptable). This is a requirement for counselors and a recommendation for staff. Your preparation must also include fasting and daily scripture study and personal prayer.

**If you are unable to commit to ALL of these requirements, please do not apply.**

The Boise Youth Spectacular will accommodate approximately 640 youth per session. The experiences you will have with them will uplift and strengthen you, as well as those whom you serve. Counselors and staff will receive one (1) Institute of Religion Leadership Course credit. Food & lodging will be provided July 22-27. Counselors and staff will also receive incredible training and cool ‘event’ t-shirts.

*“The things that we must do and not do to be worthy of a temple recommend are the very things that ensure we will be happy as individuals and as families.” - President Howard W. Hunter*

### **OPENINGS**

- 80 counselors
- 16 staff members

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All components of the application must be received by **May 3, 2013**. Please mail your application to:

**Boise Youth Spectacular**  
Counselors/Staff  
1929 University Dr.  
Boise, ID 83706

Alternatively, you may fax your application to 208-344-8456, or email a scanned copy to [2013bys@gmail.com](mailto:2013bys@gmail.com).

If selected, you will be notified by **June 1**.

### **BYS COUNSELOR INFORMATION**

The opportunity to serve at BYS is open to all Young Adults who meet, and are willing to live, the above outlined criteria. Counselors must be diligent and service-oriented, and have a genuine desire to help the youth strengthen their testimonies of Jesus Christ and their commitment to live the gospel. Additional details regarding counselor participation include:

- Youth are divided into groups of 16, with 2 counselors per group
- Counselors are to be with their assigned youth throughout the conference to provide supervision and to be an example and friend
- Counselors will be provided with two (2) t-shirts, which are to be worn on Days 1 and 2 of each session of the Spectacular, and Sunday dress should be worn on Day 3
- Meals and lodging will be provided July 22-27

## BYS STAFF INFORMATION

Staff members will be heavily involved in the administration of the many duties that make the Boise Youth Spectacular successful. Additional details regarding staff participation are as follows:

- Staff member duties include, but are not limited to:
  - Registration
  - Food service
  - Fun-in-the-Sun
  - Crowd control
  - Assisting counselors
- Staff will be provided with two (2) t-shirts, which are to be worn on Days 1 and 2 of each session of the Spectacular, and Sunday dress should be worn on Day 3
- Meals and lodging will be provided July 22-27

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- 18-34 years of age
- Completed application
  - Electronic photo (Part A)
  - Counselor/Staff information (Part B)
  - Bishop's recommendation verifying worthiness (Part C)
    - Current temple recommend (counselors)
  - Additional letter of recommendation (Part D)
    - This should be someone from outside your family who could accurately and objectively let us know the level of commitment you have to serving and being obedient to rules
- Spring Seminary or Institute religion class attendance or equivalent (e.g. mission,)
- **Attendance at all training and conference sessions** (beginning Saturday, July 20, through Saturday, July 27) **is required. If you must miss any portion of the conference, please do not apply.**
- Review information packet with assigned readings prior to coming to the BYS counselor training. You are required to complete the assignments and come physically, emotionally and spiritually prepared to serve.
- Counselors/Staff will have curfew during BYS Week. **If you are physically or emotionally unable to abide by a curfew then please do NOT apply.** The youth need rested and healthy counselors/staff.

## 2013 Counselor/Staff Training Schedule

### ***Counselor and Staff Meet & Greet***

***Sunday, June 9, 6:00-7:00 pm***

***Five Mile Chapel (2650 S. Five Mile, Five Mile & Victory)***

*Spend an hour getting to know your counselor directors, co-counselor, other counselors and staff. Attire is Casual Nice (no jeans, shorts, or t-shirts). We understand that some counselors/staff outside the area may not be able to attend this, but we hope everyone who can, will make the effort to be there!*

*Attendance at all BYS activities below is required - **NO EXCEPTIONS.***

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, July 20	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm	Counselor Staff Training	Boise Institute
Sunday, July 21	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Training Fireside	Five Mile Chapel, 2650 S. Five Mile Rd
Monday, July 22	5:30 – 11:00 pm	Check in & Training	Institute & BSU Dorms
Tuesday, July 23	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Training	Institute
Tuesday, July 23	1:30 PM	First BYS session begins	
Thursday, July 25	11:15 AM	First session ends	
Thursday, July 25	1:30 PM	Second BYS session begins	
Saturday, July 27	11:15 AM	Second session ends	
Saturday, July 27	2:30 PM	Counselor and Staff Check Out	Institute

## **THE BOISE YOUTH SPECTACULAR CAN BE A LIFE CHANGING EVENT!**

For counselors and staff, BYS is a “mission-like” experience. You will be asked to leave everything behind for 8 days (July 20-27) 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.”

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

*The following 4 parts of the application are attached.*

- **Part A** (Personal Photo)
- **Part B** (BYS Counselor/Staff Application) (on 2 pages)
- **Part C** (Bishop’s Confidential Recommendation)
- **Part D** (Confidential Letter of Recommendation)

It is your responsibility to make sure ALL **four (4) items** are sent to: **Boise Youth Spectacular Counselors/Staff, 1929 University Dr., Boise, ID, 83706** by **May 3, 2013**. Please note that you are not allowed to submit the letters of recommendation. Those must be submitted but the persons writing them. *Don’t let them forget, and no matter what, DO NOT let them hand the recommendation back to you! It will not be accepted if it comes from you. Provide them with a stamped envelope and the application so that they may mail, fax or email the information to one of the locations identified on the application.*

### **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 to the teachings of the Church 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. Shorts may be worn, but must reach the knee. Skirts and dresses must be at least knee length, and slits should not extend above the knee for longer dresses or skirts. No facial hair (including sideburns past mid-ear) or earrings are allowed on men, and women may wear only one pair of earrings. Extreme hair styles or multi-color hair is not acceptable.

**CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED AT THE BOISE YOUTH SPECTACULAR** (except for the counselors- and for youth use for alarm clocks). An 11:30pm curfew has been established for the youth, and any participant violating this will be sent home immediately. Counselors and staff will also have a required curfew, which will be announced at training prior to BYS.

***Part A: Photo Information for Application***

***EMAIL ONLY***

Please email a photo of yourself to [2013bys@gmail.com](mailto:2013bys@gmail.com) by May 3, 2013. Your application will not be complete without a photo.

**Photo Guidelines**

- Recent color photo (within the past 6 months)
- Nice, genuine smile is preferred in casual to nice dress (“modest is hottest”) ☺
- Size should not exceed 1mb
- Photo will be used for BYS slide show for the youth

## Part B: BYS Counselor/Staff Application *(Please print clearly)*

**Circle ALL that apply:**

- Previous BYS Experience:      Participant      Staff      Counselor
- Applying for a position as:      Staff      Counselor

Name		Gender	Age (as of July 27, 2013)
Email address <i>(please check it regularly!)</i>			T-Shirt Size
Address		City	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Other Phone	Work Phone <i>(only if we can call)</i>	
Current Church Calling <i>(or most recent)</i>		Ward	Stake
Will you, or have you, serve(d) a mission?	If so, where and when? (include language spoken, if other than English)		Marital Status?
Institute/Religion Class for Spring 2013		Location of Institute/Religion Class	

### Learning, Teaching, & Leadership Experiences

*Below, please check areas where you have had experience. If your experience is not included here, use the "other" section.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returned Missionary<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seminary attendance<br>years (circle one) 1 2 3 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> Institute attendance<br><input type="checkbox"/> High School Student Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mission Leadership<br><input type="checkbox"/> College/University Leadership<br><input type="checkbox"/> R.S/EQ Presidency<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Please use the back of this page for any other information you would like to share with us. | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary Part Time/<br>Early Morning teacher<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School teacher<br><input type="checkbox"/> R.S./E.Q. Instructor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Duty to God<br><input type="checkbox"/> YW Medallion<br><input type="checkbox"/> YM or YW class presidency<br><input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Scout | <input type="checkbox"/> College T.A.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language<br><input type="checkbox"/> Worked with mentally/<br>physically handicapped<br><input type="checkbox"/> Girls camp counselor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seminary council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Institute Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>EFY</b> Counselor |
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**COUNSELORS:** *I certify that I have a current full or limited use (baptismal) temple recommend.*

**STAFF:** *I certify that I have at least a limited use temple recommend (baptismal) required to serve.*

*I also certify that I am emotionally and physically able to serve as a Boise 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 certify that my "social-media" life is in harmony with gospel teachings. Only appropriate media (photos and videos) and language are used. I would not be embarrassed if the youth or my leaders were aware of the content. (FYI - you may be stalked ☺)***

- Check here ONLY** if you are mature enough to follow rules designed to help those attending the BYS (e.g. abiding by counselor/staff curfew, encouraging youth to be compliant with all rules, etc).

Signature	Date
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**Part C: BYS Bishop's Confidential Recommendation – Due May 3.**

Bishop, **DO NOT** hand this back to the applicant or the application **will be void.**  
(Applicant, please provide the bishop with an addressed, stamped envelope if he will be sending this via mail.)

Applicant's Name (must be in your ward)	
Bishop's Name	Ward
Stake	Bishop's Phone #

**NEW!! All counselors should have, and be living worth of, a current temple recommend (limited use for baptisms is acceptable). Staff members should have at least a limited use recommend. Any exceptions are at your discretion and should be explained below.**

**COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Those who are between the ages of 18-34 may apply for a position as a BYS counselor. The role of a counselor is to be with the youth throughout the conference, provide supervision, and to be an example and a friend. He or she will be very involved with the 16 youth in his or her group. The counselor must be diligent and service-oriented, and have a genuine desire to help the youth strengthen their testimonies of Jesus Christ and their commitment to live the gospel. ***They should not have anxiety disorders or emotional challenges that would hinder them working closely with youth and other young adults for extended periods of time and late into the night.***

Counselors will be on call 24 hours a day for their group. Each counselor represents the Church to the youth, their **behavior (including social media) and dress should reflect this fact at all times.**

**STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Those who are age 18-30 may apply to work as staff members. They will not be counselors, but will be heavily involved in the administration of the many duties that make the **Boise Youth Spectacular** conference successful. Their duties include registration, food service, crowd control, assisting counselors, and much more.

Please check one: **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

- This person holds a current temple recommend (limited use is perfectly acceptable) and in my estimation is emotionally & physically capable of being a **BYB** Counselor or Staff Member. I believe they would serve well as a counselor or on staff.
- This person does NOT have a recommend but I would like you to consider him/her to be a counselor or staff for the following reasons listed on the back
- This person has a recommend but I recommend they serve on staff and NOT as a counselor.
- I do not recommend this person to work at the **Boise Youth Spectacular** conference this year.

Comments: Use the back if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Part D: *BYS Confidential Letter of Recommendation*

(Applicant, please provide the submitter with an addressed, stamped envelope if they will be sending this via mail.)

**Letter of Recommendation must be received by May 3, 2013**

**Applicant's Name:**

We are in the process of selecting counselors and staff for the **Boise Youth Spectacular (BYS)** Conference July 20-27, 2013. The information you provide will help us in selecting the best possible candidates to serve. In addition to being a current temple recommend holder, counselors will have the duties outlined below. Staff members must also be approved by priesthood leaders and be responsible for duties listed below.

### **COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The role of a counselor is to be with the youth throughout the conference, provide supervision, and to be an example and a friend. He or she will be very involved with the 16 youth in his or her group. The counselor must be diligent and service-oriented, and have a genuine desire to help the youth strengthen their testimonies of Jesus Christ and their commitment to live the gospel.

Counselors will be on call 24 hours a day for their group. It is exhausting work. Each counselor represents the Church to the youth, their **behavior (including social media) & dress should reflect this fact at all times.**

### **STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Staff will not be counselors, but will be heavily involved in the administration of the many duties that make the **Boise Youth Spectacular** conference successful. Their duties include registration, food service, crowd control, assisting counselors, and much more.

**Given this information please tell us why you think the applicant you are recommending should be considered. (use the back if necessary).**

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<b>Relationship to Applicant (we prefer someone other than immediate family.)</b>	<b>Length of time you've known the applicant</b>
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<b>Would you want to have your child under the applicant's supervision at the Boise Youth Spectacular conference for 3 days?</b>
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>City/State/ Zip</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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