



Dear Parents,

Thank you for enrolling your youth in Bethany's Compassion in Action service camp for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

Camp CIA (Compassion in Action) coincides with our Vacation Bible School with the intent of providing an opportunity for young Christians to serve the Lord by helping our local and global community!

#### CHECK IN AND OUT

**Please check in your CIA camper at 8:45am each day in the chapel at church.**

Please note that the chapel is not our main sanctuary, which is where VBS participants are meeting. **Please enter the building through the doors on the north side, facing Slaughter Lane.** (This will help you avoid the check-in traffic for VBS at the west entrance). **Please pick up your CIA camper from the chapel at 12:00 noon; please note that our return could be as late as 12:15 depending on the day's activities.**

#### REQUIRED FORMS

**Please complete and return the enclosed medical release form on Monday morning.**

Your youth will not be able to leave campus without a completed form and may have to stay with a younger group at Vacation Bible School.

The on-line registration asked for the names of persons authorized to pick up your camper. We are obligated to hold your camper in the CIA camp until the designated pick up person arrives, unless you sign the attached form indicating otherwise.

#### SCHEDULE

The CIA Campers will be divided into teams. Each team will have the opportunity to travel off campus in 12 passenger vans. Each team will have a different rotation schedule. All teams will travel on Friday for a closing swim party (weather depending).

The schedule of events for CIA Camp is June 21-25 and is included in this packet.

**Please wear tennis shoes everyday**, except on Friday when we go swimming at Deep Eddy, flip-flops will be appropriate. On Friday, please bring sunscreen, towel and \$2.00 for pool entry.

## SNACKS

Each camper will have one bottle of water and a small snack each day. You may provide additional water bottle if you wish for your camper.

## CANCELLATION

If your youth is unable to attend Camp CIA, please contact Melissa Ply, 658-4962, [melissa\\_ply@yahoo.com](mailto:melissa_ply@yahoo.com) or Laura Sample, 512-300-6856 [samplefamilymom@yahoo.com](mailto:samplefamilymom@yahoo.com) for registration.

Once Camp CIA reaches capacity, we are unable to accept additional registrations. We are planning on a maximum of 70 children.

## THRIVENT DONATION

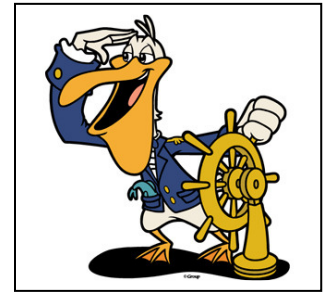
Please note that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has generously donated \$200.00 to help purchase supplies for the event. We will be purchasing cards and other materials needed for the Campers to use during CIA. They will be writing letters for the Troops, and help decorate wooden toys for children overseas. We will also be doing car wash on the days that the events are scheduled. Please let us know if you are a Thrivent member, as the organization likes to track their donations used by member families.

## PERSONAL DONATIONS

CIA Camp feels that it is important for the children to be introduced to volunteering in the local community. However, this year the cost for renting passenger vans cost substantially more since Texas implemented restrictions and safety standards for passenger vans. There will be a labeled donation box on the CIA registration table. A recommended personal donation of \$15.00 would help defray the cost of CIA Camp transportation, fuel, and snacks- and would be helpful to the church!

## CONTACTS

Thank you for entrusting your youth to our dedicated children's ministry volunteers! We strive to make Bethany a place "where Jesus meets his friends" and where children have the opportunity to grow and "live-out" their faith! Please feel free to contact me, Melissa Ply (CIA Camp Director) at [melissa\\_ply@yahoo.com](mailto:melissa_ply@yahoo.com) cell phone number (512) 658-4962 if you have any questions. You can also contact Laura Sample at (512)300-6856 [samplefamilymom@yahoo.com](mailto:samplefamilymom@yahoo.com) for registration.



To The Parents of youth attending Compassion In Action (CIA) Camp,

Your child will have the opportunity to outreach in the community by making puppets, reading to young children and then leaving the books and some toys for the locally selected child care centers. Please take a look to find toys or books that your child has outgrown and would like to donate, so that the donation has a personal connection for your child!

Other items that would be helpful:

- sponges, car soap, and old towels for the carwash,
- envelopes for letter writing,
- monetary donations to offset cost of van rentals, fuel, and snacks.

All youth need to bring \$2.00 on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> as there is an entry fee at the pool. Your youth can wear flip-flops on Friday for the pool- come on sunshine!

CIA Campers will be writing letters and cards to Soldiers deployed to the war in Iraq. In order to preserve the children's privacy, campers will be bringing the letters home to mail- so that you will have the control of your child signing cards with a first name only, or including a complete name and address and inviting the Soldier to correspond back to your family.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us for Vacation Bible School and CIA Camp for the week. In addition thanks for your consideration and your cooperation for your donations.

Thank you!

Melissa Ply, CIA Director

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