



Speak For Those Who Cannot Programs, Inc.



Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter to inform you and your child about the SPEAK Youth Collaborative (SYC – pronounced 'seek'). This is a great new opportunity for youth between the ages of 10 and 18 to:

- Identify and use their gifts and talents for the glory of God and the benefit of His Kingdom;
- Gather in fellowship and work with other youth in a safe Christian environment outside of home and church;
- Learn and grow in the knowledge of Christ and the defense of the Gospel;
- Learn valuable skills that will be put to immediate use through volunteer internships and part-time employment opportunities (for youth ages 14 to 18) when funding is available;
- Build an 'A' class resume for the future.

SYK members will be in the first picks for internships and part-time after school/ summer employment at SPEAK. Each member regardless of age will have opportunities to work within his/her area of interest. All members of SYC will be trained in the many aspects of running a nonprofit organization (identifying issues, program development, budgeting, event planning, grant writing, fundraising...).

Each month depending on age, SPEAK Youth Collaborative members will be required to complete a minimum number of volunteer service hours. They may volunteer at home, church, in the community, or at SPEAK. SYK group projects may also be used to meet this requirement. The required hours are as follows:

- Ages 10 to 12 – 2hours/month
- Ages 13 to 14 – 4 hours/month
- Ages 15 to 16 – 6 hours/month
- Ages 17 to 18 – 8 hours/month

SPEAK Youth Collaborative members will be required to participate in at least two group service projects each year. Service projects will be arranged by SPEAK.

Each month the SPEAK Youth Collaborative members will have a Scripture to memorize, and should be prepared to share in a group discussion how the memory verse impacted their time of service that month. SPEAK Youth Collaborative members will be encouraged to journal about their volunteer activities and their thoughts regarding the monthly scripture. On a quarterly basis, SYK members who complete their volunteer hours and their journal, will receive a stipend (if funding allows) on a quarterly basis (excludes SYK members who are working for SPEAK that quarter).

Finally, SYK members will have opportunities to enter several contests, and become involved a host of SPEAK multi-media projects including music and narrative DVD's.

If this sounds like something your young person would enjoy, let them fill out the attached application.

In His Grace,

Lyn Budd

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