

2013 SPEAK Youth Collaborative (SYC) Summer Program Description

Mission Statement: Help youth identify their purpose and employ their God-given gifts in ways that would empower them to serve and impact their families, churches and communities.

Vision: To see the hearts and minds of the youth transformed as they discover how God equips and empowers each person with gifts and talents for service to their families, churches, communities and the world to fulfill His plan.

Who: Youth involved in SYC and SYC Junior

When: 3 days/week for 6 to 8hrs/day -students will complete: volunteer service projects; business education..

Population to be served: Youth ages of 10 to 17. *The General SYC enrolls youth that are Christian and actively involved in church. The At-risk SYC enrolls at-risk youth - including youth in foster care. Youth in the 10 to 13 age group are called SYC Junior. Youth ages 14 to 17 are called SYC.

Core Values: Encouraging Each Other, Honoring God, Team Work, Individual Responsibility and Respect for Authority...

Timeline: June 25 through August 1, 2013

Participant Requirements:

- ✓ Students must complete and return a SYC Application before the Summer Program starts.
- ✓ General SYC and SYC Junior students must be active in their church or youth group*
- ✓ Students ages 10 to 13 will be SYC Junior Members
- ✓ Student participants will be required to volunteer at least 2 hours each week during the summer and up to 8 hours per month during the school year depending on his/her age.

Over a 6 week period, the youth will be volunteering with Speak for Those Who Cannot Programs, Inc. on one or more projects that will help raise awareness about critical issues that children, youth, women and the underserved in our communities face each day.

Beginning in the summer and throughout the 2013/14 year, the students will:

- ✓ Identify and begin to cultivate their gifts and talents
- ✓ Learn how to budget their money (personal)
- ✓ Learn how to design and implement non-profit projects
- ✓ Learn how to work within a lean project budget
- ✓ Plan and execute a fundraising event for a group they choose to help
- ✓ Learn how to create and sell promotional products
- ✓ Learn marketing and advertising strategies
- ✓ Write and produce a song about the issue they choose
- ✓ Have business coaches for guidance
- ✓ Create and maintain the SYC blog and web page

The goal at the end of the 6 weeks is to take the youth on a Leadership Retreat.

Students will also be involved in the following projects and possibly others:

- ✓ Volunteer Community Service Projects
- ✓ An Awareness Video/Documentary, Music or Art Project to help a group of their at-risk peers
- ✓ SPEAK Event or Community Activity

Summer Program Fees: \$25 Registration Fee

- ✓ The 6 week program is Free to students whose families cannot afford to pay
- ✓ For families that are able to afford a donation to help offset the cost of the program, we ask you to give a donation each week.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Speakfortwc@aol.com or 302 743-7024.