

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS **

Please complete all the enclosed paperwork and return it as soon as possible. The application is due <u>April 25, 2025</u> for all students who would like to participate this year. Parents of students who apply for the first time may need to meet with the CEF Memphis staff before final approval of their application.

How does the 5-Day Club work?

A 5-Day Club is a one-hour program held Monday-Friday for boys and girls living all over the Memphis Metro area. Our staff and the Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) students will travel to various locations each week to conduct the clubs. The younger students will do "missions teaching." The older students will do "Bible teaching." Together they will lead the children in meaningful songs, learning a Bible verse, and playing games.

What is the first step?

The first step is to complete and return the application. CEF Memphis will mail a letter to the names & addresses of individuals and churches given to us by parents & students. These individuals will have the opportunity to send a donation to CEF Memphis in honor of the student. These donations provide expenses for training, materials, supplies, and transportation to and from clubs. The student's family, church, and friends have an opportunity to receive the blessing of honoring you in this important work!

What about the pre-training Saturday, May 17?

Students are required to attend a pre-training on a Saturday morning, 9am-noon, to learn how to lead a child to Christ. Some students, who have already attended this training, may be exempt, but are still required to do a practicum. A practicum is a time for you to practice or refresh what you learned while our staff observe and evaluate you.

Tell me about the overnight training retreat, Wednesday-Friday, May 28-30.

Students are required to attend the overnight training usually held the Wednesday after Memorial Day at a campground outside of Memphis. Transportation to and from CEF office to the retreat center is provided. During the retreat students will learn about the 5-Day Club program, prepare Bible or Mission lessons, dig deeper into God's Word, and have some great fun!

Tell me about the training week Monday-Friday, June 2-6, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Students are required to attend this training week following the overnight training. Students will arrive at our office around 8:30 a.m., and practice their daily lessons. After lunch, students will travel with a supervisor to conduct a 5-Day Club with children. During this week, students will practice how to work together as a team; and present the Bible lessons or missionary stories they have learned by sharing with the children who will attend the 5-Day Clubs.

What happens after training?

Based on which weeks the students sign up to volunteer, they will arrive at CEF office at 8:30 a.m. and travel with a supervisor to conduct 5-Day Clubs in various locations at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Students are usually back to the office by 4:30 pm for pick-up. Students are required to participate all day, Monday-Friday for the weeks signed up. (See the Christian Youth in Action application for "5-DAY CLUB WEEKS" to choose the weeks for your student.)

What about safety at club locations?

The staff of CEF Memphis make every effort to maintain the safety of your student during our summer ministry. Some 5-Day Clubs locations include churches, community centers, daycares, homes or backyards. Sites do include urban neighborhoods, but our staff never leave students unsupervised during the 5-Day Club. If you have questions about this, please let us know.

Many boys and girls will trust in Jesus this summer! Your student's participation will be an important part of why every child who attends a 5-Day Club this summer will hear the message of salvation. We look forward to hearing from you soon!