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Thank you for your interest in serving on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries! This team consists of youth and adults from across the Central Texas Conference who are interested in using their gifts and passions to be in ministry with and for our church. Conference Council on Youth Ministries or CCYM is a newly formed team that has been born from the departure of the Student Leadership Team for the Conference. CCYM will serve as leadership for district events, conference events, and beyond our conference. The name CCYM was chosen because it is universal—the nomenclature used in the Book of Discipline to describe students in leadership.

Students who serve on leadership should be prepared to attend all scheduled meetings and retreats spread out throughout the year and in various locations. The known dates for 2012-2013 are available in this packet. More information and travel details will be given in the coming months.

In this packet you will find a membership application, covenant, medical release form, job descriptions, and important dates. Being a part of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries is a commitment, but you will also gain leadership experience, service opportunities, have a lot of fun and grow deeper in your faith.

Until each of these items is accepted, your application will remain incomplete. Team Leader applications are due by January 6th, 2012. Team Member applications are accepted on a rolling basis. You will be contacted via e-mail when each element of your application has been received and when your application is complete.

Items Needed for a Complete Application

- Completed application
- Completed notarized Emergency Release Form
- Short letter of recommendation from pastor or youth director sent via e-mail or postal mail directly to Susan Briles.

Please send all applications to:
Central Texas Conference of the UMC
Attn: Susan Briles
464 Bailey Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
Leanne@ctcumc.org or SusanBriles@ctcumc.org
817-332-4609 (fax)

Peace,
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Conference Council on Youth Ministries Application

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City State Zipcode	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Church Membership	
Current Grade in School	

School and Community Activities

What activities through your school or community are you currently involved in?

Church Activities

What activities, committees, or service opportunities are you currently involved in with your church?

Spiritual Summary

Why do you feel called to serve on CCYM?

Briefly describe your spiritual walk.

I am applying for...

Team Leader

- Worship
- Publicity
- Hospitality
- Service/Missions
- Organization/Administration
- Other _____

Team Member

- Worship
- Publicity
- Hospitality
- Service/Missions
- Organization/Administration
- Other _____

Covenant

As a member of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM), I am representing my conference, district and local church. I understand that membership is a privilege and I agree to abide by the following covenant. I will set an example of Christian leadership at conference, district and local church events. I understand Christian leadership is servant ministry exemplified by Jesus. As a CCYM member, I am example and not an exception.

As a CCYM member, I agree to participate actively in Conference, District and local church youth ministries. I understand that this group meets 3 times per year (February, June, and October) and will do my best to attend every meeting. If a situation arises and I cannot make it, I or my parents will inform the CCYM Director no less than one week before the meeting. Much planning and fellowship occurs virtually and I will participate in this by responding to e-mails in a timely fashion, being active on CCYM message boards, and following up on my tasks.

As a CCYM member, I agree to the following at all conference and district events:

I will not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or other abusive substances

I will not use or possess firearms, fireworks, and other weapons

I will treat other persons with respect, being positive and encouraging of others.

I will respect the property that we use, churches, camps, and vehicles, being sure to leave things better than I found them

I will not use profanity

I will refrain from using or providing inappropriate music, video, and/or other entertainment

I will observe and help enforce curfew as set by the leadership

I agree to the following boundaries: Girls never in boys rooms and boys never in girls rooms

I understand no covenant can cover all offenses. Therefore, the leadership team has the authority to assess situations that arise and set other guidelines and enforce consequences as deemed necessary.

I understand that violation of the above covenant can result in termination of my CCYM membership, either by my local church, District Youth Coordinator, or the Conference Youth Director

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Job Descriptions and Responsibilities

Team Leaders

Each Committee will have a Team Leader or two who will be responsible for keeping members on task. They will lead meetings, and make sure tasks are accomplished. The team leader(s) will also be responsible for the spiritual leadership of their team. In addition, team leaders will serve on a leadership team where they will receive in depth leadership training, meeting every other month for development. Team leaders should be in 9th-12th grade. Applications for team leaders are due no later than January 6, 2012.

Team Members

Members of the committee are open to all leaders in the conference and the commitment level is based on the current project. Committees are responsible for executing tasks, recruiting members with appropriate skill-sets, and accomplishing goals. Depending on each team, these goals include helping events run smoothly, youth ministries be successful, and students use their gifts in a positive way.

Worship

The Worship Team is responsible for leading worship at varying conference and district events as requested. The worship team should have members who have musical skill, are passionate about spiritual and creative worship, and have experience in multimedia used in worship.

Missions/Service

The Missions/Service team is responsible for coordinating local service projects for churches, districts, and the conference. Members should have a heart for serving others, a passion for hands-on mission, and diversity in missions experience. This team will also have a large roll in the planning and execution of the Great Day of Service.

Publicity

The Publicity team is responsible for all communications and media for events within churches, districts, and the conference as requested. This team should have members with experience or passion for social media, graphic design, and creativity.

Organization/Administration

The Organization/Administration team is responsible for logistical planning of events, coordinating the conference youth calendar, and maintaining event registration when requested. Members of this team should be passionate about details.

Hospitality

The Hospitality team is responsible for welcoming, following up, and providing opportunities for people to show hospitality. This team will need to be naturally hospitable and creative to forge new ways of sharing hospitality. This includes (but is not limited to) following up with participants after events, serving as greeters at events, and making sure that new students feel welcome. This team will also be responsible for prayer concerns and requests.

Other

If you are passionate about an area of ministry not represented in one of these teams, please apply to start a new team! This can include anything from sports and recreation to as needed task forces.

Important Dates for 2012-2013

January 6, 2012—All team leader applications must be accepted in order to be considered for team lead positions.

February 18-19, 2012—Mid-Winter Retreat #1 in Glen Rose, Texas

February 25-26, 2012—Mid-Winter Retreat #2 in Glen Rose, Texas

June 1-2, 2012—Leadership Meeting and Retreat in Waco, Texas

July 16-19, 2012—Jurisdictional Youth Event “IGNITE” in Oklahoma City

Saturday in October, 2012—Mid-Winter Planning Meeting

February, 2013—Mid-Winter Retreat

Student leaders need to attend one of the Mid-Winter Retreats and should be prepared to attend IGNITE. More information on each of these events will be available in 2012. If any of these dates pose a problem, please include that information in your application. Once accepted, you will be responsible for attending any and all meetings.

In addition to these physical meetings, there will be planning, organizing of details, and fellowship opportunities done virtually. Virtual planning cuts down on driving time while still allowing us to fellowship and organize details. This can mean any of the following: e-mail, message boards, sharing documents, self-study, conference calls/Skype, etc. Please know that active participation in all virtual planning is essential in the success of this leadership team.

Medical Release and Liability Form

Central Texas Conference Youth Ministry Events

(Please do not alter this form)

Name of Participant _____

Name of Legal Guardian/s _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work/Cell Phone (_____) _____

Age _____ Birthday _____ SS# _____

School _____ E-mail _____ Date of Last Tetanus _____

Functions and Activities

I understand that participating in programs, recreation and other activities of Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church is a privilege. Prior to my participation in such activities, I acknowledge that there are certain risks associated with these activities, including, by way of example, physical injury due to activity-related accidents, physical injury due to transportation-related accidents, illness or even death. In addition, I acknowledge that there may be other risks inherent in these activities of which I may not be presently aware.

Release of Liability

By signing this Permission and Waiver Form, I expressly warrant that this child named above or I, if I am a participant, am capable of withstanding both the physical and mental demands of these activities. I also expressly assume all risks to the child or me participating in the activities, whether such risks are known or unknown to me at this time. I further release the church and its ministers, leaders, employees, volunteers and agents from any claim that my child may have or that I may against them as a result of injury or illness incurred during the course of participation in these activities. This release of liability is also intended to cover all claims that members of the child's or my family or estate, heirs, representatives or assigns may have against the church or its ministers, leaders, employees, volunteers, or agents. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the church and its ministers, leaders, employees, volunteers, or agents from any and all claims arising from my participation in its activities and programs, or as a result of injury or illness of my child during such activities.

First Aid and Emergency Medical Treatment

I recognize that there may be occasions where the child named above or I, if I am a participant, may be in need of first aid or emergency medical treatment as a result of an accident, illness, or other health condition or injury. I do hereby give permission for agents of the church to seek and secure any needed medical attention or treatment for the child named above or me, if I am a participant, including hospitalization, if in the agent's opinion such need arises. In doing so, I agree to pay all fees and costs arising from this action to obtain medical treatment. I give permission for attending physician(s) and other medical personnel to administer any needed medical treatment, including surgery and, again, I agree to pay for the medical treatment. I also agree to let the hospital or medical agent release the child or myself back to the church representative after treatment.

Emergency Contacts

Medical Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Name#1 _____ Relation _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Name#2 _____ Relation _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Insurance information

Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Policy Holder Name _____ Carrier Phone Number _____

Medical History

(Include special medical needs or concerns such as asthma, allergies, conditions, dietary needs, medications, etc.)

Other Information that leaders should know about the child or adult participant:

For use if the Participant is a Minor

I represent that I am the parent/guardian of the child listed above, who is under 18 years of age. I have read the above Permission and Waiver Form and am fully familiar with the contents thereof. I give permission for the child named above to participate in the activities of Central Texas Conference Youth Ministries. I hereby consent to the Permission and Waiver

Form, including the Release of Liability above, on behalf of the child, and agree that this Permission and Waiver Form shall be binding upon me and my estate.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Adult Volunteers and Employees

As an adult volunteer or church employee, I hereby agree to each of the consents and waivers listed above, including the Release of Liability, as pertaining to my own participation in these activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

All Participants

Along with the leaders and other youth, I agree to conduct myself in a Christian manner. I promise to respect God, respect myself, respect other people, and respect property. I understand that my agreement holds me responsible to these things and the consequences thereof. I agree to participate in these activities of the church; participation in church activities depends on my support of this agreement. By signing this covenant, I understand that action will be taken and I am subject to be sent home if I partake in any of the following activities: possession of illegal drugs, non-prescribed medication, alcohol or tobacco products, possession of weapons, disrespect for authority, or any other activity that adult leaders deem as inappropriate. I covenant to strive to make each activity/ trip/retreat the best it can be!

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Seal Required

State of Texas, County of _____

Before me on this day personally appeared _____, the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public, State of Texas