



Community of Christ

## Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center

March 7, 2023

Greetings!

You are invited to join the **Northwest Delegation** in attending **Spectacular (SPEC) 2023** this summer! SPEC is an Arts, Sports, Worship, and Leadership camp that happens every summer for High School youth. At SPEC this summer we will explore the theme of **“Wonder”**.

The Northwest Delegation consists of youth and staff from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah, British Columbia, and other areas who join us for the trip! Our trip is a 10-day adventure. We will fly into Kansas City on Wednesday, July 12, where we will then spend a few days in Independence, MO, for a Northwest Delegation Retreat. While there, we will stay at the Family Life Center. During the retreat we practice sports and form teams, get to know each other, review our SPEC experience, and share in fun activities such as going to a local water park and more. On Saturday, July 15, we then take a bus to Graceland University in Lamoni, IA, for SPEC. On Saturday, July 22, we take a bus back to Kansas City to fly home. We will communicate the actual flight times, airline itinerary, packing lists and other helpful information to registered youth and staff by the end of June.

Thanks to the financial support of the Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center for Community of Christ, we were able to reduce the fee by \$237.50 US per person. Therefore, the 2023 fee will be **\$910 US per youth**. Due to careful planning and budgeting by your Northwest SPEC leadership team, even with risings costs, this is a \$50 reduction from last year’s fee. Your fee includes the SPEC registration fee, SPEC camp shirt, most meals, lodging, activities, 2 delegation shirts, and all transportation (airline luggage fees for 2 bags are included). The campers will need to bring money for 4 meals as well as their own spending money. We suggest around \$75 for the meals that they will be responsible for. We realize the fee is high and not all families can afford it. There is financial assistance available. More information about that is towards the bottom of this letter.

### Registration, Payments, and Deadlines:

**April 15, 2023**

**Northwest Delegation Registration Deadline**

**\$500 US Due** – Paid online or via check

**May 20, 2023**

**SPEC Registration Deadline\*** (*including front and back copy of insurance card*)

Final Payment of **\$410 US Due** – Paid online or via check

\*You will need to register with both the Northwest Delegation AND SPEC by their announced deadlines. Yes, that means twice. 😊 The Northwest Registration is open now. The SPEC Registration will go live this Spring. Once registered with Northwest, a link to register with SPEC will be emailed to you this Spring.

Register online with the Northwest Delegation at <https://2023northwestspec.eventbrite.com>.



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### Two Options To Pay:

To pay using Debit/Credit Card, go to <http://chinook.cofchrist-gpnw.org/2023/03/07/spec-2023/>. Once there, scroll down to the PayPal payment boxes found under “What is the cost?”. Make sure you choose the “**Northwest Spec Camper Payment 1**” option for your April 15 deadline payment. When you’re ready to make the second payment, use the “**Northwest Spec Camper Payment 2**” option by May 20. No transaction fees for paying online!

To pay by check, mail your payment to:

Northwest SPEC  
c/o Cindie Ellwanger  
30442 101<sup>st</sup> Pl SE  
Auburn, WA 98092

Checks need to be made payable to “Community of Christ” with the name of the camper in the memo line.

For those who will receive financial support from congregations: Please request that the financial officer send the payments in by the appropriate due dates. There is also limited financial assistance funds available for those in need. Please contact Sean Langdon to discuss the need before April 10. We do not want campers to miss out because they can’t afford it.

### **COVID-19 Guidelines**

Vaccinations are not required to participate in SPEC 2023. SPEC will be following the lead of Community of Christ International Headquarters in response to COVID and other health concerns as stated for World Conference. We strongly encourage delegations to take precautions that include COVID testing before traveling, staying isolated if campers or staff test positive during the event, and getting up-to-date on vaccinations for individual protection. Masking indoors will be dependent on COVID levels in the area at the time of the event.

### **In Closing**

Please contact one of our 2023 Northwest SPEC Leaders if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great trip and an awesome time at SPECTACULAR 2023! We hope that you’ll consider coming with us!

In the Spirit of SPEC,

YOUR 2023 NORTHWEST SPEC DELEGATION LEADERS

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