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## SMA Guide



### Where and when does this training begin?

The SMA training will take place **June 23 - June 29, 2012** at Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, MI. Move-in and registration is 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on **June 23**. Orientation begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by an evening meal for the students.

The cost of training is \$200.00 (\$250 for out-of-state students). A non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 is to be sent with the application so the balance due will be \$175.00 (\$225 for out-of-state students). **If the total amount is paid by May 31, 2012, you will receive a \$25 discount.** Otherwise, the balance should be brought to registration (a check made payable to "CEF of MI"). All funds need to be received before or at registration.



### What is the schedule during training?

The schedule begins with "rise and shine" at 6:30 a.m. Daily quiet time is encouraged before breakfast and classes take up the day until late afternoon. After recreation and supper additional classes are held with dismissal to dorms and lights out by 10:00 p.m. A detailed schedule will be available at registration.



### What should or should not be brought to the training?

These items should be brought to training:

- KJV Bible (for teaching times) & your preferred Bible for quiet time
- Pencils, pens and paper
- Sleeping bag or bedding for single bed and your pillow
- Toiletries (towels, washcloths, toothbrush, etc.)
- Light jacket or sweatshirt and rain gear
- Dress-up attire (2 outfits, e.g. suits or dresses)
- Extra money - see below
- Memory verse list
- Musical instrument and sheet music or accompaniment tracks
- Fan
- Required medication (You will need to talk with a staff member at campus registration.)
- Plus regular attire (See dress code)
- Basketball, frisbee, etc., with your name on it

Extra spending money is not a great necessity as most items are provided, but you may want to purchase candy or soft drinks at canteen time. Stamps for mailing letters and opportunities to give to a missionary project will be available.

These items are **not** to be brought to training:

- Radio, CD player, nor any other personal listening devices (i.e.: iPod, MP3 player)
- Cell phone (Emergency calls home can be arranged, if needed)
- Laptop computer nor television
- Hand-held games, squirt guns, nor laser guns
- Secular magazines
- Food items (Food cannot be kept in rooms, suitcases or duffel bags for sanitation reasons.)

This is a unique environment to concentrate on developing yourself for serving the Lord. Bring items that will help you and leave home those items that may hinder.



### **What are the standards and guidelines expected with *CEF*?**

It would be impossible to make rules to govern every type of situation. Good behavior must come from the heart, in love and obedience to Jesus Christ and should not be mere conformity to man-made regulations.

The following rules however, are strictly observed.

- Respect the authority of the staff. Disobedience and back talk will not be acceptable.
- Improper speech, vulgarity, profanity, and lying have no place in our fellowship.
- Students are expected to dress and abide by the dress code.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen while in training and ministry. You are to be courteous to others and to respect the facilities.

We seek to develop individuals who will faithfully serve the Lord and be good witnesses for Him. Therefore,

- Be loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Have daily devotions and a desire to win souls.
- Prepare your studies well and teach to the best of your ability.
- Abide by these standards and maintain a good testimony on the field and throughout life.



### **What is the dress code?**

As a *CEF* worker we expect your dress to display a good testimony before the saved and unsaved. Please remember your outward appearance is a reflection of your inward heart and mind. Through your clothing, make-up, and hairstyles you will either draw attention to yourself or will magnify the Lord (1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Peter 3:3-4).

## **Ladies**

### Daily attire at SMA:

Jeans, knee length (while sitting) shorts, capris, and skirts are acceptable. Tops must be loose-fitting and long enough to cover your mid-section. No low-cut shirts or shirts with thin straps are allowed. T-shirts with religious sayings or sport teams are allowed.

Sunday a.m. worship: skirt and shirt/dress

Friday evening commissioning service: skirt and shirt/dress, nice shoes

Open air: jeans, ministry shirt, comfortable shoes

5-Day Club: (if asked to participate) skirt and shirt/dress; no flip-flops

In each situation, tasteful jewelry is acceptable. Facial and visible body piercings are not allowed.

By state law, feet are to be covered in public buildings so going barefoot during training is not allowed. Shoes, sandals, and flip-flops are allowed.

## **Men**

### Daily attire at SMA:

Jeans, knee length shorts are acceptable. T-shirts with religious sayings and sports teams are allowed. No baggy pants will be accepted.

Sunday a.m. worship: nice slacks and shirt, preferably a shirt with a collar

Friday evening commissioning service: nice slacks, collared shirt

Open air: jeans, long shorts, ministry shirt, comfortable shoes

5-Day Club: (if asked to participate) nice slacks, collared shirt, nice shoes

Hair should be above the collar, eyes, and ears. No earrings, facial, or visible body jewelry is allowed.

By state law feet are to be covered in public buildings so going barefoot during training is not allowed. Shoes, sandals, and flip-flops are acceptable.



## **What about communication with the students (mail and phone calls)?**

Mail needs to be sent to this address. **Last mail pick-up will be the Thursday morning before training ends.**

**SMA (student's name)  
Grace Bible College  
1011 Aldon St. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509**

When there is an emergency, please receive permission from the SMA Director to use the phone. Plan to make contact by using the U.S. Postal Service. Parents will be given a phone number at registration.



## **What about having family, friends or guests stopping by?**

Due to the intensive schedule and the challenge of locating students across campus, drop-by visits are not encouraged. It takes valuable time away from the students concentrating on their preparation for ministry. Please make contact by U.S. Postal Service. Special visits need to be cleared by the SMA Director beforehand.



**What is the memory verse list?**

Each year a list of verses and statements needs to be learned. These are key elements that are continually used during summer ministry. It is so crucial to know these we request they be memorized before training. At campus registration each student is given the opportunity to recite the information they have memorized. Any not memorized **will** be learned before finishing training. It will help you tremendously to have this requirement done before campus registration.



**What about picking up students and their stuff after training?**

Supper with your student will be at 4:00 p.m. Please reserve your spot at registration. The pick up time is 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Grace Bible College on June 29. You will then go to Kuyper College with your student for the commissioning service, which begins at 6:30 p.m.



**What happens for graduation?**

This is the culmination of the training and the beginning of your summer of ministry. So, we have a commissioning service the last evening of training. Parents/guardians and friends are invited to the service which starts at 6:30 p.m. This will be held at Kuyper College. An offering will be received to help defray the cost of the training. Meals are not available on Kuyper's campus for family and friends coming for the commissioning service.



**What happens after training and commissioning?**

Of course, before the commissioning service students will be packed and ready to leave campus. Students will be returning home so be sure you have all belongings and teaching materials when leaving campus. It is a real challenge to be in Flint, MI with your teaching materials in Grand Rapids!



**What are my possibilities of service this summer?**

There are different areas of service available after you graduate from the training. It is best to discuss with your local *CEF* worker where you can volunteer. Most areas have *5-Day Clubs*<sup>®</sup> where you can assist. Some areas have a fair ministry or ministry at local festivals. Talk with your director before training to set your schedule.



**What happens after summer?**

At the end of summer ministry, students are invited to get involved in GNC's. In December, students are invited back together to share what has happened during their ministry. This is called the "Return" and it is held in Lansing at a local church. Parents/guardians and friends are invited to attend this meeting, also. Contact the state office for more information at 517.322.2193 or [cefomichigan@cefmi.com](mailto:cefomichigan@cefmi.com).



**Are there different possibilities for training next year?**

The next level of training is *Christian Youth In Action*<sup>®</sup> (*CYIA*<sup>®</sup>). At this training you learn more, including the presentation of Bible lessons and club management.