## WELCOME



CHIC began with a dream to gather Covenant people together to praise God, share in a rich time of fellowship, and to encourage each other in faith. CHIC is an incredible experience that comes but once every three years. These are five jam-packed days where we are privileged to hear from gifted speakers, sing praises to God (five thousand voices strong!), engage with the Word of God and interact with others from around the world.

From the first few minutes of their CHIC experience CHICsters are stunned not only by the volume of the music but also by the sheer number of their peers who have intentionally gathered out of a desire to play, worship, learn, and grow in understanding and in faith with others from throughout the US, Canada, and abroad.

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Through the years CHIC has been modified and diversified, innovated and revolutionized; however, a few key elements remain: the CHIC legacy is one of continued gatherings for small group Bible study and devotion, large group gatherings with speakers and music, and outdoor recreation. Praise be to God, faithful throughout the ages, for all that God has done through CHIC!

We were filled with laughter and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, "What amazing things the Lord has done for them." Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy! Psalm 126:2-3

Our dream for CHIC 2015 is that God would make Himself known to each of us! We invite you to join us July 12-17, 2015 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As you walk through the campus you will discover the many wonders of God from the landscape to the generosity of His people. Tennessee is the perfect place to see God's handiwork in His creation through its lush vegetation, mountains, and streams. This is a place where you can meet God, relax in the sun, whitewater raft, hike trails, explore caves, swim, play tennis, soccer, meet new friends, and deepen old friendships. It is the place to be!

Whether CHIC provides the first step of faith, or helps to pave the way toward the next significant leap in our discipleship journey, this will be a time when we come together to explore what it means to be God's people. We ask each one of you to be praying for our time together. Prepare for a summer to remember at CHIC 2015!

May God richly bless you in your preparations and keep you safe until we come together at CHIC. Blessings,

Ben Pease, CHIC Chair 2015 Tim Ciccone, Leader of Youth Ministry Marti Burger, Director of Events Aune M. Carlson, Early Adult Ministry

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# **CANADIAN CHURCHES**

## **Registration Process**



We recognize in the CHIC Office that there are differences between the way churches in the US and Canada complete registration for CHIC, primarily because of the exchange rate. Below is the process we ask that you use in submitting your registration materials and payments:

Upon the completion of the Group Registration Forms (or online) the CHURCH CHIC Contact will:

1. Mail the completed registration materials and checks to:

Corinne Stoter #605, 2445 Kingsland Rd. SE Airdrie, AB T4A 0B5

DO NOT SEND FORMS TO University of Tennessee DIRECTLY

#### PAYMENTS:

All checks should be made out to the Canadian Conference Office as either:

- ECCC or
- Evangelical Church of Canada
- 2. Julia Sandstrom (the ECCC Director of Ministry Support) will deposit the checks. Julia will send all the completed registration materials collected and a single check in USD to the CHIC Office (made out the Evangelical Covenant Church).
- 3. The CHIC Office will then complete the registration process with UT on your behalf. Corinne Stoter is serving as the CHIC 2015 Liaison for Canada. She has been doing a lot of work to make getting to CHIC an easy and even downright enjoyable task! Please contact her (Corinne. Stoter@covenantevents.org) with any questions you might have regarding not only this process, but transportation and whatever else you may be wondering about in regards to CHIC 2015.
- 4. Excursions for CHIC 2015 and the Long Road to Justice Service Projects will be available in January 2015, once your church has registered. The CHIC2015 website will list available options later this fall. You can register for these options on line and can pay with a credit card so you do not need to go through the Canadian Conference Office for signups. The credit card will automatically give you the best rate for each event.

Be sure to check out www.CHIC2015.org

Facebook page and Twitter feed for you to keep up on the details, search "CHIC2015" for both.

# CONSIDER SERVING at CHIC 2015



CHIC doesn't work without wonderful volunteers!

Every three years, thousands of high school students come together for an epic ministry event called CHIC. At its core, CHIC is all about God-sized life-transformation. CHIC's goal is to partner with you and your ministry creating a moment in time that gathers students together for a variety of experiences to dive deeper in faith and community.

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CHIC is a huge undertaking and we can't do it without the dedicated volunteers that help make this ministry event possible. We are expecting over 5,000 students to attend CHIC 2015 next July. It is our prayer that youth will be inspired and grow deeper in their faith walk.

We can't do it without your help! It takes hundreds of volunteers in a variety of roles to facilitate this incredible, life- changing ministry.

As your youth ministry starts to recruit students and counselors, please also help out CHIC by spreading the word at your church that we need adult volunteers to help in the implementation of the ministry. Included in the Information Pack you'll find a staff job description which gives an idea of the variety of ways early adults and adults can get plugged into CHIC if they are not serving as a counselor with your group. For example:

- Administration (office, computer, registration, information booths)
- Recreation (equipment distribution, facilitators, excursions and recreation assistants)
- Hospitality (special needs, retail sales, usher, information desk, cleanup, greeter)
- Staff Support (setup, transportation, video, sound, security, first aid)

On the back of this letter are flyers that you can copy and hand out to those at your church whom you feel would thrive in a position of service at CHIC. There are a wide variety of staff jobs for a wide range of experience and giftedness. Please encourage volunteers and adult friends of the youth ministry to take a look at the Adult Application and Instruction Sheet found in the Information Pack.

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We are grateful for your partnership in supporting CHIC and your heart for serving! We look forward to serving with you at CHIC 2015!

Blessings.

#### **Ben Pease**

CHIC 2015 Chair, on behalf of the CHIC Council and CHIC Office ben.pease@covenantevents.org

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# STAFF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

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All Staff applicants are asked to rate their qualifications in each of the categories listed below and to indicate the specific jobs that best fit their gifts. This portion of the Staff Application will be completed online. Once you have turned in your Adult Application Form the University of Tennessee will send you information on how to complete the application process.

#### Administrative (i.e. office, computer, errands, accounting)

- Arrival Registration Assistant, skill in MS Excel, MS Word
- Offering Counting Assists with counting of the offering, bank experience a plus
- Registration Table Assistant Assist with registration of students and volunteers, skill in MS Excel, MS Word
- Staff Administration Provides admin. assistance for Staff Coordinator, skill in MS Excel, MS Word

#### Recreation (i.e. equipment distribution, facilitators, assistants)

- Excursion Registration Assistant Staff excursion registration booth
- Excursion Transportation Assistant Help students find proper bus, work with drivers to depart on schedule, assist bus captains
- Recreation Assistant Assist with lessons and clinics
- Skateboard Alley Assistants Assist with skate park. Monitor the skate park and ensure the rules of the park are being followed.

#### Hospitality (i.e. special needs, retail sales, usher, information desk, cleanup)

- Affirmation Team Provides support and encouragement to Staff working on campus
- Bookstore Clerks CHIC Bookstore stock clerks
- Greeter Greet students and adults entering and leaving the arena, and check credentials of students and adults entering the arena
- Information Centers Staff booths around campus that provide event information
- Sign Holders Guide students to main stage or small groups
- Sign Language Interpreter Provide sign language interpretation for students who are hearing impaired.
   (Professional experience required)
- Extra Support & Special Needs Companions Assist students with special needs
- Support & Special Needs Shuttle Drive van to shuttle students with special needs to campus activities
- Ushers Assist with collecting the World Relief offering

#### Staff Support (i.e. setup, transportation, video, sound)

- Dorm Assistants Assist Dorm Supervisors to ensure the dorms and students are secure
- Environmental Engineering Patrol the campus to assist in keeping the campus clean
- Security Team Ensure the students' safety and adherence to CHIC policies
- Setup Specialists Assist with setup of event rooms, movement of equipment, audio visual setup, etc.
- Shuttle Drivers (off campus) Drive 15 passenger vans, shuttle adults from campus to housing
- Shuttle Drivers (on campus) Drive 15 passenger vans, shuttle injured students or adults to and from events
- Video Camera Assistant Assist main stage camera person (experience required)
- First Aid Team Provide non-emergency first aid to participants (professional medical experience required)
- Welcome Party Set Up Assist with all aspects of the Welcome Party set up (must be able to arrive one day early to CHIC)
- Welcome Party Assistant Assist at the Welcome Party activities and clean up as needed

If you have any questions, please contact the CHIC Office at 1-800-910-CHIC (2442).

## PARENT MEETING

## **Preparation**



Everything you need to host a successful parent meeting at your church is available at CHIC2015.org.

When you visit the "For Leaders Only" section of the CHIC 2015 website, you will find all of the materials needed to host a Parent Meeting. Click on the "Parent Meeting in a Box" link to access this fantastic resource.

This "box" was created by the CHIC Leader Experiences team specifically to assist youth workers and volunteers in hosting an informational meeting in their church. In addition to pictures from CHIC 2012, you will get access to:

- An informational guide for organizing your meeting
- A sample letter you can send to the parents
- A schedule for the night
- Notes and talking points
- Supply lists
- An FAQ sheet
- Fundraising ideas
- The official CHIC 2015 brochure
- Two CHIC 2015 promo videos these can also be shown in your church!
- A helpful and informative powerpoint
- And a document to share with the parents: "Why our students need CHIC!"

If you are thinking about ways to get CHIC 2015 in front of the parents in your church, this is the perfect resource for you. Check it out! If you have any questions about hosting this meeting, or CHIC in general, you will find the name and contact information of your conference's CHIC liaison on the CHIC website as well. Contacting your conference liaison is the first step when looking for information before calling the CHIC Office due to the volume of inquiries.

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www.CHIC2015.org

CHIC Office Contact: (800) 910-2442

chic(at)covenantevents.org

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#### TO WHOM SHOULD THE REGISTRATION CHECK BE WRITTEN?

Make payments directly to the church for all registration fees and the church will submit single church checks for the group. However, excursions can be paid either by church check or individually by credit card or personal check.

#### WHAT SORT OF SUPERVISION CAN I EXPECT?

The leaders from each church are the first point of supervision for their students. Like most camps and retreats we take our

students to we attempt to provide a healthy balance between supervision and freedom. It is mandatory for students to be at meals, base camps, and main stage and in their dorms at lights out. During the afternoon, students will have some freedom with the activities they choose, but the boundaries of where they can go will be clear.

Security and Supervision for youth at CHIC includes:

- The leaders from your church
- The University of Tennessee security team
- CHIC volunteer security team
- Each dorm has a security team led by the dorm, a Resident Supervisor, and a conference point person

#### WHAT ARE THE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS?

Each conference will be assigned a dormitory for their students to sleep in. Each room will have two to three students living in them. The adult leaders will be in rooms next to the rooms of their students. Every dorm will have alternating floors for guys and girls. The University of Tennessee provides bedding and towels for each student.

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#### WHAT KINDS OF OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES WILL YOU OFFER?

CHIC Excursions seeks to offer students fun and adventurous activities that will enhance the CHIC experience. By facilitating activities that may be outside of their normal routines back home, our hope is that the memories that they make on excursions will be woven into the tapestry of the once-in-a-lifetime event that is CHIC. A sampling of the excursions includes:

White Water Rafting Dollywood Splash Country Water Park Tuckaleechee Cave Tour Horseback Riding/Cave Tour Combo Paintball Lazv River Tubing

Excursion registration opens January 2015. Prices for excursions range from \$10-\$75. Excursion options and fees are subject to change.

#### WHAT KINDS OF SERVICE PROJECTS CAN OUR GROUP PARTICIPATE IN?

The Long Road to Justice team offers opportunities for students and youth ministries to sign up through EXCURSIONS for ministry opportunities in the Knoxville area. In the past, we have partnered with a homeless shelter to support its various ministries, as well as with a local farm that helps produce food for the shelter. We want to uplift the existing local work in Knoxville and make a positive impact, to give students the opportunity to put their faith into action as well as to inspire ideas for when they return home. Registration and a complete listing will be available early 2015.

#### WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR CHIC 2015?

Sunday July 12- Friday July 17

Sunday, July 12

11:00 a.m. Check-in begins in dorms

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Welcome party

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner (1st meal available in

campus dining halls)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Early evening options

8:00 p.m.

MainStage Following MainStage Small groups Midnight In dorms

12:30 a.m. Liahts out Monday, July 13 - Thursday, July 16

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast** 

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Counselor meeting 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Base camps 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Afternoon options

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner

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Friday, July 17

Prior to 10:00 am Check out of dorms and head

home

Note: no breakfast provided

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# WHAT TO PACK



Below is a list of recommended items to pack for CHIC. See Standards of Conduct for more details.

WHAI TO BRING:	WHAI NOT TO BRING:
☐ Alarm clock	Alcohol
☐ Beach towel	Any weapons
☐ Bible	Controlled substances
□ Camera	Firearms
□ Closed toe shoes for rafting (optional)	Fireworks
□ Comfortable walking shoes	Immodest clothing
☐ Insect repellent	Laser pointers
□ Journal and pen	
□ Long pants	
☐ Medications	
☐ Modest Swim Suit	
□ Pajamas	
□ Raincoat	
□ Shorts	
□ Spending money	
□ Stamps	
□ Sunglasses	
☐ Suntan lotion	
☐ Sweatshirt/Light coat	
□ Tennis racket (optional)	
□ Toiletries	
☐ T-shirts	
□ Underwear	
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Skate Park must provide their own equipment.	(VILLE SKAIE PARK) line skates, or helmets/pads); individuals wishing to use the Knoxville
☐ Skateboard	
☐ In-line skates	
☐ Helmet and pads	
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