



YOUTH

Starting a Local Chapter Youth Movement Information Sheet

MOVEMENT

Goals:

- To give CMA Youth a place to belong and a place where they can invite other youth to attend without forcing those young visitors to attend along with traditional adult members of a local chapter.
- To provide an avenue for students to reach out to other students.

Plan:

- Allow CMA Youth Members to form their own CMA recognized groups.
- This recognition is not a chapter charter, but a certificate of recognition. These Youth Movement groups will be known as "Specific Name" Youth Movement of "Existing Chapter".

Guidelines:

- Local CMA Youth Movements must be based out of and overseen by an existing CMA chapter.
- Local CMA Youth Movements must have an adult member or members from the existing chapter willing to accept the responsibility of being the overseer of the youth group. This person(s), must meet the qualifications for CMA Youth Movement Leaders.
- Students involved in the local chapter Youth Movement should be ages 12-18.
- Local Chapter Youth Movements can have their own name and small patch. (Approved by chapter and state leadership.)
- Local Chapter Youth Movements can elect officers. (Road Captain should serve as liaison between 'parent' chapter and youth group.)
- Local Chapter Youth Movements can meet independently from parent chapter but must have adult chapter member(s) present.
- Local Chapter Youth Movements can plan events independently from parent chapters but are encouraged to creatively think of ways to remain involved in chapter events as well.
- Local Chapter Youth Movements are encouraged to be involved in Run-for-the-Son and donations will be accounted together with parent chapter.





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Steps for Starting a CMA Youth Movement in your chapter

- Encourage any teen students (age 12-17) to become members of CMA.
- Encourage these teen students to complete the Youth Movement Ministry Team.
- Identify a chapter member who is interested in becoming an adult leader (couples preferred, but not required).
- This potential Chapter Youth Movement Leader should take the Youth or Children's Ministry Team, complete a background check.
- This potential Chapter Youth Movement Leader examines the "Local Youth Movement Leader Information Packet" and prayerfully consider completing the application. (this document is available online at www.cmausa.org/cma_national/youth-movement.asp.)
- The completed application is submitted to the State Youth Movement Rep or the State Coordinator (if no YM Rep is active in the state).
- This application is approved by the CMA State Leadership and the region's National Evangelist and with input from the National Youth Movement Evangelist if necessary.
- The approval of this application is communicated to the chapter, and copied to the region's National Evangelist and the National Youth Movement Evangelist.
- The newly approved Chapter Youth Movement Leader should begin to organize meetings and activities for the students who are involved in the chapter.
- Quickly after beginning to meet, the students involved in the chapter, together with the Chapter Youth Movement Leader may develop their own name and small chapter patch. Which is approved by the chapter and state leadership. (and copied to the region's National Evangelist and the National Youth Movement Evangelist.)
- Once name and patch have been approved, the Chapter Youth Movement may be recognized officially by the CMA State Leadership at the time they feel most appropriate.
- State Rallies and Seasons of Refreshing are great opportunities to recognize a local Chapter Youth Movement.
- At the official recognition, a certificate of recognition is presented to the local Chapter Youth Movement.

