



**Rocky Mountain Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## **Application for Cornerstone Peer Minister**

Rocky Mountain Synod - Senior High Youth Gathering  
November 19 to 21, 2010, in Estes Park, CO

The Senior High Youth Gathering planning team is seeking faithful and responsible young adults to serve as Cornerstone Peer Ministers. An applicant must be out of high school and age 18-25. Please read the details below. If you feel called to serve throughout this special weekend, then prayerfully consider serving as a Cornerstone Peer Minister for the 2010 Senior High Youth Gathering.

**APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1. NOTIFICATION OCTOBER 15.**

*Selection process will be attentive to balance of gender, race, geographic representation of our synod.*

### **Expectations and Responsibilities:**

- + Be welcoming and hospitable to all guests of the Gathering (answering/directing questions, building excitement and support through your participation and building authentic relationships through-out the weekend's events).
- + Be respectful of the planning team, fellow Cornerstone Peer Ministers, adult leaders and youth attending the Gathering.
- + Receive and follow all Safe Haven Guidelines and Covenants for the weekend, including appropriate adult/youth boundaries and guidelines for personal conduct.
- + Act as a team member.
- + **A Cornerstone Peer Minister must be able to participate in the Peer Ministry and Safe Haven training beginning Thursday eve, November 18, at 7:00pm in Estes Park. And serve through-out the entire SHYG weekend which ends Sunday, November 21 at 1pm.**
  - Inform Cornerstone Peer Ministry leaders, *Jordan Berry* and *Marissa Smith*, in a timely manner, if you are unable to attend a scheduled event or meeting or are no longer able to fulfill the responsibilities of a Cornerstone Peer Minister.

### **Skills, Characteristics and Gifts desired:**

- + A growing faith in Jesus Christ.
- + Love and respect for all God's creation as reflected in one's choices and actions.
- + Enjoy spending time with people, especially youth.
- + Ability to communicate effectively - listening and sharing.
- + Positive role model in daily life and in all personal and e-communications.
- + Patient + Trustworthy + Reliable.
- + An advocate for the youth and their role and gifts in our church.
- + Willingness to share one's own unique gifts with others.
  - Practices grace and forgiveness.

## Provisions/Benefits

- Utilizing one's gifts to contribute to the life and ministry of the Rocky Mountain Synod.
- Member of a dynamic team.
- Experiencing and contributing to a safe, creative, life-giving environment.
- Meeting people from across the Rocky Mountain Synod.
- A vital part of ministry with our youth.
- Shared housing (4-6 same gender/room) Fri/Sat nights at YMCA Camp of the Rockies.
- All meals while serving on-site as a CornerStone Peer Minister.
- Nationally recognized Peer Ministry Training with Lyle Griner & Tangled Blue.

If you are interested in applying for one of 20 positions, fill out the application below and email it by October 1 to:

Jordan Berry and Marissa Smith

[cornerstoneshyg2010@yahoo.com](mailto:cornerstoneshyg2010@yahoo.com)

Or send snail mail: % Linda Staats, RMS, 455 Sherman St., Suite 160, Denver, CO 80203

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name by which I want to be called

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone or Best # to reach you \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Currently a student at, or employed at \_\_\_\_\_

The reasons I want to serve as a Cornerstone Peer Minister:

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I have the following gifts/characteristics: (Check all that are true for you)

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| _____ Like and enjoy being with youth                           | _____ Patience                    |
| _____ Laugh at self and with others                             | _____ Music                       |
| _____ Crafts  | _____ Drama                       |
| _____ Artistic  | _____ Prayer & concern for others |
| _____ Leading Games   | _____ Design/Decorating           |
| _____ Talking/Listening   | _____ Organizing/Administration   |
| _____ Leadership  | _____ Flexible, think on my feet  |
| _____ Teaching  | _____ Hospitality                 |
| _____ Self-directed and self monitoring                         | _____ Cross-cultural awareness    |
| _____ Reflect & summarize situation around me                   | _____ Writing/Journaling          |
| _____ Work effectively in a group setting with adults and youth |                                   |

I have health/accident insurance: Yes No  
 I am available all the dates/times listed for this event: Yes No  
*(If no, please explain at the end of this application)*  
 I am willing to provide personal info for a background check: Yes No

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Congregation Name Location

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**Name and contact information of a pastor who knows you and can affirm your gifts to serve as a Cornerstone Peer Minister:**

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Pastor's Name Congregation and Location

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E-mail Phone #

- If returning this application by email, CC the pastor you have named above.
- If returning this application by snail mail, then give a copy to your pastor.

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**Questions:**

Please Contact *Jordan Berry* (303.601.8865) and *Marissa Smith* (720.236.4388)  
[conrnerstoneshyg2010@yahoo.com](mailto:conrnerstoneshyg2010@yahoo.com)

OR

*Linda Staats*, Assistant to the Bishop for Youth & Household Ministry  
 lstaats@rmselca.org (602.740.3752)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am also interested in serving in a similar role at the **Middle School Youth Gathering** in Colorado Springs, January 14-16, 2011.

**Write here** anything else you want Jordan & Marissa and the SHYG Planning Team to know about you: