

## **C-READY Camp – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Teams**

#### **How many teens make up a team?**

There are many variations from two to 30 youth in each community team. We advocate teams because we promote youth teams working together to complete community emergency preparedness service-learning projects after they have completed the C-READY Camp. We also plan to keep the youth involved in disaster exercises throughout the year!

#### **How do you suggest forming a team?**

Drawing from the Wisconsin READY Camp experience, teams have been formed by various methods. Recruitment is done by letting youth know that you will be bringing a team. Some methods that have been used in the past:

- Those who are interested in entering careers in fire service, medical care, law enforcement, emergency management, and health education.
- Inspirational and motivated youth who are interested in beginning READY Clubs at their school, church, and/or youth organization.
- Youth who have had life challenges and really need to be connected in their community.
- Hold competitions by youth who are interested in participating – those who are the most involved demonstrate their desire to attend.
- Measure their current involvement in the community/school/youth organization and willing to serve others.

#### **Is it mandatory that a C-READY Team Advisor come with the team?**

We strongly recommend that you do everything possible to have an advisor accompany your C-READY Team. It not only helps throughout the week, but the Team Advisor is the primary contact to relay information to the youth after they complete the C-READY Camp experience. They also help with the development and implementation of community service learning projects. Even if there are several adults who take turns to fill this role, this is better than not having an advisor.

#### **Who can serve as a C-READY Team Advisor?**

The C-READY Team Advisor varies from community to community. They can be a parent, teacher, principal, school nurse, firefighter, police officer, public health nurse, emergency management director, youth worker, Americorps volunteer, youth pastor, etc. There is no experience required – only that the Advisor is over 21 years old and has demonstrated maturity in working with youth.

## Registration

### **I would like to register my son/daughter but the Registration Form is for a team. What should I do?**

Individuals are welcome to attend, but it is preferred to have teams of youth attend. Complete the same registration form but leave the rest blank.

### **Are there other liability forms/waivers that need to be signed?**

Yes, after receiving the completed registration form, you will receive a packet of information including several forms that need to be completed and submitted one week prior to the first day of camp. No one will be able to participate in the C-READY Camp without the signed forms.

### **What is included in the registration fee?**

The registration fee covers all logistical costs during the week including all instructional materials, adventure activities, busing to specific areas after arrival until the end of the camp activities, breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages, snacks, and many other costs to provide the education and activities of the READY Camp.

### **Our team is planning to attend from another state. Is this possible?**

Yes, definitely! It's great for the youth to learn about different geographical areas and other cultures. We have a team that is very involved from Ontario Canada! One of the awesome benefits to attending the C-READY Camp is getting to know youth from so many different areas – both rural and urban. We also promote keeping in touch after attending the camp through our Facebook page!

### **How do I apply for my son/daughter to have a scholarship to attend the C-READY camp?**

Our C-READY team has the goal of providing scholarships to all youth who have financial challenges and are interested in attending the C-READY Camp. We don't want the registration fee to be a barrier to attending. Have your child write a letter to the C-READY team letting us know the reasons that they would like to attend and that they are not able to raise the funds.

### **What if my child is handicapped? Will he/she still be able to attend?**

Yes, our team is committed to involve and assist your child as much as possible to complete all activities that he/she feels comfortable. They would also be able to enlighten others about the needs of handicapped persons during an emergency or disaster situation.

## Lodging

### **Where will the youth be staying? What about the advisors?**

During the weeks of all camps, the advisors will be staying in the same area as the youth – female advisors will be staying in the female designated areas and male advisors will be staying in the male designated areas. It is not allowed for young men to go in the young ladies area at no time during the week. There are designated public areas for activities and for getting to know each other.

Lodging will be at Eagle County Fairgrounds – Eagle, Colorado – youth and advisors will be staying in tents. The tent area will be separate from the activity and educational area. Portable toilets will be in the area for use at night with lighting for safety. Showers will be taken at area Eagle schools and recreational facilities. Contingency plans have been made in case of inclement weather.

**As a C-READY Team Advisor, am I able to make suggestions for lodging assignments for the youth?**

Yes, you know the youth that you are chaperoning better. We will do our best to accommodate your suggestions.

**C-READY Camp Week Activities**

**Do the C-READY Team Advisors participate in the education and activities?**

Yes, it is preferred that the Advisor work with the C-READY Team to develop a cohesive community team of youth. It however is not required. If the adult would not like to participate in the adventure activities such as white water rafting and zip line, that will be fine.

**What certifications do the youth receive?**

All participants will be certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED). They will receive a certificate that they have successfully completed the C-READY Camp. Some school programs have given credits to youth who attend the camp experience, but that is according to their School Board's approval. Scouts have earned several badges throughout the week.

**What is a Community Emergency Preparedness Service-Learning Project?**

Throughout the week at the C-READY Camp, youth will be introduced to many ways that they will be able to help in their community. They will receive information about connecting with their local fire departments, EMS services, emergency management offices, hospitals, and other prevention based organizations to develop and implement projects that will prevent emergency situations in their school or community.