

January 26, 2010

Dear Parent,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an initiative that will form junior youth groups for moral and spiritual education that fosters positive human values. In their meetings, the youth will develop activities that will serve the community and empower their capabilities for leadership.

The program:

1. Fosters academic excellence and moral behavior. The program materials, focused to help them improve reading and communication skills, will also assist them in learning spiritual principles such as unity in diversity, service, justice, peace, friendship and generosity, and how to apply them.
2. Teaches the junior youth to serve their community.
3. Teaches them to reflect on ideas that remedy the specific needs of their neighborhood, and put the ideas into practice.
4. Fosters and promotes healthy, safe entertainment, such as sports and the arts. For example, hiking in a park, spending some time studying in our workbook, playing a sport for a while and, finally, clean the park area or the street of trash.
5. Encourages the junior youth to use their free time to do something to uplift and build their characters.

Your son is cordially invited to participate in the group. The meeting days and times are **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The workbook is entitled “Walking the Straight Path.”

The junior youth group will be sponsored by the Bahá’i Faith of Cleveland, and will be coordinated by a team of volunteer animators: Mr. Jamaal Billingsley and Mr. Mario Little. The primary meeting location will be the home of Jamaal Billingsley at 3119 Livingston Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Jamaal Billingsley at (216) 410-1141.

Thank you so much for considering this opportunity for your youth and the future of our neighborhood. If you would like for your youth to participate, please sign the permission slip below.

Sincerely,

Jamaal Billingsley  
on behalf of the Bahá’is of Cleveland

## PERMISSION SLIP

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Print Child's Name

Child's Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_. I have read the information about  
The Junior Youth Program and give permission for my child to participate  
in this program. I understand that this program is sponsored by The Bahá'í  
Faith of Cleveland.

My emergency contact phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's allergies, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian