

# HOF TEC APPLICATION

HOF-TEC # \_\_\_\_\_ DATES OF WEEKEND \_\_\_\_\_

Fields marked with \* are required!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male [ ] Female [ ]

School you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent(s) Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Health Insurance Info \_\_\_\_\_

\*Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

\*Any diet requirements, allergies, or medications? If so, please explain. If not, put 'none'.  
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Do you know anyone else who has made a TEC retreat? No [ ] Yes [ ] (Who?)

Do you play any instruments? If so, what do you play?

Reasons for wanting to attend a TEC retreat?

\*I promise to remain open to what TEC has to offer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

\*I feel this applicant is ready to attend a TEC retreat:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Signature

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# CHRISTIAN RETREAT



TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST  
**TEC**

For the Development of  
Christian Leaders

Total cost of retreat is \$75. Please send \$25 deposit with this application to:

Hearts on Fire TEC, c/o Jan Beaty  
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INFORMATION & APPLICATION

## **What it is ...**

A TEC retreat is an encounter with Christ in which the participant becomes part of a small community abounding in God's grace. It enhances and strengthens our personal relationships with Christ, with our Christian brothers and sisters, and with our greater Christian community. The TEC retreat is coming face to face with Christ.

During the three days of a TEC retreat, participants live together, study together, and interact closely with one another. Through this they gain a deep and permanent living awareness of their faith. Along with this follows the responsibility that such a deep awareness involves.

The retreat starts at 8:45am the 1st day, and ends at 6pm the 3rd day.

## **What it does ...**

TEC's goal is to change the world -- to remodel the world in Christ. It is important to view the process of TEC as a movement and not simply as an organization. TEC is an ongoing process that lasts far beyond the retreat weekend. TEC does not work directly with the problems of the church or society, but instead it works to form a group of young people who are equipped to deal with these problems.

It is hoped that participants will become more effective leaders in their local congregations as a result of the TEC and Beyond TEC experiences.

## **How it's done ...**

TEC is centered around 15 talks (five given each day), with five given by pastors and ten given by young people who are part of a team. Team members have previously attended a TEC retreat and had weeks of leadership training. The talks deal with living one's life in God's grace. After each talk, the guests meet in small groups to discuss the main points that were presented. The atmosphere of the retreat weekend is intended to -- and does -- resemble the early Christian community.

The retreat gains effectiveness by natural means (talking, laughing, worshipping, etc.), in combination with the grace of God. Throughout the entire weekend, team members and former TEC attendees pray for God's blessing and guidance. TEC recognizes the need for helping and supporting one another in our individual walks with Christ. Such fellowship is vital to the growth of any Christian.

## **Who can do it ...**

TEC is designed for Christians who not only desire a strengthening of personal faith, but also would like to make a greater commitment to serving Christ through discipleship. In short, the person who attends a retreat should recognize that being a Christian involves the responsibility of reaching out to others, in addition to privileges.

The retreat is open to mature youths--men and women between the ages of 15 and 21. Older adults are also welcome and serve as a vital part of the retreat.

## **After it's over ...**

After the retreat, participants are expected to do two things: 1) expand their own inner spiritual life, and 2) become more active apostles of Christ. The "after" activity of the retreat is known as "Beyond TEC." Beyond TEC actually lasts throughout the remainder of our lives on earth.

Perseverance is a part of any method of renewal. In the TEC movement, the community spirit is continued after the initial three days through gatherings and community nights. Gatherings are times of reflection, sharing, and prayer in a small group setting. Community nights are fellowship meetings of the TEC community, which may be sleepovers, picnics, pool parties and cookouts, or other planned activities. Attendance at gatherings and community nights is voluntary, but it is encouraged and essential for renewal.

## **It's history ...**

TEC stands for "Teens Encounter Christ." It is a name used for a movement of personal Christian renewal within the Church. The instrument of renewal originated in Missouri under the name "Show Me TEC." TEC has been in North Carolina since March 1990.

It is a highly structured, well thought-out method of renewing the faith of individuals and, in turn, affecting the congregations from which they come and the environments in which they live. The TEC movement was started for youth, and its purpose has since been carried out by youth. Presented through the united effort of laypersons and clergy, it is designed to aid in the development of young Christian leaders.

