

Lovin' Life Ministries and Special Task Force Plan Rocky Mountain Rally Douglas Burton February 22, 2001

Special Task Force (STF), the Unification Church's high-profile character-education program, is gearing up to host Rev. In Jin Moon for a Lovin' Life Ministries Sunday service on March 13, 2011 at the Estes Park YMCA Center in Colorado. The visit coincides with the opening of STF enrollment for the coming year in March of 2011, according to STF Director Roland Platt. "This year we have 150 participants. 110 are 1st years, 2nd and 3rd years serve as staff," Mr. Platt tells Familyfed.org.



STF trainees participate in morning exercises at UTS Seminary in Barrytown, NY

"The STF program is continuously evolving to become the premier leadership training program for children of Unificationists after high school or during their college years. Guided by Rev. In Jin Moon, we strive to provide, in one year, an environment conducive

to a well rounded development: a life of faith, heart of attendance, Divine Principle education, international service, witnessing and fundraising experience, academic enrichment, Blessing preparation and more, "Platt explains.

Youth participants typically are between the ages of 18 and 22. They experience three modules of education. One is an overseas service project that typically includes three weeks of on-the-ground service in a developing country. STF students this year helped construct a health clinic in Honduras, improve a community center in Costa Rica, and renovate an orphanage in Guyana. STF did other projects in Guatemala, Jamaica and St. Lucia.

#### STF Meets with Prime Minister of Guyana

Eunhwa Mouada, a second-generation leader of the STF team currently in Georgetown, Guyana reports: "All of us are growing and learning a lot. We met the Prime Minister of Guyana and the Mayor of Georgetown, who are both Ambassadors for Peace. The mayor was really encouraging the members to be fearless when it comes to what they believe is right and to not let other people influence their decisions."



Hideyuki Belfort, 23, Rannyu Ngoran, 18, and Jeffrey Archer, 18 test their nerve at Zero Gravity Thrill Park near Dallas, Texas

Mouada also reports on the service project in Guyana: "We have done a lot of different kinds of projects so far. We worked at Joshua House [the orphanage] for a few days playing with the kids, painting, and making cement. We worked with the Hindu community cleaning up their temple (that has a huge picture of True Parents in it next to all their gods) and participated in their interfaith service. All the sisters had fun wearing traditional Indian saris (dresses). We ate with our hands, getting curry everywhere. We've been helping to build a Christian community center where some of our members tied steel together to create a foundation for the building."

A second module involves supporting outreach programs such as the Learning Center in New York City or staffing church-related conferences. The third module is dedicated to character education through fund raising.

The STF program has taken on some innovations under Rev. Moon's guidance. "In Jin Nim sees STF as a vehicle both for building internal and external excellence," Platt says. In 2010 all participants spent many hours choosing colleges and preparing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) exam. At the same time, the weeks spent doing outreach programs at the Learning Center in Manhattan included several outings with Rev. Moon herself, and her family.

The Lovin' Life Service at the Estes Park YMCA will cap the last day of an STF parents' workshop that begins on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

"The families' workshop takes place in the beautiful YMCA of the Rockies. It is an opportunity for parents, siblings, and graduates to connect to the bright and energetic spirit of STF for a weekend. Through her involvement and investment into the STF program, In Jin Nim is demonstrating her tremendous love, hope and conviction in the 2nd Generation," explains STF Director Platt.

# STF Families' Workshop

Dear STF Families,

We are pleased to announce the annual STF Families Workshop located in breathtaking Estes Park, CO. This year we have been blessed to be hosting Lovin' Life Ministries. This document will go into detail on the schedule and rates. Please note, anything is subject to change.

## **Schedule**

	Mar 11, 2011	Mar 12, 2011	Mar 13, 2011	
6:00 AM		Wake Up	Wake Up	
6:30 AM		Pledge/ Wake Up Activity/	Pledge/ Wake Up Activity/ HDH	
7:00 AM		HDH		
7:30 AM				
8:00 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	
8:30 AM				
9:00 AM				
9:30 AM				
10:00 AM		Guest Speakers	MINISTRIES	
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11:00 AM				
11:30 AM				
12:00 PM			Lunch	
12:30 PM		Lunch	Lanon	
1:00 PM				
1:30 PM	Families Start Arriving			
2:00 PM		Sports / Outing with	Ballroom Dance Class  End of LLM/ Session 8	
2:30 PM		Parents and Family		
3:00 PM		,		
3:30 PM				
4:00 PM				
4:30 PM		STF Presentation		
5:00 PM				
5:30 PM	Dia	Dia		
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
6:30 PM				
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7:30 PM	Welcome Orientation / Testimonies	Family Entertainment / Testimonies		
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9:00 PM	Closing	Closing	Closing	
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# **Colorado**

Estes Park is located 7522 ft above sea level. Please be aware due to high altitude, it is important to stay well hydrated.

#### Weather

The weather is very unpredictable especially in the mountains. We are hoping for the best but prepare for the worst. There will be very few times when you will be outside. Nonetheless, it is recommended to bring a winter coat and accessories.

# Flight Information

Estes Park is one and half hours away from Denver International Airport.

## Arrival Time March 11th

STF orientation will start promptly at 7pm. Therefore, if possible please try to arrive before 5pm at DIA. However, STF will have shuttles running until 8pm.

## Departure Time March 13th

Please try to leave after Lovin' Life has concluded. We recommend flights leaving after 3pm from DIA. If your schedule will allow, we would like to encourage your participation in Ballroom Dance Ministry led by, In Jin Nim's Daughter, Ariana Shin Sun Moon.

### **Shuttle Service**

STF will provide a shuttle service. The cost is \$20 roundtrip per person.

# **Room Rates**

Estes Park provides a variety of different options. Here is a list of all the options. Please note rates are based on a stay from 3/11 Evening to 3/14 Noon. Rates will vary based on length of stay and number of meals. YMCA Estes Park is more like a hotel so the use of sleeping bags in not necessary.

For more details on cabins and lodges please go to: <a href="http://www.ymcarockies.org/EPC">http://www.ymcarockies.org/EPC</a> Lodging.htm

# Lodges

Lodges are rooms within a large facility. Each room can sleep up to 5-6 people. The rates will go down incrementally based on how many people stay in the room. These rooms come with 3 meals per day. **PLEASE REMEMBER THIS RATE IS FOR THE ENTIRE STAY PER PERSON.** 

Dates	3/11 - 3/14		3/11 - 3/14		
Lodge	Central Lodge	Eastside Lodge			
<b>Available Rooms</b>	13	Per Person	37	Per Person	
Rates		Per night		Per night	
1 Person	357	119	297	99	
2 People	223.5	74.5	193.50	64.5	
3 People	179.01	59.67	159	53	
4 People	156.75	52.25	141.75	47.25	
5 People	143.4	47.8	131.40	43.8	
6 People	N/A		124.5	41.5	
Children	57		57		
Meals	12 meals Included		12 meals Included		

Children = 6 - 12 years of age Children under the age of 6 are free

# **Cabins**

Cabins vary in size and amenities. Each cabin comes standard with a kitchen, because of this each cabin does not come with a meal plan. Please note, rates are based on the rental of the entire cabin it is not a per person rate. Rate is per cabin per night. Rates will vary if you decide to stay longer or shorter.

Dates	3/11 - 3/14	3/11 - 3/14	3/11 - 3/14	3/11 - 3/14	3/11 - 3/14	3/11 - 3/14
Cabin Description	2 Bdrm Basic Cabin	2 Bdrm Cabin	2 Bdrm Midsize Cabin	3 Bdrm Cabin	3 Bdrm Vacation Home	4 Bdrm Vacation Home
Cabins Available	7	31	12	24	10	8
Max Occupancy	4	5	4	7	7	10
Rates (Per Cabin)	\$297	\$417	\$357	\$567	\$687	\$837
Meal Plan	No	No	No	No	No	No

## **Meals**

YMCA Estes park offers 3 all you can eat buffets daily. For those staying in lodges a meal plan is included in the rate. For those staying in a cabin the meal plan is not included. Here is the break down of the cost of each meal. This is per person per meal.

Breakfast - \$7 Lunch - \$9 Dinner - \$13

Total: \$29

## **Online Reservations**

To make reservations online please click on the following links:

STF Families' Workshop Lodges

STF Families' Workshop Cabins

If you would like to come in earlier or stay longer, you will need to make your reservation on-line first for the dates of the conference. Then you will need to call Family Reservations at (888) 613-9622 to add the additional nights to your group reservation. Please have your reservation number handy. **Please note reservations are under HSAUWC not STF.** 

If you have any questions, please contact the Central Reservations Office at (888) 613-9622

If you are reserving for a group please have one person sign up for the entire group. There is \$25 deposit due upon reservation.

## **Contact**

#### **Sharing Rooms:**

If you are looking to share rooms with other families. Please contact Barbara Karnowski. <a href="mailto:bkarnowski@yahoo.com">bkarnowski@yahoo.com</a>

#### **Questions or Concerns**

For any questions or concerns please contact our parents representative, Margorie Swenson. <u>marjorie\_swenson@yahoo.com</u>

We are looking forward to seeing you! Safe Travels!