

# LEAD THE CAUSE 2021

## **What is the Cause?**

Teenagers today live in a cause-centric world. They broadcast their causes with their shoes, t-shirts, profile pictures, and hashtags. This speaks to a deep longing to be part of something big, something transcendent, something that will change the world.

We use “THE Cause” as a way to re-brand the Great Commission for the next generation and connect to the heart of teens. Jesus said, “the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost” (Luke 19:10). And His last command to His disciples was to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19).

We believe that what drove Jesus should drive every believer. That’s why THE Cause of Christ is at the heart of the Lead THE Cause event. And when teenagers are captured by THE Cause, they become an unstoppable force for God’s Kingdom!

## **When is the Cause?**

July 5-10, 2021

## **Where is the Cause?**

Colorado Christian University  
8787 W Alameda Ave,  
Lakewood, CO 80226

## **Why attend the Cause?**

If you want to see your students on fire for Christ and for sharing the Gospel, then come to Lead THE Cause in Denver this summer!

## **What is the Cost?**

We ask that parents pray about how much to contribute. The cost of an individual ticket is \$485. ***Each ticket has already been paid for.*** Each participant should also bring some cash to make purchases on snacks, merchandise, etc. Ideas for students to raise money to contribute include community service efforts or writing letters. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Pastor Philip.

**Who will be going?**

Our plan is to take a group of six individuals (Pastor Philip & Emilee, two male students, two female students) from our church. We will also be traveling with a few other churches in our area that we frequently partner with.

**How are we getting there?**

We will travel by van/bus from Webb City to Denver, CO.

**When do we leave & return?**

Departure Date: Sunday July 4

Return Date: Saturday July 10 (very late/early morning hours of the 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Where will we stay?**

Sunday July 4 – Denver, CO with Roger & Shannon Odegard (family of the Pastor Philip & Emilee)

Staying on campus at CCU the rest of the week

## **The Experience**

Denver, the mile high city of more than 680,000 residents, will provide an inspiring backdrop for the week.

Unique experiences your students will have in the Mile High City.

- Powerful prayer experience at columbine high school and the columbine memorial
- Spend time in the city of Denver sharing your faith
- Dinner and commissioning ceremony in the rocky mountains

## **Solid biblical training to strengthen their core**

Each student will participate in Core Training breakout sessions where they'll learn and practice foundational truths. There are three different tracks based on the number of times the student has attended Lead THE Cause, plus the youth leader's discretion.

Core 101 Training Topics (Recommended for 1st year students)

### *The Gospel*

The Gospel is an overview of the entire story of the Bible. In this session you will drill down into each letter of our GOSPEL acrostic so that you have a thorough understanding of what the good news is and so that you can remember it in the midst of your conversation. A great tool for you that will increase your confidence in being able to really share Christ and God's plan with your friends, family, teammates and neighbors.

### *Ask, Admire, Admit*

The key to effectively sharing your faith is by having a conversation, not giving a presentation. People are more open to discussing their spiritual views when they know that you genuinely care about them and want to know what they believe and why. This session goes over our proven approach that allows you to start a spiritual conversation in non-offensive, genuine way.

### *Now What?*

The point of sharing the gospel is for the person to understand what God has done for them and that He desires a relationship with them. Bringing them to a point where they understand that they need to decide what they are going to do about Jesus is a critical component of sharing the gospel, but many of us have a hard time when it comes to bringing them to a decision. Now What? Helps students with this crucial skill and provides approaches that will enable them to give the listener a chance to respond to God's love.

## **FAQ**

*Who is behind the event?*

Lead THE Cause is put on by Dare 2 Share Ministries. The mission of Dare 2 Share is “Energizing the Church to Mobilize youth to Gospelize their world.”

Dare 2 Share has also partnered with Sonlife and Colorado Christian University to make Lead THE Cause a reality.

*Who is Lead THE Cause for?*

LTC is designed for youth leaders and their students who want to leverage their talents and abilities to advance THE Cause of Christ. We encourage you to bring every student in your youth group that you would take on a mission trip. Training is geared toward students between 9th and 12th grade, but middle school students and college freshmen are invited at the discretion of their youth leader.

*How will it help my students?*

The mission and training week dives into principles that will inspire and equip your students to take their faith to the next level and sets them up to understand and model discipleship. Participants will be actively learning, praying, witnessing, and strategizing. They’ll leave LTC motivated and equipped with a specific, customized plan for impacting their world for Christ and His Cause.

*What does the small group training look like?*

Three mornings at LTC will have a Core Training breakout session for all attendees. During Core Training, students learn the skills and tactics needed to effectively and confidently share their faith in a relational, conversational manner. Core 101 is for all students unless they are recommended for a higher track by their youth leader. Second year students may be eligible for the Core 201 track, and third year and up attendees may be eligible for the Core 301 track. See the next FAQ for more information on the Core 201 and 301 tracks.

*What does a typical day look like?*

Mornings include worship and leadership and evangelism training. Afternoons provide practical application including two days of outreach to the community. Evenings provide worship, motivational teaching, small group time, strategic planning and collaboration.

*Is there room and board?*

Housing accommodations, meals, and free WiFi are offered during the 5 day conference.

*Will we need to bring bedding?*

Bedding is provided at all locations, but you are welcome to bring your own bedding if you'd prefer.

*What is the dress code for Lead THE Cause?*

All clothing should be appropriately modest and appropriate for the activities students will be participating in during the event.

*What if someone in our group has a medical emergency while at LTC?*

All students are required to complete the medical release form listing their group leaders as their personal representatives in case of an emergency. If parents cannot be reached, group leaders will have the authority to approve necessary treatment. Additionally, if students have required medication or treatments that need to be managed during LTC, the responsibility is on the student and group leaders.

We will also provide a list of local urgent care facilities and hospitals when you check in should a medical emergency happen in your group.