



Institute 2011: Connect

June 19 to 25, 2011, @ Baker University

God's Original Social Network

God created humankind for relationship, and this summer at UMYF Senior High Institute, we will explore what it means to be in relationship with self, with others and with God. Our theme for the week is "Institute 2011: Connect." Come "connect" and discover how you can be involved with God's original social network this summer at Institute 2011!

Institute is a unique week of spiritual formation and discipleship for senior-high youth when youth are taught to both receive and give care as taught by Jesus Christ. It is more than a week of church camp. It is a way of life.

For 100 years, young people have come to Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, to attend UMYF Institute, which is a ministry of the Kansas East Conference Council on Youth Ministry. *This summer there is one session, June 19 to 25, 2011.*

Youth who have completed the 8th grade through graduating high school seniors are eligible to attend. You can register by filling out the enclosed registration form or by visiting www.kansaseast.org/youth to access online registration. Turn this page to find out more!

Institute

Founded in 1906 at the Des Plaines Campground outside of Chicago – First held at Baker University during the summer of 1911 – Helping young people grow closer to Jesus Christ for more than 100 years.



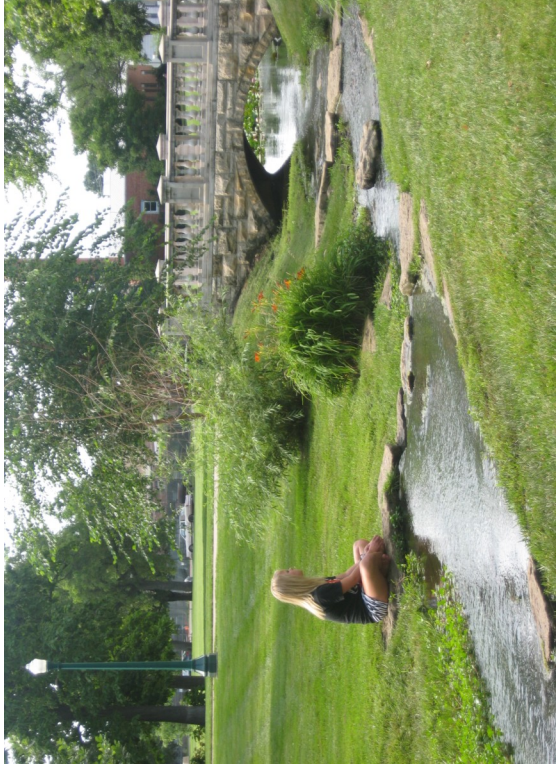
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The **theme** for Institute this summer is "connect!" We will consider how God calls us to "connect" in the world. Daily themes are:

- Connect – Create an account
- Connect – Set up your profile
- Connect – Unconditional friending
- Connect – Messaging the Word
- Connect – Joining a group
- Connect – Invite
- Connect – Planning a celebration event

Twice a day, the Institute community will gather for **worship** to praise God with music, special messages from youth and adults, dramatic presentations and prayer. Creative worship is one Institute high point.





Your **care group** is your family for the week of InSTITUTE. Care groups are a safe place to relate with other youth and adults during the week of InSTITUTE. Care groups meet twice a day and are great for fellowship and for talking with others about your faith. Watch for information soon on how you can be a care group leader!

Community Happenings take place each evening at InSTITUTE. These are events when the whole community gathers for fellowship and community building! Some past community happenings have included group-building activities, games, a dance, a talent-variety show and the end-of-the-week afterglow.

Lifesavers are sessions you attend during the week of InSTITUTE. Lifesavers are designed to help you answer vital questions about life. They are also a great way to help you grow deeper in your faith and love of God. You pick one Lifesaver for the week and attend it every day.

Creative Involvements meet once a day. They are a chance to utilize your gifts within the InSTITUTE community. Each day, you can choose which creative Involvements you want to attend.

Early Bird Registration is available to the first 100 youth to sign up for InSTITUTE this year. The early bird rate is \$325 per person. Once the first 100 youth have registered, the regular fee of \$350 goes into place. Registrations are due by June 6, 2011. Registrations received after June 6 will be charged a \$25 late fee. Register early space is limited. The adult staff fee is \$100.



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The Centennial Session

UMYF Institute has gathered at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, since the summer of 1911. This summer at Institute 2011: Connect, we will celebrate 100 years. There will be a centennial celebration on Sunday, June 19, and a very special visitors' night on Wednesday, June 22. For more details, search for “UMYF Institute Centennial Celebration” on Facebook or e-mail Kurt Cooper at umcmesu@yahoo.com.

Institute 2011 Leadership

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