



CHICAGO
CENTRAL DISTRICT NYI

Celebrate Life Overview

Celebrate Life is a multi-day event, open to students currently in 6th through 12th grade, which takes place May 16-18, 2024 at Olivet Nazarene University. Celebrate Life is designed to encourage the development and abilities of students in the name of Jesus. Each year, hundreds of students from all over the Central Field (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin) convene on ONU's campus to worship and fellowship together and to celebrate the gifts and talents God has given to them. It's a wonderful weekend of Christian community and a great opportunity for students to experience what ONU has to offer!

Anyone can attend the field event as a spectator. However, only those who have *qualified* at the district level by being selected for a team event or receiving a qualifying talent entry evaluation will be able to participate in those events at the field level in May. **The process for selecting the teams and evaluating all talent entries takes place at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene on March 9, 2024.** Both our team coaches and talent judges are encouraging and affirming and aim to provide constructive feedback for each participant.

Students may enter as many events as desired with two limitations:

- 1) No individual category may be entered more than once (e.g., a student cannot submit two paintings).
- 2) A student may only participate in a single **team** sport. **Team** sports include: basketball, dodgeball, soccer, and volleyball.

Many of the talent categories carry with them specific guidelines for each entry. Please refer to the Activity descriptions, which can be found on the Celebrate Life website:

celebratelife.olivet.edu

Registration

There are two steps to registering for Celebrate Life:

Step 1: Visit **ccdny.com**, and click on the Events tab. From there, click on Celebrate Life 2024. Scroll down and click on the big, red button that says REGISTER FOR CELEBRATE LIFE. Once you've filled out the online registration form, click submit.

Step 2: The cost of the district Celebrate Life event on March 9, 2024 is \$10. Please bring your payment with you the day of the event. If paying by check, please make the check payable **CCD NYI**.

The cost for the field Celebrate Life event in May is \$140. This covers food, housing, related event costs, a district pizza party, district shirt, and 48+ hours of fun with your friends! We will not be collecting payment for the event in May until **after** the district event in March.

All participants must be registered online no later than **Thursday, February 29, 2024**.

District Celebrate Life Schedule

Saturday, March 9 // 9:00am-1:15pm // Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene

9:00am - 9:30am: Registration

9:30am: District Gathering

10:30am - 12:30pm: Athletic Tryouts & Talent Evaluations

Students registering for 5K, Home Run Derby, Dodgeball, and Tennis automatically qualify for the Field Event in May. There are no tryouts for those events at the District level. The following events will require a tryout if enough students register for the event: chess and table tennis.

12:30pm: Lunch

1:15pm: Head Home

Field Event

May 16-18, 2024

Olivet Nazarene University

You will miss two days of school to participate in the field event.

If you have any questions regarding District Celebrate Life 2024, please contact our District Celebrate Life coordinator Lindsay English, via email (lindsay@k1naz.org) or via phone (989-307-9141). We are looking forward to another great year!

