

Greater Springfield Chapter CISV USA

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CISV educates and inspires for a more just and peaceful world.

Selection Day Success!

A fun-filled day of activities and interviews!

CISV of Greater Springfield held its annual Selection Day on Saturday, January 12th in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Over 30+ applicants to our 2019 programs attended Selection Day.



Children ages 11 - 18 completed the final step of the application process by being interviewed individually and participating in peace education activities as a group. Children have applied to CISV programs being held this summer in Canada, France, Denmark, Ecuador, Austria, and Germany.

Selection Day is a wonderful time when many CISV Springfield community members are together in the same place, sharing their love and knowledge of CISV with old and new friends alike. The day was a rousing success, and it couldn't have happened without the applicants' enthusiastic participation and the adult and teen volunteers. Thank you!

January Delegate Spotlight

Michael Lachenmeyer: Making a Difference in the World



Michael Lachenmeyer, a sophomore at Loyola University Chicago and a CISV alumna, was a campaign aide for Democratic candidate for Massachusetts District 1, Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, this past summer. He worked with Tahirah and her campaign staff on a variety of projects, including writing briefs and opinion pieces. He also led and helped manage campaign events. After returning to Chicago in August, he continued to support Tahirah and started an

Send Us Your Leaders!

CISV of Greater Springfield is accepting applications for delegation leaders! Are you 21+ and have a passion for working with children, facilitating peace education, meeting new people, and travelling? Then a position as a CISV delegation leader this summer may be for you!

If you or anyone you know fits this description, please contact [Diane Peluso at dkp.pel5@gmail.com](mailto:dkp.pel5@gmail.com) for more information or to apply.

Those with CISV backgrounds and knowledge are strongly encouraged to inquire. 2019 summer programs are in Austria, Ecuador, Germany, Denmark, Canada, and France.



Indivisible Group at Loyola. Through his efforts, Michael inspired his friends to volunteer at the polls, canvas, and vote in the November elections.

Michael's path to active global citizenship began at age 11 when he was a CISV delegate to a Village in Germany. He also was a participant in an Interchange in Italy, a Step Up 14 in Norway, and a Step Up 15 in Ecuador. He then lived in Germany for a year on a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship.

Michael's CISV experiences showed him that he can make a difference in the world and taught him tools to be a community leader. Michael says the experience with Tahirah was the most significant of his life in his home state. For the first time, he realized how much diversity there is in Western Massachusetts. It was his CISV background that gave him the confidence to be a leader and be the kind of change he wants to see in the world.

"Spread the Peace!"
Donate to CISV of Greater
Springfield today!

Spring Mini-Camp in Maine!

Mark your calendars!
There will be a Northeast
Regional Mini-Camp for
children ages 10 - 18 in
Bangor, Maine from April
12 - 14, 2019. Springfield
would love to send a large
group to this mini-camp!
More details to come in
our February/March
newsletters and on our
website!

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