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## A Heartland just for You(th)

Dear Heartland Families,

How fortunate we are to have a happy, thriving crop of young people in our midst. The Heartland Bahá'í School Committee has been so inspired by their unity, friendliness and responsible behavior that we believe they deserve more time together to build those unbreakable bonds of Bahá'í fellowship and service.

The Springfield Bahá'í Community has offered the services of it's Center for a Heartland Bahá'í School just for the youth, to be held over the winter school holidays, from Thursday, December 30th through Sunday, January 2nd, 2011.

A comprehensive retreat is being planned for high school students, including 8th graders, with plenty of art, music, drama, prayer, study, and a dip into Ruhi Book 1: Reflections on the Life of the Spirit. Our featured speaker is Mr. Greg Schweitz, currently attending medical school in Chicago. Stay tuned for announcement of other special guests speakers, teachers, musicians and artists. The young people will make their own meals, and stay as overnight guests in local Baha'i homes.

Our goal is to encourage those strong bonds of love and unity amongst the Youth that form every year at summer school.

We hope that your family and your Bahá'í community can send your young people to Springfield this year, for a Heartland just for You(th)

### All the Specifics:

School starts at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Decmeber 20th in Springfield at the Bahá'í Center, 1131 S 8th St  
Springfield, IL (217) 544-9595.

School ends after breakfast on Sunday, January 2nd. These times coordinate with arrival and departure times for the Amtrak train schedule to Chicago. To make reservations on Amtrak go to [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

Registration fee is \$20, and can be paid on arrival. All students must be registered, as there is a limit of 30 students. Debbie Martin (Registrar) will email parental consent forms which much be completed and returned. Register via email at [Heartlandbahai@gmail.com](mailto:Heartlandbahai@gmail.com).

Amtrak reservations should also be made promptly. Candace Hill from Evanston will chaperon students traveling by train from Chicago. Contact Candace at [bartonhill404@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bartonhill404@sbcglobal.net)

All meals will be provided, with vegetarian or vegan options, but please include any special food instructions.

Boys and girls will be sleeping in separate homes. Each student must bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and any other personal items for the weekend. Warm and comfortable clothing is encouraged. There will be several movement, dance and yoga activities planned.

Heartland Bahá'í School is an Agency of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States.

Sincerely,

Debbie Martin, Bill Clark, Luella Klann, Candace Hill  
Heartland Bahá'í School Committee