Subject: Happy Naw-Rúz! Registration Links Open Wednesday at 10am PST!

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We are excited to share that the registration links for the Bosch summer programs will all open on

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 10am PST

Please register~ we look forward to seeing you at one of our sessions this summer! And, Happy Naw-Rúz!

"At the time of the vernal equinox in the material world a wonderful vibrant energy and new life-quickening is observed everywhere in the vegetable kingdom; the animal and human kingdoms are resuscitated and move forward with a new impulse. The whole world is born anew, resurrected. Gentle zephyrs are set in motion, wafting and fragrant; flowers bloom; the trees are in blossom, the air temperate and delightful; how pleasant and beautiful become the mountains, fields an meadows."

Program Dates and Descriptions!

July 7-10: Family Session 1 (Environment)

This program will be designed in collaboration between the Office of Education and Schools and the Office of Public Affairs. Hang tight; program description to be released soon!



August 11-14: Family Session 2 (America & 5 Year Plan)

There is a "historic opportunity" to respond to the deep "tensions, divisions and injustices" that affect every individual, community, and

institution in our country. This family session will provide a space wher participants will process perspectives around the deeply ingrained prejudices that affect all of us, begin to identify and investigate the underlying concepts in the National Spiritual Assembly's letter "<u>America and the Five Year Plan</u>," and collectively respond to the call: "to engage with others in a deliberate and collaborative effort to eradicate the ills afflicting our nation."

September 1- 4: Family Session 3 (Forces)

There are many forces at play in the age in which we live. Some forces are positive and we can associate them with the process of integration of justice, equity, of lightness. And there are forces that are destructive, tearing at the social fabric of society. This family program will be part series of short lectures part workshop for the exploration o how do families navigate the forces of our time. We will look at how capacity created to assess social forces and conditions, to build a vision of the future, to evaluate resources, and to devise well defined strategies for the material and spiritual progress of all our children and communities and society at large.

July 21-25: Youth-Led Family Discourse Week 1* July 28-Aug 1: Youth-Led Family Discourse Week 2*

Youth and junior youth will be leading families through a process of exploring social issues and turning to the Baha'i Writings for perspectives and solutions. On the first day, participants will break out into three different age groups: youth and junior youth will work with facilitators to prepare to lead their families through this process; parents will explore concepts of consultation as it relates to accompanying the family; and children will participate in a children's program. The rest of the session will be focused on the application of these skills: on identifying root causes, turning to the Writings, artistic expression, and consultation. *Registering families/groups must have youth and/or junior youth to sign up for these programs. Each family/group must also have at least one guardian 21+ attending.

**Please email <u>bosch@usbnc.org</u> if you have any questions about our programs!

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Looking for an opportunity to make a difference? Are you interested in a rewarding summer of service? Bosch is looking for energetic, capable and willing volunteers to serve summer 2017, starting June 12th. Come and immerse yourself in a life of service, deepening in the Word of God,



engaging the wider community in the discourses of society, and make life long bonds of friendship. For further information on our youth and/or adult volunteer and paid service opportunities, please contact us at <u>boschbysc@usbnc.org</u>.

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