

YIH Report - 2023 1st Quarter

I have been in contact with coordinators from Coles County, Northbrook, and Springfield. I never did hear from Sterling Rock Falls regarding why they were unable to have a festival in 2022 and no one has reached out in regards to needing assistance for having one this coming fall. Below is my first email of the year that was sent to the coordinators.

Hello Fellow Coordinators!

I hope you are doing well so far this year. First thing I want to congratulate you all on having successful festivals in 2022. I was able to attend both Northbrook and Coles County and I got a good report from our current District President about Springfield's. Unfortunately it looks like the Sterling Rock Falls chapter was unable to get things off the ground so hopefully they will be able to make things happen this fall.

Just a couple of things from me that I want to touch base on. The District is still doing well financially which is always good to hear so please know there is money available for you at the district level. As of now the available amount per festival is still \$1,000. We also have a new district treasurer! So checks should be sent a lot sooner than they previously were. All I need from you to get this funding is a projected budget.

The last thing I wanted to bring up was plans for the future. I am in the VERY EARLY stages of planning/putting together a District wide Harmony Explosion Camp. This would be a full weekend event in the summer months in which high school students from all over the state could register and attend a weekend festival. I don't have any details to provide at this time but will keep you all updated. My plan is to reach out every few months just to touch base.

Thank you for all you do!

In Harmony
Evan Patrick
ILL District VP of YIH Operations

Terry mentioned West Towns is interested in starting up a festival of their own and provided them with my contact information. I have yet to hear from anyone but it is still early in the year.

I have been in contact with some folks from other districts (Cardinal, Mid-Atlantic, and Sunshine) who help plan or have participated in District wide Harmony Explosion Camps. While my main priority is still making sure our individual festivals are able to make full recoveries from the pandemic, I will be doing more information gathering to see how realistic an ILL District YIH Camp would be.