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2022 SUMMER TRIPS HANDBOOK



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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIPS



June 19-26, 2022 // Dahlonega, GA

Est. Cost: \$600*, \$100 deposit required.

Be 1 of the first 8 people to register to guarantee your spot and this discounted rate!



July 17-20, 2022 // TBD, WI

Est. Cost: \$150*, \$50 deposit required. Limited fundraising available.

HIGH SCHOOL TRIPS



June 19-26, 2022 // Tiger, GA

Est. Cost: \$600 - \$700, \$100 deposit required.

Be 1 of the first 8 people to register to guarantee your spot and this discounted rate!



July 24-29, 2022 // TBD, WI

Est. Cost: \$150*, \$50 deposit required. Limited fundraising available.

Why Go To Camp?

We are created for greatness. We are meant to live with a joy that penetrates the darkness of this world. We desire more from our relationships and experiences. We want to live a bold life. We crave a love that will never leave us. We are meant to **experience life**.

Summer Camp with Life Teen is an incredible opportunity for teens to have a phenomenal experience of life. Teens are able to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from our parish, and encounter God working in their lives. This is the summer that you begin to experience a bigger and better life than you ever thought possible.

What's the difference between Summer Camp and Mission Trip?

Both summer camp and mission trips provide an encounter with Christ. Camp mixes fun and teambuilding into the faith experience focused on ones own relationship with Christ, much like a retreat (but the most epic retreat you have ever been on since it is a weeklong!).

Mission trip will feature service work during the day instead of teambuilding and free time activities. By participating on a mission trip you are living the church's mission and extending yourself out of love to help those in need. The encounter with Christ focuses more on finding Christ in others and the work you are doing.

"Life grows by being given away." (Pope Francis)

Who Gets to Go?

Life Teen Summer Camp is open to all current middle and high school students, with priority going to registered parish families. Friends are welcome to join. This trip has limited space and therefore we will fill this trip at a first come, first serve basis depending on the reserved number of spots. **Grades are based on current 2021-2022 Academic Year.**

EDGE camp is for middle school youth **currently** in 5th through 8th grade.

Love Begins Here (MS) is for middle school youth **currently** in grades 6th through 8th grade.

Love Begins Here (HS) and **Life Teen Camp** are for **current** high school students.

Core Team: Chaperones who are at least 21 years old (25 years old for trips involving rental vans). For all trips a gender-specific 1:8 chaperone to teen ratio is required. The above trips

Designated Supervisor: The designate supervisor is the overall group leader and a member of the pastoral staff. In some cases, a core team member may be designated the group leader in the absence of a staff member (due to emergencies or staff changes).

General Information

Trip Cost

Summer Trips cost between **\$400-\$1160**; depending on which trip you are attending. The parish covers some of the costs based on the second collection and Lenten fish fries. Fundraisers are available to help further defer the cost and some scholarships may be available.

Breakdown of Above Trip Costs:

| Trip | Camp Fee: | Car/Bus: | Core Team: | Misc.: | Total (Actual) | Cost: |
|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|--------|----------------|--------------|
| EDGE | \$560 | \$345* | \$140 | \$15 | \$1060 | \$600 |
| Life Teen | \$660 | \$345* | \$140 | \$15 | \$1160 | \$700 |
| LBH (MS) | \$150 | \$225 | \$0 | \$25 | \$400 | \$150 |
| LBH (HS) | \$175 | \$225 | \$0 | \$25 | \$425 | \$175 |

*Based on at least 16 teens attending Middle School & High School Camp. Price can increase or decrease based on number.

Financial Responsibility

Upon completion of the registration form, you are now responsible for the full cost of said trip. You may get a partial refund if you need to drop from the trip, based on the information below; but you may still be responsible for paying for your spot if it goes unfilled. Fundraising opportunities are available to help defer the costs of the trips. If your family is in financial need you should contact the Student Ministries office to discuss scholarship opportunities beyond participating in all offered fundraisers. Dropping from a trip and defaulting on payments will affect your ability to participate in other areas of our ministries.

Refund Policy:

Based on the policies of Life Teen, here are our policies if you would have to drop from the summer camp or mission trip:

- **The Initial Deposit is non-refundable.**
- All money fundraised are donations to the trip and are non-refundable.
- Any personal money paid to the trip (less deposit) is refundable on the below schedule IF we are able to 1) drop the spot with Life Teen or 2) fill your spot at a prorated price with another teen.
- Since we are constantly making different payments, and agencies will not always refund us for your cancellation, we have set the below refund schedule. We must receive written notice of your cancellation by the listed date in order for you to get that percentage of the payment you personally made refunded.

| Full Refund | 50% Refund | No Refund |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Before February 01, 2022 | February 01-28, 2022 | After February 28, 2022 |

Payments:

We have three (3) due dates throughout the year to help make the cost of the trips manageable. Due dates are:

- February 01, 2022
- April 01, 2022
- June 01, 2022

Information about the amount due will be on the statement mailed home to you in advance of payment dates. Balances Not Paid By June 10, 2022 will be charged a late fee.

Fundraising:

In an effort to make summer trips more affordable we offer a number of Fundraisers to help make the trips affordable to interested students and to help build community before the trips. All fundraisers must be led, staffed, and organized by participants and parents.

Group fundraisers go into our summer trips fund to cover chaperone and transportation costs. You will notice that the cost of the trips are less than the actual costs. Due to generous donations during covid, we have been able to create this fund and have budgeted for this year's trips based on the amount in this fund. Our group fundraisers replenish this account for future summer's trips.

Individual Fundraisers are opportunities to help defer the cost of your trip costs.

| Individual Fundraisers | Group Fundraisers |
|--|----------------------------|
| Sponsor Letters Marcus Movie Ticket Sales | Sponsor-A-Teen Fish Fry |

Limited scholarship options are available if needed. In order to be eligible you must fully participate in all the fundraisers.

Mandatory Meetings:

We ask that all summer trip participants and at least one parent/guardian attend the mandatory meetings during the year. During these meetings we plan for the trip and discuss concerns as they arise. They are the best way to stay informed with the mission trip process during the year.

| Meeting Dates: | Trip Specific Meetings: |
|--|---|
| January 02, 2022 at 03:00 pm March 06, 2022 at 03:00 pm May 01, 2022 at 03:00 pm | Camp: June 09, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Love Begins Here: TBD |

General Guidelines

Participant Expectations:

Students: Students are to be respectful to others and the facilities we will be using. We ask that you enter your summer trip experience with an open mind and open heart. **The more you put into the experience the more you will get out of it.** Push past your comfort zone on the worksite, in prayer experiences, and other activities. Students will put in a hard day's work on the worksite.

Core Team: Chaperones play an important role on summer trips. They work alongside students on the worksite to teach the skills needed and assist the other participants in completing the projects. You are also responsible for helping supervise a small group to provide a safe working and living environment.

You also have the responsibility of assisting the student minister in the coordination and implementation of the trip. While the student ministers will come to you, we ask that you make a special effort to check-in to help the student minister so that all the adults have an equal chance to be present and interact with the students.

Chaperones also serve as witnesses of the Catholic faith and Christian life to the students. We encourage you to share your faith and struggles with the group, but we also expect that you uphold the Catholic faith.

Follow the Buddy System:

We ask that students always stay in a group of three at all times in public, whether that is during free time or stopping for meals during transit.

Cell Phones and iPods.

I understand that being allowed to bring my phone to camp is a privilege! I promise not to abuse this privilege by letting it become a distraction from the camp experience. I agree to **ONLY** use my phone to listen to music on the drive to and from Wisconsin, to take pictures at camp, to call home once during the trip, and to communicate with my chaperones. I will not be using my phone during free time, I will not text or Snap Chat friends back home, I will not post negative pictures or comments on social media, and I will have only appropriate music (no profanity or degrading lyrics) on my device. I understand that my phone can be confiscated for any of the above reasons at the discretion of my chaperones and it will not be returned until we arrive back home to St. Dominic.

Please Be Flexible:

The number of students and young adults who sign up for the mission trip can affect the trip offerings and/or requirements.

Dress Code:

All participants (students, young adults, and chaperones) represent both St. Dominic and the universal Catholic Church while on summer trips. Since we are attending a Life Teen sponsored event, we adapt to their policy:

“At Life Teen Summer Camps we encourage all campers to respect their own bodies and those of others. We require all campers and adults to adhere to our modesty guidelines. Below are the rules for the sake of comfort, safety and modesty:

- No short shorts- All shorts must cover your thighs. Many activities during camp involve bending, running, and sitting. If you place your hands at your sides, your shorts should be at least as long as your fingertips.
- **NO** Spaghetti strap tops, Crop-Tops or sleeveless shirts (guys). Shirts must cover your chest and undergarments. Please make sure your shirt covers your entire stomach and back while sitting and with your arms raised above your head.
- No tight pants- Please do not wear tights, leggings or any style of form-fitting work-out pants.
- Appropriate swim wear- Ladies swim attire is a one-piece bathing suit and shorts. If you wear a two-piece bathing suit you will be asked to wear a T-shirt as well. Men’s swim attire is swim trunks- speedos are not allowed. If you place your hands at your sides, your swim trunks should be at least as long as your fingertips.

These guidelines are for teens and adults and apply for all messy clothes. Our staff will ask you to change if you are wearing something that violates the above guidelines.”

Please Bring Spending Money:

There will be several meals on the way to and from the mission trip and summer camp that the participants will need to buy along with snacks. Both Life Teen and Love Begin Here has shops that teens can buy goodies (candy, books, cups, sweatshirts, etc) so consider giving your student extra money to buy something to remember their trip with.

Prohibited Items:

Possession or use of any illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons and/or pornographic material is strictly prohibited while partaking in any youth ministry event. At a minimum your parents will be contacted and **you will be sent home from the trip at any point at your own/your family’s expense.** In some cases the local authorities may be contacted as well. Violating this guideline puts your future participation in other student ministry events in jeopardy.

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