



# 2018 SUMMER ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

CAMPS | RETREATS | MISSION TRIP



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SUMMER CAMP & MISSION CAMP



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## Why Go To Camp?

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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 Camp & Restore Mission Camp?

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"Restore Mission Camp" is the name for the Life Teen Mission Trip. Since it is run by Life Teen's Summer Camp Office, all guidelines and deadlines for summer camp and trips are the same. The main different is the mission camp will feature mission 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. When you leave the familiarity and comfort of your normal routine to serve others, you are enriching not only their lives, but your own. In your encounters with others, in your work, in your prayer and in your daily sacrifices you come face-to-face with Christ and become who you were created to be.

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

## Who Gets to Go?

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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.

**EDGE camp** is for middle school youth-those **entering** 6th grade in Fall 2018 to those who will have just graduated 8th grade in the Spring of 2018.

**Life Teen Camp** is for high school teens- those teens **currently** High School Freshman – Seniors.

**Life Teen Mission Camp** is for high school teens- those teens **currently** High School Freshman – Seniors.

**Adult Chaperones:** For all trips a gender-specific 1:8 chaperone to teen ratio is required. The above trips each require two chaperones, 23+, to assist the assigned staff member.

# Trip Cost

Summer Camp cost between **\$750-\$850**; depending on which camp you are attending. Fundraisers are available to help defer the cost and some scholarships may be available.

## Breakdown of Above Trip Costs:

Trip	Camp Fee:	Bus Fee:	Lodging	Misc.:	Total
EDGE	\$525	\$250*	-	\$20	\$795*
Life Teen	\$550	\$250*	-	\$20	\$820*
Restore (HS)	\$525	\$250**	\$50	\$20	\$845**

\*Based on at least 30 teens attending Middle School & High School Camp. Price can increase if less teens attend.

\*\* Depending on mode of transportation (Vans or Shared Bus) this price could come down.

## Financial Responsibility

Upon completion and returning this form you are committing to attend the trip registered for online and 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 & Young Adult 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 \$100.<sup>00</sup> 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 won't 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	25% Refund
November 30, 2017	December 21, 2017	January 14, 2018*

\*After this date, no refund can be given.

- Balances Not Paid By May 1, 2017 will be charged a late fee.

**Payments:**

We have three (3) due dates throughout the year to help make the cost of the trips manageable. Information about payment due dates and the amount due will be on the statement mailed home to you each month.

**Fundraising:**

In an effort to make summer trips more affordable we have taken away the responsibility of students to pay for most costs associated for the chaperones that accompany the students. We cover these costs with a second collection commissioning weekend.

We also offer a number of other Fundraisers to help make the trips affordable to interested students and to help build community before the trips. While it seems like a small list, teens who have participated in all of these fundraisers have had their trips covered in the past.

- Sponsorship Letters (Year-Long)
- Life Teen Scholarship (Due December 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Movie Ticket Sales (November & individually year-round)
- Sponsor-A-Participant (February)
- Piggly Wiggly Cook-Out & Car Wash (May)

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

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**NOTES:**

# GENERAL INFORMATION



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## Mandatory Meetings

We ask that all summer trip participants and at least one parent/guardian attend the mandatory meetings during the year. While the time is not consistent due to other student ministry events, we will always meet in the Life Teen Café. 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:
Nov. 05, 2017 at 12:30 pm January 14, 2018 at 12:30 pm March 04, 2018 at 12:30 pm April 29, 2018 at 12:30 pm	<b>Camp:</b> June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. <b>Restore:</b> July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

## Commissioning & Retreat:

We **REQUIRE** all mission trip participants to attend our commissioning weekend and retreat. We will be presented at all 5 Masses on the weekend of **June 16 & 17, 2018**. The retreat will happen **on Saturday during the day** ending with the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We will also be doing activities between the Masses and ending the day at 12:30pm on Sunday (there is no 6:00pm due to Father’s Day). Participants will be allowed to attend Mass with their family at assigned masses. **Participants must attend both days of this retreat and cannot leave during the day!** Failure to attend part or the entire weekend could result in losing your spot on the trip.

## How will we get there?

We will travel via mini-vans to Houston. We are limited to travelling 500 miles a day. Therefore, we will spend two nights (one each way) at a local Church or hotel on our route. This rule does not apply for camp since we are traveling via coach bus.

# General Guidelines

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## **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. Mission Trip participants are encouraged to buy their resident a gift. Normally \$100 should be enough for the week.

## **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.

## **Dress Code:**

All participants (students, young adults, and chaperones) represent both St. Charles 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 also apply for all messy clothes. Our staff will ask you to change if you are wearing something that violates the above guidelines.”

## **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. Charles.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Participant Expectations**

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### **Students:**

Summer trips are meant to provide high school students with an encounter with Christ and the ability to serve others (like Christ). The Youth Ministers, Chaperones, and Young Adults are present on the trip to help enhance the experience for the students.

Students are asked to enter the summer trip experience with an open mind and open heart. Students will be asked to not only push their comfort zone on the worksite, but also in prayer services/experiences, and other activities. The more you put into the experience the more you will get out of it. Students will put in a hard day's work on the worksite. We ask that you are respectful to others and the facilities we will be using.

### **Chaperones:**

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 do not need to have experience with power tools and home improvements, but it does help (we do take a few chaperones with these skills).

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.

## Quick Glance Calendar

Date	Time	Description	Location
Nov. 05	12:30 p.m.	Mandatory Meeting	Life Teen Café
Nov. 18-19		Movie Ticket Sales After All Masses	Borroмео Room
Nov. 30		Last Day to drop from camp & get full refund	
Dec. 2-4		Movie Ticket Sales After All Masses	Borroмео Room
Dec. 9-10		Movie Ticket Distribution After All Masses	Borroмео Room
Dec. 31		Deadline to Apply for Life Teen Scholarship	
Jan. 14	12:30 p.m.	Mandatory Meeting	Life Teen Café
Jan. 14	4:00 p.m.	Last Day to drop from Summer Camp & get a refund	
Feb. 10-11		Sponsor-A-Teen After All Masses	Borroмео Room
Feb. 17-18		Sponsor-A-Teen After All Masses	Borroмео Room
March 04	12:30 p.m.	Mandatory Meeting	Life Teen Café
April 29	12:30 p.m.	Mandatory Meeting	Life Teen Café
April/May		Brat Shack & Car Wash	Piggly Wiggly, Hartland
<b>June 16</b>	<b>8am-6:15p</b>	<b>Commissioning Retreat</b>	<b>Church/LT Café</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>7:15a-12p</b>	<b>Commissioning Weekend</b>	<b>Church, LT Café</b>
June 19	7:00 p.m.	Camp Pre-Trip Meeting	Life Teen Café
June 24- July 1		EDGE & Life Teen Summer Camp	Georgia
July 02	7:00 p.m.	Restore Mission Camp Meeting	Life Teen Café
July 7-14		Restore Mission Camp Meeting	Houston, TX
<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mission Trip Appreciation Dinner &amp; Mass</b>	<b>Borroмео Room</b>

*\*Dates, Times, and Locations are subject to change*