



Holy Trinity Youth Ministry

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Dear Parents of Middle School Youth at Holy Trinity,

We want to share with you the plans for the Summer Madness service program that will be offered again this summer at Holy Trinity. Hope you will consider joining us this year!

What is Summer Madness?

Summer Madness is a unique opportunity for Middle School youth (having just completed 6th-8th grade) to be involved in community service and fun activities during those long, boring weeks of summer. Summer Madness allows youth to experience many different types of ministry and community service. Past service sites have included Sunrise Assisted Living, Sarah's House, My Brother's Keeper, baking at the parish for Beans and Bread, Birthright, and light yard-work and gardening for parishioners with disabilities. This year's sites (TBA) will depend on availability and number of participants. Youth learn new skills as we focus on what it means to put our Catholic faith into action.

How does Summer Madness work?

Each Tuesday & Thursday mornings during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th week of July, young people will gather by 8:30 am in the Parish Center Chapel Holy Trinity Parish Center for warmers, prayer, and announcements before traveling to their service sites. They will work in groups of 5 to 6 depending on the site and transportation arrangements and will serve from approximately 9 am to 12 pm at various sites. Then the afternoon begins with lunch (not provided), discussing the morning's experiences, and then we're off for an afternoon fun activity (approximately 1-4 pm). Past fun activities have included bowling, a scavenger hunt, tour of Camden yards, visits to museums, movies, and games. Afternoon activities will also be determined in early June by the number of participants.

Adult volunteers are needed as drivers and chaperones for both the morning of service and the afternoon activities. ***We are asking each parent to volunteer at least one day to drive. Please note that you can choose to drive for the morning or afternoon session only – you do not have to commit to drive the entire day.***

When does Summer Madness Happen?

The Summer Madness program runs for the last 3 weeks in July on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (July 13th, 15th, 20th, 22th, 27th * and 29th). Meet at Holy Trinity at 8:30 am and return to Holy Trinity by 5:00 pm. ****On Tuesday July 27, 2010 we spend the whole day at Hershey Park (8:30 am -8 pm) as a wrap up to the summer events.***

How much does Summer Madness cost and how do I register?

Cost for the whole program, including the trip to Hershey Park is **\$140.00** per person. This covers entrance fees for some afternoon activities and Hershey Park, supplies, transportation, one meal at Hershey Park and T-Shirts. (*If you are only able to participate in the service/fun days (no Hershey Park), the cost is \$85.00 per participant.*) Extra Hershey park tickets will be available for purchase for families who would like to come with us. Please let us know if you are interested. **The registration form, registration fee and permission slip is due by by June 7th, 2010 to the Office of Youth Ministry.** Once you are registered, you will receive a letter with the set activities and service sites for each day as they are available in early June.

Mail the enclosed permission form and registration form to the above address, or drop off at the Parish Center.

Please note that I will be on maternity leave until June, so please call Joyce Pagan with any questions or concerns at 410-766-5070 #15 or e-mail her at secretaryfaith@holyltrinitycc.org.

Space is limited. Please register quickly to assure a spot!

Blessings!

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