



SUMMER CAMP

Monday, June 11th – Friday, June 15th, 2018

All Youth completed 6-8th in 2018 - Cost \$390 + transportation

Extreme Faith Camp is an exciting weeklong summer camp for middle school students and high school leaders filled with a ton of activities, including swimming, canoeing, high ropes course, crafts, rock climbing, giant water trampoline, mountain biking, speakers and music. Plus small group sessions, service work, daily Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration. You'll find an EXTREME adventure of a lifetime!

HS Leaders (completed gr 9-11) - PRAYER TEAM / EXTREME TEAM (see back) **COST \$390 + transportation**

High School students need to be recommended by cluster Youth Minister, based on faith leadership readiness. All freshman, regardless if they have attended camp before, will be on the Prayer Team. All first time high school students will be as well. Once a high school student completes their first year on the Prayer Team, Chris will determine whether a student will continue with the Prayer Team the following summer. Also to note, any teen assigned to the Extreme Team would need to have attended one of the high school leadership camps that year. **Training for HS Leaders: May 6 and June 10**

Adult Chaperones needed - COST \$390 (Needed Chaperones 1:6 are paid for by our cluster)

Youth attendance from the Cluster Parishes of Holy Trinity, OLOL, St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph is contingent on male and female chaperones attending the week camp and the training dates (May 6 & June 10). We encourage parents to attend with their child(ren)!

WHERE: Crosswoods Camp – Mason, WI

DEPOSIT: \$100 due by Feb. 9th to the Cluster Religious Education Office

_____ **PRE – REGISTRATION FORM** _____

Participant's Name: _____ Grade (this year): _____ - or - **ADULT** (circle)

(please circle) **Participant** (gr 6-8) **HS Leader** (gr 9-11) **Adult Chaperone**

Guardian Name: _____ Parish: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Return pre-registration form & deposit to the Cluster Office of Religious Education by Feb 9th.

* After Feb. 9th, deposit is non-refundable but transferable. *

We will return your deposit if we do not have the required adult chaperones.

Please make checks out directly to: Diocese of Superior

Cluster Religious Education Office – 128 W. Humbird St., Rice Lake, WI (715)234-5062 ext 5

Diocesan Information on the difference between High School Teen Prayer Team and Extreme Team -

What is a Prayer Team?

The Prayer Team (PT) is a vital component of Extreme Faith Camp. The PT is a feeder team that young high school students participate in prior to serving on the Extreme Team. The PT is like the spiritual engine room of the camp, lifting up every aspect of camp in prayer throughout the day and assisting with camp in a variety of ways behind the scenes, while also receiving extensive training in the spiritual life, Christian leadership and service. The PT maintains an independent schedule from the rest of the camp tailored to those three areas: prayer, leadership and service. They will join up with the campers for some big events like Mass, Talks, Adoration, etc. If you're familiar with TEC, the PT will be similar to the Wheaties, laying down their own lives for the campers.

Is this different from the Extreme Team?

Yes. The Extreme Team is the group of high schoolers and adult chaperones that are with the campers day and night, guiding them through the daily rhythm of camp activities, formation, prayer and worship events. The prayer team is behind the scenes serving the campers in the kitchen/cafeteria, around camp and in the chapel. Again, like the TEC Wheaties, the PT will not have a whole lot of interaction with the campers, but will be around and the campers will be constantly reminded that the PT is praying for them and serving them.

Who serves on the Prayer Team?

Any current high schooler ready for faith leadership, has not been an Extreme Team leader in the past and wants to come to camp. Or, a high schooler who has previously been on the Prayer Team in the past and is recommended by Chris to continue to serve on the PT. This team will also be blessed to have its own chaplain and a team of dedicated chaperones specifically trained to work with them throughout the week.

What if one of my teens doesn't want to be on the PT?

The role of the High School Leader component at EFC is to be *entirely* there for the middle school campers. Being on the PT is an immersion in what it means to be a servant leader, sacrificing our own desires for others. That being said, if a teen isn't ready to be on the PT or doesn't want to be, that is totally fine! Chris entrusts that individual to their parish leaders to help them find him/her another opportunity to encounter Christ this summer: good options would be Totus Tuus, Steubenville Conferences or Mission Trips. Perhaps after a year of participating in programming at the parish and being mentored by our parish leaders they will want to do PT the following summer.

Will the PT members get to have any fun?

Yes!!! Absolutely! Their week will be decidedly different from the rest of the camp, but we will put our best resources into making sure that everything that they do is engaging, joy-filled and powerful. Every day they will get to spend time outside at the beautiful camp using their hands to work and serve and give God glory through their generosity. They will also have free time every day to enjoy the wonderful things that CrossWoods has to offer. This group will bond closely during their week of humbly serving together behind the scenes. The last night we will have a celebration to honor them and affirm their gift to the camp. Not only will they have fun, they will experience *joy*.

Do PT members have to go to the trainings on May 6 and June 10?

It is very much a requirement that PT members be at both trainings, as we need to help equip them to be ready to do PT.

What is the fruit of having a Prayer Team?

Chris talked to a seminarian from St. Paul this summer about PT at length. "He had been a camper for three years in middle school and then did two years of prayer team and two years of Extreme Team. He said that in his mind unequivocally there is no doubt that his priestly vocation came from being on PT. He said he thought that he knew how to pray before then, but that that week had changed his life. He also said that he learned how to trust God and be willing to serve in ways that quite simply altered the course of his life. That being said not everyone that is on PT is going to become a priest or religious sister or brother, but it will help lay a foundation of prayer and genuine service that will help guide them through their high school years and hopefully the rest of their lives."