



Fox Area Catholic Teen OutReach

Youth Service Week

Tuesday, July 13 - Thursday, July 15, 2010

Join with your friends and other youth from around the area to serve the needs of our community!

Week held at: **St. Thomas More**
1810 N McDonald St., Appleton, WI 54911
Note the NEW location!!

Open to youth who are currently in grades 6 ó 12.

DEADLINE: Wed., June 2, 2010



I am the vine,
you are the branches

John 15:5

Purpose of Faith FACTOR:

Fox Valley youth joining together to serve our community, live the Eucharist, and learn about Catholic Social Teachings.

Each day, time will be spent in prayer and service. At the end of each day, there will be time to process your experiences with peers and leaders.

Examples of places we may serve:

Emergency Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Harbor House, Housing Partnership, Mt. Tabor Retreat Center, nursing homes, Habitat ReStoreí Please be open to whatever service is needed at each place ó we are their hands. Our services are greatly needed in our community!!

Bible Camp:

We are going to be having a Bible Camp at St. Thomas More during the week. Children from all of our parishes are invited to attend the camp. Youth have helped to lead the camp for several years. Are you interested in helping this year? Please let your Youth Ministry Coordinator know. There is a limited number of spots for student leaders.

Prayer Team:

Prayer is always a base for Faith FACTOR. We know that all things happen through God. We will be creating a prayer team again this year, inviting parishioners from all the area parishes to join in. They can pray when and where it is convenient for them (work, on lunch,..). Parents, would you like to join the team?

Cost:

\$50 for first youth in family; \$35 for each additional youth. (Checks made payable to your parish)

This covers transportation costs, T-Shirt, water bottle, continental breakfast, snacks and the catered family meal on Thursday.

Lunch:

Youth need to bring a bag lunch each day. They will eat these at the service sites.

Water:

Each person should bring water with them as some sites may not have adequate drinking water.

Note: You will be given a Faith Factor water bottle on Tuesday morning.

Dress:

Dress should be casual but modest. No cutoffs or short-shorts.

Tee shirts will be handed out on Tuesday morning and must be worn to work sites each day.

Participants should bring hats and sun block each day as some work may be outside.

Participants **MUST** wear closed-toed shoes and socks. ***No sandals, flip-flops or open-toed shoes will be allowed.***

Daily Schedule:

7:30 ó 8:00 AM	Open Gym & Continental Breakfast
8:00 ó 8:30 AM	Morning Program and Prayer
8:30 ó 3:00 PM	Service at Worksite
3:00 ó 3:30 PM	Return to St. Thomas More, clean-up, relaxí
3:30 ó 4:00 PM	Afternoon Program and Prayer

On **Thursday**, we will end with a closing liturgy (4:00PM) and a catered family dinner (5:00PM)

Consider Being a Chaperone:

- Are you 21 or older? Are you willing to help drive and chaperone? 1, 2, or 3 days?
- Chaperones need to be VIRTUS trained (3 ½ hour training session for people who volunteer with youth, elderly, disabled,í) You can attend a VIRTUS session at St. Thomas More Parish on Monday, June 1, 2010 from 6-9 PM or register with the diocese at one of the other workshop dates.
- Chaperones are required to remain with their group for the entire day. You will be driving the students in your personal vehicle to and from the worksite, as well as volunteering with them at the worksite.

Note: We can only accept the number of youth to participate that we have enough car seat belts forí So it is very important to have adults to help out! Please consider helping! Or if you know an adult who might be interested ó spread the word!

Registration Form:

Please complete the information on both pages of the registration form and then turn it in, along with your \$\$, to your Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator by June 2, 2010.

Important note: We can only accept the number of youth that we have seats for in our vehicles. We will fill on a first-come, first-serve basis until more seats become available. So sign up soon!

Faith Factor Coordinators:

St. Bernadette	Peter Gagnon	734-7502	pgagnon@saint-bernadette.org
St. Edward, Mackville	Pat Coonen	733-6070	stedwardre@new.rr.com
St. Joseph/St. Mary	Celia McKee	738-7413	celia@inter-parish.org
St. Margaret Mary	Cindy Kyles-Werth	729-4562	ckyleswerth@tcces.k12.wi.us
St. Thomas More	Carolyn Coutu	739-8172	carolyn@stmccath.org
Sherwood, Stockbridge	Kay Goeser	989-2656	mkkdgoeser@new.rr.com

We look forward to serving with you this summer! 😊

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have to pay \$50 to do service for others?

We use the money to buy t-shirts, water bottles, food (snacks and the meal on Thursday night), and other supplies for the camp. We use a good portion of the money to pay all our adult drivers for gas. And we usually need to purchase supplies for 1-2 outreach projects (fleece blankets and tie dye pillow cases for patients, bracelets for Siblings Network)

Can I register after the deadline?

Soon after the deadline, we call community organizations to make sure we have enough worksites. We solidify adult chaperones and cars/minivans to make sure we have enough adults and seats. We order t-shirts and water bottles. We form the service groups, organize the liability forms, make maps,í Several of the Youth Ministers then leave town for other service trips, arriving back into town 1-2 days before Faith FACTOR. We do not meet again as a Faith FACTOR team - it is difficult to make changes once everything is in place. We will allow you to register after the deadline ONLY if there is a spot open (sometimes people have to cancel); however, you would not be able to choose your place ó you would take the place of the person who had to cancel.

Will I be able to be with my friends?

We have always been able to place people with at 1 least friend IF they put a friend's name down on their registration form AND registered on time. Sometimes, if you request to be with several friends, it comes down to how many seats are in the car and how many volunteers the community site requests. We cannot guarantee you will be placed with more than 1 friend. But joining up with others is a great opportunity for you to meet other youth from around the area!

What kind of work will I be doing?

The type of work ranges greatly. You might be visiting the elderly (playing games, wheeling them to activities, etc.), serving food at a shelter, sorting clothes/donated items, cleaning windows, doing lawn work, doing office work, cleaning up the highway,í so on and so forth .We need to remain open to whatever is needed of us. We are the hands of Christ this week to all these organizations! What we do is greatly needed and appreciated!

Do I have to be there all day? All week?

1) We inform the community organizations in the middle of June as to how many people we are sending to their site. They plan projects based on the number of people we promise, and they expect us to follow through on our commitment. 2) We often switch sites after lunch, which causes confusion for those joining us late or leaving early. 3) It disrupts the team bonding experience, especially if you are there only half of the time. Please make every effort to commit to the full camp.

How should I dress each day?

You will wear the Faith FACTOR t-shirt each day. This helps the organizations recognize us, and it promotes what we are doing as Church. For your shorts or pants (some places require pants), we expect everyone to dress modestly, showing that we are indeed made in God's image. This means no cut-off shorts or short shorts, or pants that show your belly. Neither should have holes or tears. We need to dress respectfully. This is also a rule for all other Christian youth service camps around the country.

Why can't I wear flip-flops?

We adopted this rule from all the national and local service camps that are held. It is purely for safety reasons. We are not always 100% sure what type of work we will be doing. We do not want to place anyone at risk of injuring a toe or foot. A number of the service sites actually require that we wear closed-toed shoes. We need to respect their requirements.