

2012-2013 LifeTeen/ Edge Policies

Weekly LifeNights, EdgeNights and PRE classes:

Because the spiritual life cannot be lived only one or two weeks a year, we ask that parents make every attempt to encourage their teens to come regularly to either the Wednesday night PRE classes or Sunday Life-Nights, this ongoing formation is essential to help them grow and mature in what they receive at the summer events. Regular attendance at these are needed to determine if a student is eligible for a scholarship.

Summer Trip Policies:

Camp:

Junior High students going into 8th grade in the Fall, and High school students going into 11th grade are eligible to receive half off the cost of camp: **\$250 per student**, including transportation and camp registration fees. All other students will be asked to **pay the full \$450** if they wish to attend.

In order to avoid having extra unpaid spots for camp this year we are asking for parents to turn in a **\$50 deposit and form by Oct. 21st**. On November 1st we will book spots for camp, we will **NOT** book any extra spots. After spots are booked we will send out a letter with the dates of camp we received. If you are unable to attend the week we received, parents have until **December 3rd** to notify Sarah or the office for a refund. Anyone wishing to attend camp after **Oct. 21st deadline** will be put on a waiting list, however spots are not guaranteed. **We will strictly adhere to this policy.** The rest of camp monies will be due by **March 20th**.

Steubenville:

We will do the same with Steubenville as well. **\$50 will be due by January 27th and at the beginning of February we will book spots based on the deposits received, and NO extra. We will then announce and mail out the date received for the conference, parents will have until March 1st to cancel for a refund. Final payments will be due March 20th as well.**

The current total cost for a student to attend a Steubenville conference is est. **\$250 per student**. To help cover the rising cost of transportation and registration, **Steubenville will change from \$100 to \$150. This means Holy Cross will still cover 100 dollars per student attending.** With an average of 40 students attending, and 7 chaperones, the costs do add up. We ask that if you are able to pay the full price for Steubenville or Camp to please consider doing so, so that we can continue to offer a discounted rate for all students.

Fundraising Policies:

We also understand that the increase in costs will be difficult for some families, especially those with multiple students in these grades. To help cut down on these extra costs we have come up with two options:

1. Individual Fundraisers
2. Scholarship fund

With individual fundraisers, students will participate in fundraisers such as:

Discount Cards (December) Students will earn money for their trip based on the number of cards they sell. \$20 cards

Valentine's Dinner (February) Profits will be split among students who help sell tickets and serve the night of the dinner

Service with a donation: Some parishioners have come forward asking for help in certain areas such as cleaning, yard work and are willing to give a donation to the program for it, donation will be split among students who help that parishioner.

We will send out letters to each student and parents mid-February with a summary of money earned for events they are attending.

General Fund Fundraisers will go to help cut down the amount needed to subsidize for Camp, Steubenville, and LifeNights.

Pointsetta Sales
Chicken Dinners
Donations through the July collection

Scholarship applications are due by January 27th Scholarships will be awarded to students based on

1. Financial Need
2. Involvement in individual or group fundraisers
3. Involvement in weekly LifeTeen/ Edge events and classes
4. Involvement in parish as a whole (volunteering at Oktoberfest, involvement in Ministries, ect)

Scholarships will be determined by DRE and Pastor.

Any parishioner interested in donating money to the scholarship fund or or are interested in making a donation for a service please contact Sarah in the office.

Other Events:

Fall Youth Gathering: Grace at the Trace September 29th, 2012 Edge and LifeTeen are both invited to a day of outdoor activities at Nazatrased State park. Flyer and permission slip with details will be distributed soon

Individual students are encouraged to participate in the SEARCH (11th-12th grades), QUEST (9th and 10th grades) and VOYAGE (7th-8th) retreats that happen throughout the year within our diocese (see year schedule for dates). Students and their parents are responsible for transportation to and from these retreats and for any costs of the retreats. See attached flyers.

Edge and High School students are welcome to participate in the **Diocesan Youth Conference (March 1st and 2nd)** Cost: approx \$40 dollars.

This year LifeTeen will be invited to participate in **Friar Fest (April 5th -7th)**, students who are able to go are asked to bring 5 dollars for gas. The rest of the retreat is free due to the generosity of the Knights of Malta, who will fund the food and the cost to bring Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in from New York. Students will stay in the gym at Holy Rosary in Memphis. The weekend will be similar to a youth conference with talks, adoration, and praise and worship. We encourage students to bring friends! This is a great way to invite those less involved to become more in their faith with little cost! More details will be

mailed out at the start of the New Year. We encourage students to take a part of this amazing opportunity to grow in faith through a low-cost way.

**Important dates to remember:
(Please put in your calendar now!!)**

October 21st: Camp deposit and application due (\$50 per student)

December 3st Last day to contact office for a refund

December: Discount Card fundraiser starts

January 27th: Steubenville deposit and application due (\$50 per student)

Scholarship application for Camp or Steubenville due

February 16th: Valentine's Fundraiser

February 20th: Letters sent out for money remaining and awarded scholarships

March 1st: Last day for Steubenville refund

March 1st and 2nd: Diocesan Youth Conference

April 5-7th: Friar Fest

March 20th: Final monies due for Camp and Steubenville

LifeTeen/ Edge Policies Read Sheet

I have read the new policies for Camp and Steubenville and understand that if I do not respond by above dates I will not be able to attend such events:

_____ (Parent) _____ (Date) _____ (Student) _____ (Date)

Please sign and return at meeting or ASAP

