



Summer Stretch for Teens 2018

WHAT IS SUMMER STRETCH?

A service & recreation summer program that seeks to challenge youth to live out their Catholic faith within the community.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Summer Stretch is open to all students who have completed grades 5-8 in the 2017-2018 academic year. Senior High teens who have completed grades 9-11 are invited to participate as Peer Ministers.

THE DETAILS

Summer Stretch happens on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. June 27, July 11, and July 25. Days will include Mass, prayer, fun games and activities, a service project, lunch, and an afternoon of fun! **Sign up for one or all three!!**

COST

Only \$15/day. This fee covers snacks, drinks, lunch, transportation, and fun afternoon activity.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Fill out registration form and return it to Jeff Benda in the parish office or email it to him:
jeffinfargo@gmail.com **Registration Deadline is Wednesday, June 20.**

ADULTS

Adults who would like to chaperone can help in the morning and/or afternoon. Background check, code of conduct, and Circle of Care training is required.

PEER LEADERS (SENIOR HIGH TEENS)

The role of the Peer Ministry Team is to make Summer Stretch an even better experience for the Middle School youth! You will assist the adult chaperones in supervising activities.

POSSIBLE SERVICE SITES

Nursing Homes, Dorothy Day Food Pantry West, Holy Cross, Churches United for the Homeless

POSSIBLE AFTERNOON RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Bowling, Swimming Pool, Thunder Road

Summer Stretch Registration & Liability Release Form

Please complete this form and return with payment to Jeff Benda in the Holy Cross Parish Office no later than June 20.

First & Last Name _____ Birthday _____

Home Phone _____ (Cell or other) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____

School _____ Grade in 2017-2018 _____

Complete the following information for the parents or guardian of the student participant.

Parent's / Guardian Name _____

Parent's Address _____ (if different than the student)

Father's Phone (Day) _____ Mother's Phone (Day) _____

The following are special circumstances regarding the student that you should be aware of:

The undersigned do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold Holy Cross Catholic Church harmless from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, lawsuits, and expenses arising from personal injury, sickness, death, or property damage of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred or suffered by the undersigned and or the participant (If participant is under 18, or 18 and older) while attending the above activities. Furthermore, the undersigned hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense arising from the undersigned's or participant's (if participant is under 18, or 18 and older) participation in all activities, including recreation and work activities involved in the above activities. In addition, authorization and permission is hereby given to furnish all necessary transportation, food, and lodging for the undersigned or participant (if participant is under 18, or 18 and older). The undersigned further hereby agree to indemnify and hold Holy Cross Catholic Church, and their respective members, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, the 'Indemnities'), harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, and liabilities, including attorney's fee and expenses sustained by the Indemnities as the result of the negligent, willful, or intentional acts of the undersigned and/or participant (if participant is under 18, or 18 and older).

If participant is under 18 years of age: We (I) am the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participant, and hereby grant permission for my child to participate fully in the above activities and all of its undertakings, and hereby give our permission to take said participant to doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not limited to emergency surgery; and, we fully and completely assume responsibility for all medical bills. Furthermore, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, I (we) assume all responsibility and transportation costs.

If under 18 the parents/guardian must read and sign this form.

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Holy Cross Catholic Church Summer Stretch Program from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. June 27, July 11, and July 25. We the undersigned have read this release and understand all its terms and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

Code of Conduct for Youth & Adults Participating in Summer Stretch

Preface: The intention of this Code of Conduct is to propel the youth and adults of our parish to be “imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love” by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the “mind...which is yours in Christ Jesus,” and by following his example. (CCC 1694)

It is meant to ensure a safe, healthy and moral environment for youth and adults. This Code is a reminder that we are all created with dignity in the image and likeness of God. (Gen. 1:26-28).

The content of this Code is inspired by the Holy Father’s message, Jesus’ “great commandment” (Matt 22:3640) of love, and the God given dignity of each person. This Code is one of Christian kindness, respect, hospitality, and care, which will provide an ability to defeat mediocrity and conformity. This Code also reflects Christian stewardship and our proper duty and respect towards places and things.

Responsibility Toward God

By using God’s name and the name of Jesus Christ only with respect, and never in careless, abusive or an angry manner. By respectfully participating in prayer and worship. By faithfully representing the teachings of the Catholic Church with integrity in word and action by showing respect to the Creator by taking care of God’s creation.

Responsibility Toward Self

By being mindful that God created each of us in His image and likeness participants will act accordingly; by being truthful, understanding, open-minded, gracious, reliable and respectful; by upholding and supporting God’s plan for sexual relations; by promoting chastity in dress, speech and action; by respecting human life in the following ways: Not using alcohol, tobacco and /or any other illegal drugs. Not using profanities; not possessing weapons; not acting in a disruptive manner; by not being silent and reporting immediately to a responsible adult anytime I feel unsafe.

Responsibility Toward Others

By respecting the role of adult leaders and administrators and established guidelines.

Participants will not: Use physical aggression and/or harm; Use language that insults, bullies, intimidates, humiliates; Isolate or exclude others; Threaten or use behavior that leads others into disobedience, disrespect for others, or illegal behavior; Engage in inappropriate sexual behavior; Steal; Disrespect the property of others; Gossip, slander or use malicious speech or jokes; Use sexual language or jokes that demean God’s gift of sexuality or demean the dignity of another; Cheat; Make restitution for any damages they cause.

I have read the above Code of Conduct and agree to support and abide by it.

Youth or Adult Chaperone: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature if student under 18: _____ Date: _____