

Catholic HEART Workcamp 2017

Hardeeville, South Carolina

June 17- June 24, 2017



REGISTRATIONS BEGIN ON NOV. 9

(THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE NOV. 9)

Things to Know:

What: Catholic HEART Workcamp is a national organization that combines service, worship, friendship, and fun in a retreat-like setting. Participants will travel to their designated camp city to work, play and pray with other teens from across the nation. The days begin and end with a high energy, motivational program including music, drama, speakers, and prayer. During the day, groups will perform various types of service projects including painting, home repair, light construction, landscaping, working in food banks, assisting in child care facilities, and much more. For more info, go to www.heartworkcamp.com.

When: June 17-24, 2017

Where: Hardeeville, SC

Who: Students **currently** in grades 8 and up including college and adults. Anyone over the age of 18 is required to have a background check. Any college students and adults must undergo a background check and VIRTUS training.

This year we are attending a "Next Level" camp which is for students in high school in fall 2017. It includes daily mass as part of program, daily rosary, and adoration. The Next Level camps also include youth group bonding time with a youth group activity designed and provided by CHWC. The "youth group time" will challenge students to reflect and grow in their Catholic Faith. Next Level does not always mean more challenging work projects. Each camp is different.

How Many? There are 35 youth spots and 7 adult spots. We must have one adult for every five youth. We must have both male and female adults. If we don't have enough registered adults, youth will be placed on a waiting list until another adult steps forward to attend. Parishioners of All Saints parish will have priority on the registration and waiting list in the order that they sign up. Non parishioners are also welcome.

Cost: Youth Price: **\$425 (PRICE DROP as of 12/22/16)** for REGISTERED All Saints parishioners (in thanks to our All Saints Stewardship Philosophy. REGISTERED is defined as a family recorded in the parish database at All Saints and is documented as giving freely to the parish in time, talent and treasure).

For Non-Parishioner Youth and Adults: Cost is \$560 (PRICE DROP as of 12/22/16) . Fundraising opportunities are available to ALL participants.

Adult price: \$180 **(PRICE DROP as of 12/22/16)** (for REGISTERED All Saints parishioners). A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your spot. This pricing is available to the first 7 adults that register.

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Reservations: Your spot is reserved when you have submitted your non-refundable deposit (\$100) AND you have submitted your Letter of Commitment (back page of packet). Spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis! For questions, please contact: Annie Nassis - Director of Youth Ministry All Saints Church 865-474-8609 or annieatallsaints@yahoo.com

Nov. 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

It's time to start getting ready for HEART Camp 2017! It's hard to believe that we are already kicking things off for our 12th year at CHWC! We hope that many of you can join us this summer on a fabulous faith-filled journey of service.

This year will be attending camp in: **Hardeeville, South Carolina**

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All Saints has reserved 42 spots for this camp (35 youth spots and 7 adult spots). **We must have enough adults in order to take 35 youth. If we don't have enough adults, teens will be placed on a waiting list.** These spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parishioners of All Saints parish will have priority on the registration and waiting list in the order that they sign up. Non parishioners are also welcome. In order to guarantee your spot, please turn in your Letter of Intent and deposit as soon as possible. **SPOTS CAN ONLY BE RESERVED BY SUBMITTING A LETTER OF INTENT AND A DEPOSIT!**

Enclosed you will find some background information about the camp. Additional information can be found at the website at www.heartworkcamp.com.

What is Catholic HEART Workcamp?

Catholic HEART Workcamp is a national organization that combines service, worship, friendship, and fun in a retreat-like setting. HEART Workcamp holds over 50 camps annually across the United States and abroad. This opportunity is open to current 8th graders through college and adults. This is a great opportunity for your entire family.

Participants will travel to their designated camp city to work, play and pray with other teens from across the nation. The days begin and end with a high energy, motivational program including music, drama, speakers, and prayer. During the day, groups will perform various types of service projects including painting, home repair, light construction, landscaping, working in food banks, assisting in child care facilities, and much more.

Teens and adults are split up into teams with different youth from around the U.S. They have the opportunity to actively live out their faith, make new friends, and grow closer to God. These camps can completely change lives and impact your faith in ways you never thought possible. I have participated in several Catholic HEART Workcamps with youth groups and also as a staff member. It is an INCREDIBLE life-changing experience. It is a fabulous opportunity to truly reach out and be the hands and feet of Christ.

Because of the strong commitment All Saints is showing to this project, we must understandably have a firm commitment from our participants. **We are asking each of our attendees to sign a letter of commitment for this trip. This letter of commitment states that each participant will indeed attend the work camp during the week specified. By signing this letter of commitment, it is understood by all participants that they are fully committed to attending the camp. If a participant is unable to attend, it will be the responsibility of the participant's family to find someone to take their spot. If a participant is unable to find a replacement, we are asking that the participant refund the parish for the designated amount paid by the parish.**

Because of the large amount of funding required, we thank you ahead of time for your understanding for this delicate matter. It is with your continued support, patience and understanding that All Saints is able to continue to support parish programs through its stewardship philosophy.

How much is the trip?

Our All Saints Stewardship Philosophy allows for many parish activities to be partially or fully funded by the parish. We are able to do this through the continued gracious donations from our parishioners.

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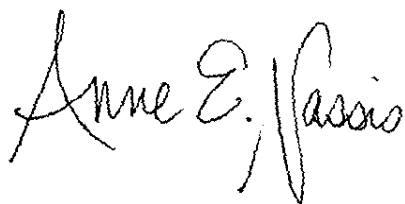
The cost includes all lodging, meals (except for traveling days and free day), and activities during the camp (excluding free day activities), building materials, transportation costs, and fuel.

We will be strategizing some creative ways to assist in funding this experience including youth fundraisers, possible church contributions, and individual contributions. If you are willing to help with these fundraisers, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 474-8609 or at annieatallsaints@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your continued support. Please pray for the success of this trip!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne E. Nassis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Annie Nassis
Director of Youth Ministry
All Saints Church

WHAT WORKCAMP IS LIKE?

Your group will arrive at the school on the opening day of camp in the afternoon sometime between 12:00-2:30. You will probably be tired from traveling, but filled with anticipation for the week ahead. First you will get situated in your sleeping quarters (a classroom) with your own group. Then an afternoon program filled with Mass, group mixers, singing, a video, and more that will start this great week together.

You will be divided into seven member work crews. Each group will have an adult leader. We will do our best to balance males and females, and experienced and inexperienced people on each crew. You will spend time going over work assignments for the coming week. Crews work best when they discuss problems and make decisions together.

Being in work crews with people from different Catholic youth groups will give you an opportunity to meet other teenagers and develop new lasting friendships. For many, your work crew will be the most memorable part of the Workcamp.

You will begin the day with breakfast at 6:45 a.m. Work crews usually leave for their worksites by 8:15 a.m. and return to the school by 3:30 p.m. Each day you will spend time working at your assigned site. You'll be involved in one or more of the following work projects: painting, yard work, indoor/outdoor clean-up, home maintenance and repair on existing homes, neighborhood revitalization, helping with children at daycare centers/boys and girls clubs for low income families, helping at centers that distribute food to the needy, restoring hope to those who have none. You will also have time for lunch, sharing and reflection during devotions on what it means to be a servant.

After returning from your worksite, you will have an opportunity to get cleaned up and enjoy some free time. You might play some pickup games (basketball, volleyball, football, etc.), write postcards, take a nap or talk with your new and old friends.

Dinner will be from 5:30- 6:30 p.m., with some free time to follow. The evening programs will be filled with activities, music, skits, videos, slides of the work day, testimonies from teens, motivational speakers and prayer. You will not be bored by any means! Each night will be different and special. There will be an opening and closing Mass and other Masses throughout the week.

These evening programs will inspire you to continue serving the next day and renew your commitment to God. Each camp has a free day scheduled for groups to goof off and have fun seeing the sights of the host city. You and your group can choose to go to any of the area attractions. This well-deserved break will be an opportunity for fun and community building with your own youth group. The closing activities on the evening of the free day will wrap up a wonderful week at the Catholic HEART Workcamp. You will feel proud of the hard work you've done during the week and look forward to new opportunities to serve back home.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark these dates on your calendar now!

- Nov. 9** 6:00 p.m. HEART Interest Meeting (Room A off the offices) **(for new participants only)**
- Registrations will be accepted beginning Nov. 9 and will not be accepted before Nov. 9. Please know that spots fill quickly.**
- Spots are reserved on a first come-first served basis by submitting a Letter of Intent & non-refundable \$100 Deposit.
- Nov. 19-20** Harvest of Blessings Fundraiser after masses (sign up on Letter of Intent page)
- February 16** Deposit #2 Due (\$150)
- HEART Meeting 1 (6:30 pm – Parish Hall)
- April 1** All paperwork is due. Deposit #3 due (\$150)
- April 22-23** Nails Fundraiser (after all masses)
- May 3** Final Balances Due
- HEART Meeting 1 (6:30 pm – Parish Hall)
- June 14** Send-Off Mass and Potluck (6:30 p.m. Church and Pavilion)
- June 17** Depart for Hardeeville, SC
- June 18-24** Catholic HEART Workcamp – Hardeeville, SC
- June 24** Depart Hardeeville and travel home to Knoxville

All Saints Mission Trip
Catholic HEART Workcamp

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Hardeeville, SC

Letter of Commitment

I, _____ (participant's name) wish to participate in the Catholic HEART Workcamp in **Hardeeville, SC on June 17-24, 2017.**

I understand that by signing below that I am fully committed to attending this camp.

I understand that if I am unable to attend this camp, I am responsible for finding another parishioner who will attend in my place. I understand that if I am not able to find a replacement, the participant's family is responsible for refunding All Saints the designated registration fees.

I hereby release any financial responsibilities for funding unused registration spots from All Saints and I assume all liabilities.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Participant's Printed Name _____ Current Grade _____

Participant's Email Address: _____ Participant's Cell: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____ Parent's Phone: _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET WITH \$100 Deposit (Non-refundable)

Fundraising Info

I am interested in working a fundraising shift at the **Harvest of Blessings on Nov. 19-20.** This is an optional activity. Proceeds from the fundraising shifts will be split among shift workers.

Please sign up using this link or fill out the sheets below: <http://signup.com/go/GgKfbb>

Shift Preference (not all requests can be granted). All shifts will be after the mass indicated.

Sat. after 5 pm Mass _____ Sat. after 7 pm Mass _____

Sun. after 8:15 a.m. _____ Sun after 10 a.m. _____ Sun after 11:45 a.m. _____

I am an adult who can help with Harvest of Blessings (mark shift above)

Name _____ Email _____