

Catholic HEART Workcamp 2012

Philadelphia, PA

June 9-16, 2012



REGISTRATIONS BEGIN ON NOV. 10

(THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE NOV. 10)

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.

When: June 9-16, 2012

Where: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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 2012. Next Level Camps offer a few different elements but *never exclude* the great parts of the original CHWC. It features several options for a more, mature audience including 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 38 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.

Cost: Youth Price: \$385 for REGISTERED All Saints parishioners (in thanks to our All Saints Stewardship Philosophy. REGISTERED is defined as a registered family at All Saints and is documented as giving freely to the parish in time, talent and treasure).

Adult price: \$75 (for REGISTERED All Saints parishioners). A \$75 deposit is required to secure your spot. If you attend the trip, you will be refunded the \$75 as spending money. This pricing is available to the first 7 adults that register.

For Non-Parishioner Youth and Adults: Cost is \$485. Fundraising opportunities are available to ALL participants.

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Reservations: Your spot is reserved when:

1. You have submitted your deposit (\$75) AND
2. You have submitted your Letter of Intent (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 531-0770 annieatallsaints@yahoo.com

Oct. 27, 2011

Dear Friends,

It's time to start getting ready for HEART Camp 2012! It's hard to believe that we are already kicking things off for our eighth 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: **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

June 9-16, 2012

All Saints has reserved 45 spots for this camp (38 youth spots and 7 adult spots). **We must have enough adults in order to take 38 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. 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 48 camps annually across the United States and Jamaica. 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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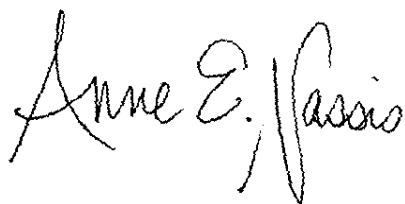
The cost includes all lodging, meals (except for traveling days and free day), activities during the camp (excluding free day activities), building materials, transportation costs, and fuel.

We will be strategizing some creative ways to assist in funding this experience including youth fundraisers, possible church contributions, and individual contributions. Some fundraisers that have already been scheduled include selling Honey Baked Ham gift cards, wrapping paper, collecting used cell phones, selling nails, selling Ice Bears tickets, and other items. 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 531-0770 or at annieatallsaints@yahoo.com.

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

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne E. Nassis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

Annie Nassis
Director of Youth Ministry
All Saints Church

WHAT WILL WORKCAMP BE 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 (Revised 2/15/12)

Please mark these dates on your calendar now!

- Nov. 10** 6 p.m. HEART Interest Meeting (Parish Hall Lounge) – **for new participants only**
- Registrations will be accepted beginning Nov. 10 and will not be accepted before Nov. 10. Please know that spots fill quickly.**
- Spots are reserved on a first come-first served basis by submitting a Letter of Intent & non-refundable \$75 Deposit.
- Nov. 19-20** Harvest of Blessings Fundraiser (sign up on Letter of Intent page)
- Dec. 17-18** Wrapping Gifts Fundraiser (Details TBA)
- February 16** Deposit #2 Due (\$100)
- HEART Meeting 1 (6 p.m. Parish Hall)
- April 1** All paperwork is due. Deposit #3 due (\$100)
- *April 21-22** Nails Fundraiser (after all masses)
- (date change)
- *May 6** Final Balances Due
- (date change) Meeting #2 (2 to 5 pm – Parish Hall)
- June 6** Send-Off Mass and Potluck (6:30 p.m. Parish Hall)
- June 9** Depart for Philadelphia, PA
- June 10-16** Catholic HEART Workcamp – Philadelphia, PA

All Saints Mission Trip
Catholic HEART Workcamp
June 9-16, 2012
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Letter of Commitment

I, _____ (participant's name) wish to participate in the Catholic HEART Workcamp in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 9-16, 2012. 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 _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET WITH \$75 Deposit (Non-refundable)

Fundraising Info

I am interested in working a fundraising shift at the Harvest of Blessings on Nov. 19-20, 2011. This is an optional activity. Proceeds from the fundraising shifts will be split equally among shift workers.

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

Sat. between 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (after 5 pm mass and before 7 pm Spanish 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 _____