



DIOCESE OF SIOUX CITY

Office of the Evangelization

Please Read!! Important camp information enclosed

Dear Camper and Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for registering for **Emmaus 2021, which will be held at the Creighton University Retreat Center (CURC)**. We are looking forward to our very first summer of Emmaus, an intentional summer camp for upperclassmen in high school to grow closer to Christ and deeper in their spiritual life! This letter contains important information that you need to know before your camper arrives at Emmaus. **Please read through the entire letter.**

- Emmaus for those finishing 10th-12th grade will be held July 21-25, 2021 at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA
 - 16493 Contrail Ave, Griswold, IA 51535
- Check-in will be held at 1:00PM on July 21st. Check-out will be held at 12:00PM on July 25th.

REGISTRATION & PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER

It is very important that prior to arriving at camp your camper's 2021 Registration & Parental/Guardian Consent Form & Liability Waiver is completed and submitted to the Office of Evangelization. If you have not turned this in, this form can be downloaded from our website. Just visit the following link: <https://scdiocese.org/emmaus>, and download the "consent, liability, and medical form". Please complete and mail the form to our address below. You can also email it to karak@scdiocese.org or bring it to camp check-ins. **Any camper missing this form will either need to have one filled out by a guardian upon arrival, or will not be allowed to attend.**

Diocese of Sioux City
ATTN: Kara Kardell
1821 Jackson St.
Sioux City, Iowa 51105

REFUND POLICY

Before July 2nd: If a camper cancels a registration with request for a refund before July 2, 2021, the registration fee minus a \$75.00 processing fee will be refunded.

After July 2nd: No refunds will be given, as we have closed registrations and are now responsible for paying all campers' fees. (note: if your parish can fill the spot, they can handle refunding you with the new camper's payment)

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the case of an emergency while your child is at camp, the Camp Director, Kara, can be reached by calling her cell at (515) 368-4048 or calling the CURC at (712) 778-2466.

ARRIVAL AT CURC

Check-in time is 1:00PM—1:30PM on July 21st. Lunch is *not* provided upon arrival. Registration will take place in the dining hall. An adult must accompany every camper to check-in. We will not check campers in before 1:00PM as the staff is busy preparing for the arrival of the campers. If you know that you are going to arrive later than 1:30PM, please call the Office of Evangelization at 712.233.7516 prior to the camp date to let Kara know the time of your arrival. Campers will receive their camp t-shirt (if

ordered), and group and cabin assignments at check-in. Please understand that Emmaus is aimed at bringing people together in community, so some campers may be placed in groups or cabins in order to encourage opportunities to grow and meet new people. We appreciate your understanding and patience in this regard.

Please refer to the “packing list” section for what campers should bring.

Closing Mass

There will be a closing mass on July 25th at 11:15AM in the Chapel. All families of campers are invited to attend mass!

This is a great opportunity to see how the youth participated in the sacraments throughout the camp and to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together. *We will *not* check campers out prior to mass but will do check-outs immediately following mass.

DEPARTURE FOR HOME

Camp ends at 12PM after the closing mass. The campers will bring their things into to the room beneath the Chapel so they are ready to check out and depart after mass. If applicable, you may pick-up your camper and his/her belongings there and then check-out with camp staff as you exit the building. If your child drives himself/herself, they still need to check out with a staff volunteer before departing. *Check outs will **not** take place prior to 12:00pm, as there will be mass beforehand.*

Note: Please remember that Check-in and Check-out can be a bit chaotic and stressful for everyone, especially in the summer heat. We promise that we will do our best to ensure that both run as smoothly as possible, but we also appreciate your patience with the process.

Commitment to Emmaus

To gain the full experience of Emmaus, we desire a full commitment from all campers and volunteers to arrive by the completion of check-ins and remain at camp the entire duration of camp. This is particularly relevant if your child drives there and has access to a car. It is not permitted to leave camp during designated dates of Emmaus.

MEDICAL ISSUES

There will be a Nurse available during each camp session. Prescription and non-prescription medications should be left in their original containers and brought to registration so the nurse can write them down and knows what the campers are taking during their stay.

SPENDING MONEY

Campers may bring money to purchase merchandise or gifts in the CURC shop.

PHONE CALLS

As Emmaus is aimed at upperclassmen, we are aware that many will own cellphones. Please note that campers will be encouraged to detach from their phones and other forms of technology during their time at camp. If you need to contact them during the day, feel free to contact Kara (with the phone number previously given).

Packing List

(Please make sure camper's name is on all items)

- Bible, journal/notebook and pencil
- Casual, modest clothes (no underwear should show) for warm & cool weather
- 2 pairs of shoes (suitable for outdoor wear – preferably tennis shoes).
 - There will be some hiking involved at camp.
- Warm jacket or rain gear and hat to stay cool.
- Bedding: sheets (twin beds)/sleeping bag, pillow.
- Toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, tooth brush and paste, etc.)
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Modest swim gear/clothes for possible water fight or outdoor water games. (No bikinis)
- 2 Towels (one for showering and one for water activities)
- Money if desired

Optional:

- Athletic gear
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Watch
- Stamped envelopes/postcards
- Sunglasses
- Board games

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER LEAVE AT HOME?

- Cell phones (if they choose to bring it, we will request it remains in their cabin during camp activities)
- Portable music systems
- Electric games
- Expensive jewelry, other items of high value
- Large amounts of cash

ABSOLUTELY NO pornography, tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or fireworks will be tolerated.

The Diocese is not responsible for lost, stolen, or forgotten items! Inquiries should be directed to CURC.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Please remember to fill out the 2021 Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver and return it to the Office of Evangelization, Discipleship, and Family Life if you have not already done so. For your child to attend camp, we must have this completed form to comply with the Diocese of Sioux City Risk Management Policy. If we do not have this form when you drop off your child for camp, **we cannot allow them to stay.**

If you have any questions regarding Emmaus, please contact Kara Kardell at 712.233.7516 or karak@scdiocese.org.