

## THE CYO SUMMER DAY CAMP

For over 80 years, hundreds of children have experienced CYO Summer camp as a vibrant faith community which offers campers a fun-filled, week in a safe and supportive setting. Kids have a great time learning new skills, making new friends, and enjoying all that summer offers. We welcome children of all races and religions.

### OUR STAFF:

We employ experienced and caring young adults with backgrounds in day care, recreation and youth ministry. Many of our staff are local teachers and educators, or college age students studying in these fields

### OUR FACILITIES:

The St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center is a 5-acre facility operated by the Archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and is used year round as a Retreat Center for teens and adults. The facilities include an air conditioned gym and cafeteria, outdoor pool, grassy fields, computer lab, arts and crafts, Kinder Camp, and special break out rooms for rainy day



### MORNING CARE AT CAMP

Children may be dropped off starting 7:00 am to the Dining Hall for Morning Care where they will receive cereal and juice. MORNING CARE IS A FLAT RATE \$30 A WEEK – NO DAILY RATE. Regular drop off will start at 8:00 am when doors open. Children must be picked up NO LATER THAN 6 pm.

### TUITION

The fee for all campers is \$160.00 per week. (Fee for the week of June 29th is \$130) PLEASE NOTE: to avoid being charged a late fee, tuition for that week MUST BE PAID IN FULL by the Monday of the campers week. .

**PAYMENT:** Make checks payable to **CYO Summer Camp.** Please include your **child's full name on all checks.**

**There are no partial fees for camp.** The camp tuition covers the cost of meals, supplies, staff and facilities. We **CANNOT** offer any partial fees for campers that attend half days or limited days in a week.



### OUR PROGRAM:

Our Camp is divided up into THREE separate age brackets...

-Kinder Campers (ages 5 and 6)

-7 to 9 year olds

-10 to 12 year olds

All groups gather at the beginning and ending of the day together but during the camp day they have their own separate aged activities. Campers eat lunch according to their age groups also.

### KINDER CAMPERS:

Kinder Campers are divided up further by the 5 year olds and then the 6 year olds. We will taking NO MORE than 15-20 of each camper age per week. Once that number is met Kinder Campers will go on a waiting list. There are TWO counselors and an assistant with each age group during the day. **ALL CHILDREN**

**ATTENDING KINDER CAMP MUST BE TOILET TRAINED AND ABLE TO USE THE BATHROOM AND CHANGE THEMSELVES FOR POOL/WATER ACTIVITES UNASSISTED.**



### THE CAMPERS DAY

Kinder Campers stay together for the day and are structured as a traditional camp setting where they play, learn, eat, swim etc together.

The 7-9 year olds and 10-12 year olds are placed on a 6 period schedule. Each week they get to choose SIX different activities ( swimming, sports, computers, art, etc) to do for one week. Periods are roughly 50 minutes each.

At the end of the day the campers all gather together for closing announcements, etc. Campers are outside playing each day in activities until roughly 5pm—but can be picked up anytime you would like.

### LUNCH AT CAMP

All campers receive lunch everyday at camp as part of their weekly camp fee. If campers chose not to eat the lunch provided they can bring their own lunch from home. Lunch menus will be posted on the website on the camp page as the camp season draws closer.



## **Have a Question on Camp?** **Here's some important information from Rich** **that's IMPORTANT for parents to know!**

So over the course of the past 24 years as Director I get asked A LOT of the same questions.. So I figured I would put some of this in writing to help you out!

**-Camp AGE.** Camp is for children ages 5 to 12. A camper that turns 13 during Camp can still continue to go to camp for the remainder of the season. A camper **MUST BE 5 years old** by the time camp starts to attend. Kinder Camp is for children ages 5 and 6. Regular Camp is for children ages 7 to 12. If your child turns 7 right before camp starts, during camp, or right after camp—you might want to record his/ her age as 7. **UNLESS** you want your “almost to be 7 year old” in Kinder Camp.

**-Campers will be grouped as the following..** Kinder 5 year olds, Kinder 6 year olds, campers ages 7 to 9, and campers 10 to 12. So **NO** your 7 year old will not be in the same activities as your 10 year old.

**-A mailing will come out sometime in early May that will highlight the camp rules, procedures, etc.** In that mailing will also be the information about Camp Trips. Camp trips are an option– not mandatory. You choose if you want your child to go and pay for only those trips you choose.

**-We will once again have our Camp ID cards .** These cards **MUST BE SHOWN** at pick up to take your child home. You will again get 3 cards. They will not be sent to you til early June.

**-Kinder Campers DO NOT be using the pool.** We have water inflatables, slides etc that the Kinder Campers will use in the playground area!

**-The pool is a “in ground” pool.** There is a small 2 foot kiddie pool, and the larger pool goes from 2 feet to 6 feet. **EVERY WEEK** all campers by State law must take a swimming test. If they cannot pass the test, or do want to take it they will be kept in the 2-3 foot section of the pool. All non swimmers will need to wear a special bracelet we give them so they are identified to Lifeguards as non swimmers. We have outdoor changing stalls that the campers use to change for pool each day. We have certified lifeguards at the Pool and certified EMT's/ First Aid Staff for medical assistance.

-Our property has a lot of outdoor space! We have our turf field, parking lots, grass field, outdoor pavilion area, basketball and volleyball courts which campers will be using.

**-In regards to “seeing” the facility. You can drive thru anytime you like. HOWEVER inside spaces do not get set up until 3 weeks before camp since as a year round retreat facility we constantly have groups and events going on. So doing a “tour” is really not an option as nothing is set up, and most rooms are empty.**

**-We will be having a Camp Parents Orientation/ Open House. These will be Tuesday June 16th OR Thursday June 18th from 6-9pm. It was a BIG HELP for all new parents last year! We figure it can cut down on a lot of the confusion/ questions that come up during the summer. More information will be sent in future mailings.**

-Camp Staff attend **THREE** staff orientations for training and our staff typically start at age 18. We are proud that each year we have over a 50% return rate of our staff! The large majority of our staff not only return, but over 75% typically were campers themselves when they were younger. Most of our staff is between the ages of 18-23.

-We will once again be using an **ONLINE** scheduling platform where parents/ campers can choose their weekly schedules. Schedules **MUST BE MADE** at home. We will once again **NOT** be making schedules for campers on site each week. More information will come regarding Scheduling. Options each week vary from computers to video games, sports to arts and crafts, art to music classes. The options change each week.

-Again the weeks you are checking off on the Registration sheet can be changed. You are charged for what you use. We ask if you know there are changes that need to be made due to vacations, other camps, etc that you alert us **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** We try to accommodate as many parents as possible. So you alerting us that you are not using time opens it up for those that might be on a waiting list.

-Realize that most Public Schools are in session still the first week of camp! More than likely the majority of our campers wouldn't start til week 2. **CHECK YOUR SCHOOLS SCHEDULE BEFORE REGISTERING!**