

Camp Smile

August 1st-5th, 2022

Camp Smile is for all RISING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (6th, 7th, 8th) and is a week long day camp from 8:30am-4:00pm August 1st-5th. Each morning of camp we will travel off site to a different service project and participate in social activities in the afternoon. Days will include prayer, discussion, service and fun! Friday, August 5th, we will be going to Hershey Park *Drop off by 8:30am & pick up @ Immaculate by 8:30pm.

What families should expect...

Throughout Camp Smile, your child(ren) will be challenged and encouraged to encounter Christ in each other and everyone we meet. As you know, this is not always easy work. Sometimes we like to stay in our own little bubbles and not encounter those around us; but Christ calls us to “make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19), and we cannot do that if we stay within the familiar world we dwell in. This is hard work, so we will also have opportunities to just relax and have fun!

Before Camp begins, you will receive a paper outlining what we are doing each day, locations, and what your child will need each day. This packet will also include additional waivers and permission slips due on the first day.

You should **expect your kids to be tired**. Just as in other summer camps, they will be participating in a variety of activities, and they will be challenged by something. We encourage you to discuss the day and help them process what they experienced when they get home.

Parents should **expect their child to be hungry**. (You know this better than I do). Please feed them a good dinner and a good breakfast each day so they are nourished and ready for the next day! Be sure to send a healthy lunch and a water bottle so they can stay nourished throughout the day.

You should **expect your child to grow**. This may sound clichéd, but they really will grow in some capacity. Maybe they will meet a new friend, or face a fear of heights, or learn a new skill. During this exciting time of their lives, they are constantly learning and growing and being exposed to new things—help them foster these new skills and be open to conversations!

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can youth bring their cell phones?** Yes, but they must keep them in their bags and are for emergencies only. You can contact me at any time during the camp if you need to get in touch with your child. Cell phones often distract teens (and adults). We are hoping that everyone will be fully present in each activity. We will take pictures and send them out at the end of camp.
- That being said, *on Friday for Hershey Park, youth are encouraged to bring their phones since our group will be spread out through the park and meeting up for check in times.*
- **Where are you going each day? What do I need to send with my child(ren)?** There will be various service and social sites. A complete list of off campus locations will be given to you before the start of the Camp.
- **What do I need to sign up my child?** The following are required to complete your Camp Smile Registration and reserve your child's spot:
 - Archdiocesan Permission Slip
 - Registration Form
 - Registration Fee of \$250*updates on Covid-19 protocols and forms will be available closer to camp
*If money is an obstacle, please contact Noelle
- **This sounds awesome! How can I help out?** We would love to have you as a parent volunteer! We need adult chaperones every day, so if you are able to volunteer a few days or the whole week, we would love to have you on the team! All chaperones must complete Virtus Training and register as a Volunteer with Substantial Contact with Children. Contact Noelle with any questions!!