

Youth & Children's Voice

Episcopal Youth Music Camp

Early Bird Registration Deadline: May 1

Music camp is an overnight camping experience for youth entering 3rd - 12th grades. After May 1, the cost to attend camp increases to \$500. The general registration deadline is June 30. Brochures are in the rack by the parking lot entrance. Forms are also available through St. John's website link to camp and at www.episcopalyouthmusic.org.

The website includes photos of past camps and the health forms needed for camp. Contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351, ext. 12 or

Youth@StJohnWilderness.org, or Melanie Lee, 651/748-8162, for more information.

Youth Confirmation Banquet

Sunday, May 3 at noon

The 1st Year Confirmation youth will prepare a banquet lunch honoring all those who have completed their 2nd year of confirmation, regardless of their decision about being confirmed. Sign up for the banquet so the youth know how much food to prepare.

June 15 – 19, 10-12:30

VBS for age 3 - grade 5

VeggieTown Values - Veggie Kids

Building God's Citizen's ...Generations to Generations. Colossians 3:12-14

Registration Materials & Volunteer Opportunities will be available at the Activity Table. Youth & adults will be needed. Younger youth will be helpers; older youth will be co-leaders with adults.

Celebrating Our Faith Through The Arts

The COFTA worship arts youth group will come to a close for the season. We're planning a workshop overnight in September. Watch the June Voice & weekly Small Voice bulletin inserts for more information.

Summer Youth Mission Trip, July 6 – 11 Minneapolis here we come.

This year's mission trip may seem too close to home. In many respects it's further away than you may think. Last summer the youth traveled to Chicago to experience the ministries of Episcopal Church Services. They worked in soup kitchens, cleaned & landscaped properties connected with ECS, and toured the city with an open set of eyes. As we traveled we discussed how what is happening in Chicago is not much different from what is happening in Minneapolis, in our own backyard. Because of this discussion it seemed important to see & experience the same types of ministries closer to home. Youth who are entering 9th - 12th grades or recent graduates are invited to join us on this journey of mission. We will lodge in a South Minneapolis church and travel from there daily to do service in the community with Episcopal Community Services. The cost of the trip, due by June 21, is \$100. Registration materials will be sent via email and will be available in the Parish Hall & on the bulletin board outside the Youth Ministry Office. Please Contact Sheila Foster if you have questions or need assistance with the paper work.

VBS for children, teens & adults

Sundays, July 12, 19 & 26

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to explore your faith. Last summer was our 1st year of intergenerational VBS, and it was a huge success. Insight & wisdom come from adults & from younger people. Each VBS gathering is a stand-alone opportunity. You can come to just 1 or to all 3 Sundays. Please mark you calendar today, and enrich you faith formation experience over the summer. For more information contact Sheila or Rev. Marilyn, Education@StJohnWilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 16.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

A full listing of volunteer opportunities through 2010 is available on the Parish Hall Youth Information Board & the Sunday School Board near the lower level Sunday school rooms.

Please Help!

June 15 – 19, 10 am -12:30 pm, Children's VBS

July 6-11, Youth Mission trip to Minneapolis

July 12, 19, & 26, VBS for all

September 13, Rally Sunday

Contact Sheila Foster if you're available to help with any of these events.

Don't Forget These Dates:

May

3 10 am Sr. High YEP prepares lunch for Banquet

Noon, 2nd Yr. Confirmation Banquet

17 9 am Baccalaureate & Bible presentation to 1st graders

10 am reception for Senior High Grads

17 Last Day of Sunday School Celebration

Looking to Summer

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grade 8 – 12 *In state* Mission Trip

July 12, 19 & 26

Intergenerational VBS

August 9 – 15

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