

Faith FACTOR

Fox Area Catholic Teen Out Reach

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have to pay \$50 to do service for others?

We use the money to buy t-shirts, water bottles, snacks and the meal on Thursday night, and other supplies for the camp. We use a good portion of the money to pay all our adult drivers for gas. And we usually need to purchase supplies for 1-2 outreach projects (fleece blankets and tie dye pillow cases for patients, bracelets for Siblings Network)

Can I register after the deadline?

Soon after the deadline, we call community organizations to make sure we have enough worksites. We solidify adult chaperones and cars/minivans to make sure we have enough adults and seats. We order t-shirts and water bottles. We form the service groups, organize the liability forms, make maps, etc. Several of the Youth Ministers then leave town for other service trips, arriving back into town 1-2 days before Faith FACTOR. We do not meet again as a Faith FACTOR team - it is difficult to make changes once everything is in place. Therefore we are asking that no other registrations be accepted unless there are seats available. For some of these same reasons, we will not be offering any refunds this year.

Will I be able to be with my friends?

We have always been able to place people with at least one friend **IF** they put a friend's name down on their registration form **AND** registered on time. Sometimes, if you request to be with several friends, it comes down to how many seats are in the car and how many volunteers the community site requests. We cannot guarantee you will be placed with more than one friend. But joining up with others is a great opportunity for you to meet other youth from around the area!

What kind of work will I be doing?

The type of work ranges greatly. You might be visiting the elderly (playing games, wheeling them to activities, etc.), serving food at a shelter, sorting clothes/donated items, cleaning windows, doing lawn work, doing office work, cleaning up the highway,... so on and so forth. We need to remain open to whatever is needed of us. We are the hands of Christ this week to all these organizations!

Do I have to be there all day? all three days?

- 1) We inform the community organizations in the middle of June as to how many people we are sending to their site. They plan projects based on the number of people we promise, and they expect us to follow through on our commitment.
- 2) We often switch sites after lunch, which causes confusion for those joining us late or leaving early.
- 3) It disrupts the team bonding experience, especially if you are there only half of the time. Please make every effort to commit to the full camp.

How should I dress each day?

You will wear the Faith FACTOR t-shirt each day. This helps the organizations recognize us, and it promotes what we are doing as Church. For your shorts or pants (some places require pants), we expect everyone to dress modestly, showing that we are indeed made in God's image. This means no cut-off shorts or short shorts, or pants that show your belly. Neither should have holes or tears. We need to dress respectfully. This is also a rule for all other Christian youth service camps around the country.

Why can't I wear flip-flops?

We adopted this rule from all the national and local service camps that are held. It is purely for safety reasons. We are not always 100% sure what type of work we will be doing. We do not want to place anyone at risk of injuring a toe or foot. A number of the service sites actually require that we wear closed-toed shoes.