

CAMP LEON 2017 APPLICATION

WHAT? A week of SUMMER CAMPING for kids ages 7-13 from Blessed Sacrament Parish: swimming, horseback riding, zip lining, rock wall climbing, field sports, campfires, carnival, skits and friends.

WHERE? CAMP BOSCO (formerly called Camp Tygart) - Located twenty-three miles south of Elkins, WV, or four miles south of Huttonsville, WV, on U.S. Route 219, a three-hour drive from Charleston.

WHEN? Sunday through Saturday, June 11-17, 2017.

COST? In a spirit of stewardship based on the teaching of Jesus, no standard registration fee is charged. Each family is encouraged to contribute as they are able; keeping in mind that the actual cost per camper to our Parish is about \$250.00. No child will be excluded because of inability to pay. Our parish budget includes no funding for Camp, so additional gifts to assist other families are MOST welcome! Please be as generous as your situation allows. Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Church and mail to Camp Leon, Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 E. Street, South Charleston, WV 25303.

DIRECTORS? Paula Durst, Mike Burgess and Father John Finnell

STAFF? Approved adult and student parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and other parishes. Red Cross certified lifeguards oversee the campers at the swimming pool, lake and all water-related activities. All adult staff are in compliance with the United Bishops' Charter on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention.

TRAVEL? Parents/guardians provide transportation to and from camp. Many families choose to car-pool together. Directions will be provided.

DEADLINE? Applications for Camp Leon must be received no later than **Friday, APRIL 7, 2017.** Since space is very limited at camp, applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis with a preference for Blessed Sacrament parishioners. Please send your application(s) as soon as possible. You will be notified by mail of your child's acceptance.

You can email completed applications to blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com. Please put "Camp Leon Application" in the Subject or Re: field.

Or you can mail completed applications to :

CAMP LEON
Blessed Sacrament Church
305 E Street
South Charleston, WV 25303

***Youth Mission Statement** As a Christ-centered community, Blessed Sacrament Parish seeks to ignite the hearts and minds of our youth to the love of God and all people while calling them to put their faith into action. We seek to affirm the gifts of our youth and grow opportunities for young people to share their gifts with the larger community. Our parish strives to integrate the youth within the life and mission of the parish through living out their baptismal call in everyday life.*

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for another great year at Camp Leon I ask that you keep a few things in mind.

1. Please do not send an application for your child unless you are firmly committed to having your child participate in the camp June 11-17, 2017. Please check your calendar carefully before sending in the application. We understand that true family emergencies may prevent your child from attending as planned. However, do not send an application just to hold open your options.
2. We have a strictly limited number of spaces available for campers. Preference will be given to members of Blessed Sacrament Parish and to those whose parent(s) will be serving on our camp staff . As space allows, we will welcome campers from other parishes. If your child has a friend from another parish who wishes to attend, we cannot guarantee that the friend will be accepted until we know how much space is available.
3. We are serious about the **deadline of Friday, April 7**. We will mark each application with the date that we receive it in our office.
4. We welcome parents who wish to come to our campfire on Friday evening. If you plan to stay overnight at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, please notify our parish office at 304-744-5523. You will be asked to make full payment for your room at the time you make the reservation. Rates: Single room (1 double bed) \$45, Double room (2 double beds) \$70 (\$35 per person). The Pastoral Center has made clear that we are NOT to have tail-gate parties in their parking lot and we are NOT to use alcoholic beverages in their parking lot. The Pastoral Center is now being used for Manus Christi, a week long service and mission experience. There will be Manus Christi participants staying at the Pastoral Center on Friday evening.
5. Our Camp is designed to foster the development of Catholic faith and morals among all who participate. We have Mass and other prayer services each day. **Please prepare your children to participate fully in our prayers and to behave at all times in a Christ-like manner during Camp. This includes following rules, respecting staff authority and respecting the property and needs of others.** Failure to do so will be cause for expulsion.
6. Please prepare your child to understand that s/he is NOT allowed to bring any food items in their personal luggage or to receive any by mail. Luggage will be inspected by staff upon arrival. All food items will be removed by staff. We also request that food items not be mailed to campers during camp.

With all this in mind, I am confident that your child(ren) will have a wonderful week at Camp Leon and I look forward to praying with them each day!

Sincerely,



Rev. John H. Finnell