

Appalachia Summer Mission Trip FAQ

Who is eligible? Students currently in grades 9-12. We can take up to 11 teens. Spots will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Non-refundable deposit and application must be received for spot to be saved.

What will we be doing? Our worksites, food, lodging and evening activities will be coordinated by the **Manus Christi program**. More about Manus Christi:

Manus Christi is Latin for "Hands of Christ." Manus Christi is an active reflection of St. Teresa's words, mixing vibrant prayer, engaging catechesis and formation, and significant service with and to those in need. This week-long service and mission experience offered by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston gives entering 9-12 graders the opportunity to encounter Christ in those in need while learning about and living the concepts of personal dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity.* Manus Christi partners with Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity to serve the disadvantaged people in the Tygart Valley of the Appalachian Mountains.

*Personhood, common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity are the four central principles of Catholic Social Teaching -- YOUCAT p. 181

Accommodations: We will be staying at the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center (BHPC)

The BHPC is home to the ministry. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has recently turned this upscale pastoral center with hotel-style rooms into a center for youth evangelization at the service of those in need. From every room having its own bathroom, to the dining room's breathtaking views, to the beautiful art on the walls, this is an ideal setting to encounter Christ.

We will overnight both going and coming home at the Holiday Inn in Richmond, IN. Students will sleep 4 to a room by gender.

How will we get there? We will be travelling by Mini Van. We plan to leave Saturday, June 23rd in the morning, overnighing in Richmond, IN and then continuing to West Virginia on Sunday. On the way home, we plan to leave Friday morning, June 29 overnighing in Richmond, IN and arrive home Saturday, June 30.

Why are we serving in Appalachia? Appalachian Poverty is a major problem and it's a problem that goes largely unnoticed by the rest of the country. The coal industry played a role in the oppression of the people in this area. Lack of quality education, access to good jobs and health care continue to be the issues faced by the rural mountain communities of Appalachia.

What else will be do besides serve?

In addition to traditional prayer experiences and service opportunities, we will use the amenities of the summer camp at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center (BHPC) like the pool with 90' water slide for relaxation and the climbing tower and zip line for teaching the truths of Catholic social thought. And that is just the beginning of the adventure.

What type of Fund Raising will be available?:

- We have the Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 24th.
- The Jewelry Sale the first three Wednesdays, and first three weekends in May.
- Other ideas will be brainstormed by the team
- Contact Jamie for a Scholarship Application form

Still have Questions??? Contact Jamie Clyde, Youth Ministry & Adult Faith Formation Director at or call (Office) 265-5001 ext. 211

**Application for All Saints Youth Ministry
Appalachia Summer Mission Trip
June 23-30, 2018**

Please submit this form, and a deposit of \$150 made out to All Saints to the Youth Office **by Feb. 7** (see address at bottom of page). Your deposit is non-refundable and represents your commitment to full payment by the final deadline. See reverse side for cancellation policy

My name is: _____ Male or Female

Grade: _____ (*students currently in 9th-12th grade are eligible to apply*) I Attend _____ School

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Student Cell Phone #: _____ T-shirt Size (please circle): S M L XL XXL

Parent Email: _____

Student Email: _____

. *Please answer the following questions:*

1. Why do you want to go on this service trip?

2. How would you show Christ to the people you meet where we do our service work?

You will be expected to attend a few meetings in preparation for the summer mission trip. Teens and chaperones MUST attend; parents are always welcome to attend. Dates and locations of these meetings TBD.

By registering for the mission trip, you agree to make every effort to attend these meetings.

I support my child's decision to participate in the 2018 mission trip. I am aware of and agree to the financial obligations and cancellation policy (see reverse side).

X _____
Parent Signature

*RETURN BY **February 7, 2018** WITH \$150 DEPOSIT PAYABLE TO ALL SAINTS
650 NE 52ND AVE., DES MOINES, IA 50313
CONTACT JAMIE AT 265-5001 EXT. 211 OR jamie@dmallsaints.org WITH QUESTIONS*

All Saints Summer Mission Trip 2018: June 23-30

- Payment schedule: Total cost of trip is \$632 for teens
 - Checks made payable to **All Saints***
 - \$150 deposit is due with the application by February 7, 2018
 - \$241 payment due April 1
 - \$241 payment due June 1

Any money raised by a student through fund raising will be applied to the balance due on their trip, therefore reducing these payment amounts.

Financial assistance and many fundraising opportunities are available. Contact Jamie at jamie@dmallsaints.org for more information.

- **Cancellation Policy:** (\$150 deposit paid with application is non-refundable)
 - Cancellations received before April 1 will receive a full refund of any payments made minus \$150 deposit
 - Cancellations received after April 1, but before June 1 are expected to Pay \$241 in addition to the non-refundable deposit of \$150
 - Cancellations after June 1 will result in full payment by the participant
 - In any of the cases, if a qualified replacement is found to fill a cancelled spot, the \$150 non-refundable deposit still applies, however the other penalties may be waived.