

ST. SCHOLASTICA S.T.O.R.M. – Jerusalem Farm Mission Trip Meeting

8:00 pm September 21, 2022

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Benefits of a Mission Trip: Youth Ministry Members Will...
 - A. Build their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching & about what it means to be a Catholic Disciple.
 - B. Experience personal spiritual growth.
 - C. Build self-esteem.
 - D. Achieve deeper understanding of faith in action.
 - E. Learn about a new Culture.
 - F. Be offered inspirational opportunities prepared by trained youth ministry specialists
 - G. Develop sensitivity to the needs of others.
 - H. Witness their faith to others.
 - I. Learn about teamwork and group-building.
 - J. Feel a stronger sense of community within the group.
 - K. Live the Cornerstones of Service, Community, Prayer, and Simplicity. Show overview from Website.
- III. Requirements
 - A. Must attend at least one retreat.
 - B. Must be actively participating in STORM.
 - C. Must be able to attend most preparations meetings. We do ask that teens request off work. We've tried to offer different days and months so that everyone can make most of the dates.
 - D. One of the things our group is known for is how close we all are. The reason is that we know each other from the weekly meetings, retreats, and we spend time preparing together, learning more about Catholic Social Teaching, and about each other. This is something I think we do better than most groups and it is the reason we have these requirements.
- IV. General Plan:
 - A. Commissioning Service on June 18th at the 8 am Mass (This is tentative)
 - B. We will meet before Mass at 7:15 am to pack the vehicles.
 - C. We will leave after Mass at 9 am on Sunday morning, June 18th.
 - D. It is a 7.5 hour drive. We will stop for lunch on the way, near Springfield, Illinois or Hannibal, Missouri. We will stop for dinner near the Farm, probably BBQ.
 - E. Arrive at Jerusalem Farm in Kansas City, Missouri between 7-8 pm.
 - F. Read the Overview of Jerusalem Farm - We will be the only group. General Program Schedule.
Sunday - Orientation, Monday - Farm Work Day and Catholic Social Teaching and Hike, Mass at Night, Tuesday - 1st Day of service at 1st Site. Community Dinner, Wednesday - Campfire Night, Thursday - Recreation Night, Friday - Last Day of Service at 4th Site, Saturday - Finish up with morning program, breakfast, and chores, then depart.
 - G. Talk about Food & helping with meals & clean up (homecrew) - They work with allergies!
 - H. Helping with prayer.
 - I. The Workcamp ends on Saturday, June 24.
 - J. We will drive home stopping for lunch and dinner. We may stop in St. Louis to visit the City Museum or the Zoo. We should be home between 9-11 pm.
 - K. We will do a Rite of Welcoming Home from Service on Sunday, June 25 at 10 am Mass.
- V. Details
 - A. We will be staying at Jerusalem Farm in dorms. Everyone will have a bed, so air mattresses are not needed. We are limited to maximum 16 boys and/or 16 girls because of the number of beds in the dorms. Showers are limited during our time there - learning about simplicity.
 - B. Review Team Roles - Our work teams will be teens and adults from our Youth Ministry Group. I will be assigning teams so you get to know new people within our group.
 - C. We will randomly assign spaces in the vehicles and they will change throughout the trip. This will help us all to get to know each other.

- D. We will be the only group at the farm.
- E. Cell phones, Ipod's, mp3 players, etc. are not allowed by St. Scholastica or Jerusalem Farm. We can have a shared Spotify playlist for use in the cars on the way up as a group as part of our "bonding" experience. Adults will have cell phones in an emergency and parents will have all of the phone numbers if you need to reach us. I am very serious about this rule and most of the teens love the experience of being disconnected.
- F. We will have six participant meetings on Monday, November 28 - teens and parent(s), Thursday, January 19 - teens, Monday, February 13 - teens, Wednesday, April 19 - teens, Tuesday, May 16 - teens, and Monday, June 5 - teens and parent(s).
- G. These meetings are mandatory because they are part of the preparation process for the trip. Please request off work.
- H. Part of the preparation process includes service in our own community. One of the service projects we will be doing is doing service projects to raise money for the trip. These are ongoing and you will be asked to help when needed. This year that money will go directly to you to reduce the cost of your trip.
- I. We will also be doing other service opportunities as a group like Feed My Starving Children over Spring Break.
- J. The website is jerusalemfarm.org

VI. Cost and Fund Raising

- A. The cost of the Workcamp is \$350 per person. Add to this the cost of van rental, gas, meals along the way, and free day activities, and the actual cost of the trip is approximately \$700.
- B. \$700 will be your starting point this year and we will be doing fundraisers to offset this cost. If you are at all of your Mass fundraisers, preparation meetings, and car washes, the cost will be \$250. If you miss meetings, fundraisers, or can't help with some of them you could pay more.
- C. We plan to have two Trivia Night Fundraisers this year you can further reduce the cost if parents and teens help with it. We can't do this fundraiser without parents because we need over 21 year olds to sell drinks and raffle tickets. We need some parents to solicit donations for raffle baskets and prizes, or to provide a basket. We also need some parents to gather a table to join us! We will also be using this fundraiser for WYD and Steubenville, so if you are going to more than one, you help yourself if you help with this fundraiser.
- D. Another option for individual fundraising is to get sponsors. I will provide an example letter to you. All sponsors make checks payable to St. Scholastica and the sponsorship is tax deductible. Several teens fundraised all of their cost this way!
- E. Payment of \$100 is due with the application by October 30. This is non-refundable if you are chosen to go. \$100 due in January and \$50 Due in March. Cancellations before February 15 have a \$100 cancellation fee. After February 15 it is \$200. After March 30 there is no refund.
- F. We will speak at all the Masses in March about the Mission Trip and solicit donations at the exits as people leave.
- G. Mother's Day "Spiritual Bouquet" Sales April and May & Father's Day "Spiritual Bouquet" Sales in June. (12 Masses for Mothers and 12 Masses for Fathers - one a month for a year)
- H. Everyone must sign up to work 6 to 8 Masses. If you are only signing up for one Mass on a Sunday, it must be either 8 am or 12 pm. If you miss Mass, it will increase your payment by \$25.
- I. Attendance at each of the 4 participant meetings (January, February, April and May) (if you miss it is \$25).
- J. A car wash in May and August. Ticket sales the weekend before. If you miss a car wash, you will increase your fee by \$50.
- K. Service projects for donations - raking leaves, shoveling snow, mowing the lawn, packing up etc. Everyone will be expected to help as needed. The money will reduce your fee. If you miss one of the above and have extra fees, you can offset that by working extra service fundraisers. Our goal is for everyone to only pay \$250 (or less).
- L. Stuffing the bulletin when we have a restaurant fundraiser can earn you money to decrease your fee (or you can use it for the service fundraiser if you haven't done it yet).
- M. We hope to be able to pay all additional expenses out of the fundraising money (i.e. food, free day activity)
- N. If money is an issue, please talk to me. We can get you a sponsor. We do not want money to be the reason someone can not attend a Mission Trip (or any other retreat or spiritual trip).

VII. Show video & Witnesses from Teens and adults that have attended in the past.

VIII. Questions & Prayer