



# Summer Mission 2023

## Informational Sheet

**What agency will we be using for our Mission experience?:** Jerusalem Farm in Kansas City, Missouri

**What is Jerusalem Farm?:**

Jerusalem Farm is more than just a week of doing service. It is a year round service community. We will get to join their missionaries for a week long service experience. Jerusalem Farm is about helping participants both deepen their commitment to the call of the Gospel, and work for justice in our world today. They are committed to the four cornerstones of Service, Community, Prayer, and Simplicity. We will learn how to live these Cornerstones in our lives.

**Service Possibilities:**

Each day will be spent either renewing homes by doing such things as scraping, painting, repairs, siding, building a ramp or deck, or helping to build new homes for low income families. You'll bring hope to disadvantaged people. You do not need to be an experienced carpenter or painter to participate.

**How do Mission Trips Work?:**

Preparation begins in November, with six preparation sessions. Work projects commence right after breakfast on Monday morning. We will be the only group there this week. Lodging is in a gender divided dorm at Jerusalem Farm. Each day begins with prayer and ends with a program of games, music, witness and prayer.

**Who can go?:**

Anyone who is in 8th Grade or High School this year and participating in STORM Youth Ministry. We will have to limit the number and there is an application to fill out that must be returned with the deposit (non-refundable if you are chosen to go) by October 30, 2022 to Jennifer Olson. Priority will be given to those people who are active in STORM. Everyone going must attend at least one of the Retreats this year and make a commitment to be at all of the Preparation Sessions from 7:00-9:00 pm: 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). Please request off of work.

**Where and When are we going?:**

We are going to Jerusalem Farm in Kansas City, Kansas. We are planning our trip to begin on Sunday, June 18, 2023 and to end on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

**What are the costs?:**

We are going to ask participants to contribute \$150 and to get sponsors for another \$100 (if you choose not to get sponsors, you pay \$250). The actual cost of the Workcamp is \$350 per person. Add to this the cost of chaperones, van rental, gas, and meals along the way and the cost of the trip is approximately \$700. We will be doing group and individual fund-raising to offset the cost of the trip and participants will be required to help with this. This will include service to our Parishioners for a donation. This year, you will receive money toward your trip if you help with service fundraisers. We hope to do two Trivia Night Fundraisers to offset the cost. An initial deposit of \$100 (non-refundable if you are chosen to go) is due by Sunday, October 30, 2022. **Please turn this in earlier if possible, because we have a Trivia Night in early November and need to know who is helping.** Two additional payments (or the fundraised money) of \$100 and \$50 will be due January 15 and March 15. The estimate of \$250 is based on the assumption that you will work 6-8 Mass Fundraisers, attend all 4 teen preparation meetings, and attend both car washes. If you don't help with this fundraising, your fee and be higher. If you know you can't make something, for example the summer car wash, you can work extra service fundraisers to make up the difference, or you can just pay the extra. At the June meeting, you will pay any balance you have left from missed meetings or fundraisers and will commit to the summer fundraisers. We are also adding in a couple of individual fundraisers. Sponsorships is another great option for individual fundraising. You can send out letters to friends and family asking them to sponsor you. The money they send is a donation and will offset the cost of your trip. I have an example letter and forms if you want to participate in this. These individual fundraisers can reduce your fee below the \$250 minimum or can decrease your fee if you aren't able to do all the fundraisers. Several participants fundraised their entire fee in past years. **We do not want money to be the reason someone doesn't participate! If money is an issue, contact me and we can see if we can find you a sponsor and find you some extra fundraising opportunities!**



**Our Whole Group at Catholic Heart Workcamp 2022**



**Nick, Priya, Danny, Mac, Charlie & Melissa  
With Their Resident**



**Mass at Jerusalem Farm**



**Sofia, Caden, Sean, and Jonny Loading Food**



**Playing Spoons**



**Nathan & Cam Painting**



**Rafting on our Free Day**



**Home Crew Doing Dishes**



**Tony, Louis & Sean**



**Jerusalem Farm Mission Trip with the Staff**

# Application To Participate In the Summer Mission Trip

If you decide that you are interested in participating in the trip, please complete this application and return it with your \$100 deposit (non-refundable if you are chosen to go) to Jennifer Olson by Sunday, October 30, 2022. Priority will be given to those who are active in STORM.

It is to your advantage to turn them in early to guarantee a spot.  
We have a limited number of spaces available, so please turn your information in as soon as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female (Circle)

Current School & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you participated in a Mission Trip before? When & Where?  
Why are you interested in participating in the Summer Mission Trip?  
What do you hope to get out of the experience?
  
2. What do you wish to share with the people you encounter on the Mission Trip?  
What skills and/or gifts do you possess that may be helpful on a trip of this kind?
  
3. Do you have any allergies or medical conditions? Please list them.

## Commitment

I understand the nature of this Mission Trip experience. I agree to cooperate with the Joliet Diocese Code of Behavior and to be financially responsible for the cost of the Mission Trip and to help with all fund-raising. I understand if I do not help with fundraising, I will have to pay more. I am also willing to participate in the formation meetings to prepare for our trip that will occur in the months prior to our departure in June 2023.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_