



# Summer Camp 2017-18 Information Packet

## Life Teen Overview

Summer camp with Life Teen is an incredible opportunity to bring your teens into an incredible experience of life. For over 10 years, Life Teen has provided experiences at summer camp where your high school teens are able to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from our parish, and encounter God working in their lives. This is the summer that you begin to experience a bigger and better life than you ever thought possible.

## Why now If Camp is in Summer 2018?

Organizing so many Parishes, dates and numbers is not an easy task for Life Teen, this is like playing *Tetris*, at the same time coordinating staff, volunteers, and priests.

And here at St. Max Life Teen we want to do it easier for you, giving you all the information as soon as we get it and providing you with peace of mind with payments and questions.

## Where?

Life Teen offers two different camp venues, Covecrest and Hidden Lake (both in Georgia)... Life Teen has assigned St. Max to Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, Georgia.

## When?

We leave to camp on Monday, July 30 and return home on Saturday, August 4, 2018.



July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>  
2018

## How much Summer camp costs?

The total cost for Summer Camp is \$850, this amount includes camp itself, lodging, food, Life Teen camp t-shirt, St. Max camp t-shirt, transportation by bus or airfare (to be decided).

### Payment Schedule and Plans

**Non-refundable \$150 Deposit due by September 3, 2017**

(St. Max required to pay Life Teen on September 13, 2017 to reserve your spot)

			<b>Account Balance</b>
Deposit:	\$150	due <b>September 3, 2017</b>	\$150
Payment 1:	\$150	due <b>December 1, 2017</b>	\$300
Payment 2:	\$150	due <b>February 1, 2018</b>	\$450
Payment 3:	\$150	due <b>March 1, 2018</b>	\$600
Payment 4:	\$150	due <b>May 1, 2018</b>	\$750
Payment 5:	\$100	due <b>June 1, 2018</b>	\$850 ... completed

By registering for camp, participants and the parish are jointly committed to the camp fees with Life Teen. In the event that a registered camper cancels or is unable to attend, refunds may only be provided if the reserved spot is filled by another paying camper.

Checks are made out to **St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church**. Please include teen's name and "camp 2018" in the memo line.

#### Making payments through the year:

New this year! Once you are registered we will open a profile for you on FreshBooks, this will allow us to keep track of your payments (regardless the amount) An invoice will be sent to your email address on file right away. You can have a special "piggy bank" at home to use for Camp and make your payments at your convenience. You will have access to view your balance at any time.

#### Joining the Fundraising Committee:

We will be offering opportunities for you and your teen to fundraise, this will be a fun and helpful way to create community and help you to reduce camp costs, we don't guarantee any amount, but we know you are going to love to be a part of it. Be sure to mark your participation at the pre-registration form. And yes, you can be part of this committee even if you don't need the funds.

#### Sponsorships

As a Youth Ministry we don't have a safety net to sponsor participants. We depend on donations and gifts to offer sponsorships. We encourage you to stick with the different payment plans and due dates so you don't run behind your payments. We will be granting different amounts and sponsorships, if the funds are available.

# Who can participate in Summer Camp?

Summer Camp 2018 is for:

- High School teens entering 9th grade in Fall 2018 to those who will have graduated in the Spring of 2018.
- St. Max parishioners
- Active members at the Youth Ministry as soon as they pre-register (expectations below)
- Or active member in the Religious Education program at St. Maximilian Kolbe.

This year at St. Max, the Life Teen program will be open to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students, giving them one full year of participation at the Ministry before going to Summer Camp.

## Chaperones

Life Teen camp requires a gender-specific 1:8 adult to teen ratio (1 male adult for every 8 male campers, 1 female adult for every 8 female campers). A priest or religious who cannot sleep in the bunks with teens cannot count as a chaperone.

Each adult must be at least 21 years old and 'Safe Environment' trained through the Archdiocese of Miami.

If you want to participate, but can't pre-register by September 3, 2017. You will be put on a waiting list until Life Teen opens more spots for us.

## Expectations

- Attend 6 Life Nights / Teen Tuesdays
- Attend Life Teen retreat (TBA)
- Attend Theology of the Body Retreat in Spring 2018
- Participate in 2 fundraising activities
- Attend the Mandatory "Meetings for Campers" (TBA)

In other words we would like your teens to be active so they can enjoy and fully participate on the activities at Summer Camp.

- Parents participating in at least one of 3 committees
  - ⇒ Fundraising: Event if you don't need funds you are welcome to join us and be part of this wonderful and fun group of parents and teens.
  - ⇒ Logistics: Help us making copies, organizing, coming to the Logistics meetings, etc.
  - ⇒ Chaperone: This is a wonderful experience, guiding the youth in their encounter with God. You will be required to come to Chaperone / Logistics meetings to be able to attend Summer Camp (St. Max will cover the camp costs, however, your financial help will be well received). More information to come.



# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF TEEN: \_\_\_\_\_

TEEN TEL#: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT TEL #: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE (2017-18): \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST TIME IN CAMP? (if no, explain) YES  NO

T-shirt Size:  SM  MED  LG  XL  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Cash  Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

### Committee Participation (Parents only)

- Fund Raising
- Logistics
- Chaperone

**I have read and understand the Information Packet.**

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_