

St. Bernadette, Christ the King, and St. Philip Neri parishes proudly invite you to

SUMMER MADNESS 2018!

Summer Madness is a week each summer when middle school campers (along with high school peer ministers and adult leaders) come together for service and social activities. It's a great way to meet new friends, have fun, and learn more about service and justice!

Who: Youth entering grades 7-9 for the 2018-19 school year register as **Campers**
Youth entering grades 10-college for the 2018-19 school year register as **Peer Ministers****

When: Monday to Thursday, July 9th to 12th, from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily
(Please register for Friday, July 13th's Hershey Park trip separately)

Cost: Campers - \$85 Peer Ministers - \$50
Payable to "St. Bernadette Parish" (801 Stevenson Road Severn, MD 21144)
(please include the child's name and Summer Madness in the memo line)

Where: St. Bernadette Parish is our "home base"; you will be dropping your child off and picking them up from St. Bernadette each day.*

***Due to offsite social/service activities, all parents NEED to offer at least 1 shift (morning and/or afternoon) as adult leaders/drivers during the week.** Renting buses would make this program too costly, and the presence of adult leaders is key for making the connection between service and faith. If you can offer more time, please do! All adult leaders must be STAND trained/cleared, including a driving record check. Please talk to us about any special circumstances.

****Peer Ministers: This is a leadership position, for which you are applying and which is contingent on your acceptance to and participation in the planning, execution, and evaluation process of Summer Madness.** This includes (but is not limited to) two planning meetings and being Worthy of the Call trained. Understand that you will be responsible for leading, guiding, and assisting the campers. You are the example for the campers!

ALL FORMS AND FEES ARE DUE BY: June 3rd (Campers) / May 20th (Peer Ministers)

Questions? Please contact your parish coordinator:

Christ the King: Joyce Pagan (j.pagan@ctkgb.org)

St. Philip Neri: Hilary Bateman (hfbateman@gmail.com)

St. Bernadette: Rena Black (renablack@stbernadette.org)

NEW!!! HERSHEY PARK TRIP 2018

Summer Madness participants are invited on the Youth Ministry trip to Hershey Park on Friday, July 13th! ALL youth entering grades 7-12 and their families are invited, too! Please use the Hershey Park registration packet if you are planning to participate on that day.

SUMMER MADNESS 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

****NOTE: This form does NOT register your child for Hershey Park on July 13th.***

All forms and fees are due by: May 20 (Peer Ministers) June 3 (Campers)
Checks may be made payable to "St. Bernadette Parish" <i>(please include the child's name and Summer Madness in the memo line)</i>
Return forms and payments to: St. Bernadette Parish - 801 Stevenson Rd., Severn, MD 21144

Name of Camper or Peer Minister: _____

- Middle School Camper (current grades 6, 7, & 8)
- High School Peer Minister (current grades 9-12) - *please enclose the additional peer application materials.*

Address/City/Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Parish _____

Family E-Mail Address: _____

****We will communicate Summer Madness information by email whenever possible to save on postage****

Grade right now (as of May, 2018): 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

T-shirt size (Adult sizes) S M L XL XXL or higher: _____

ADULT LEADERS/DRIVERS NEEDED

WE WILL BE UNABLE TO OFFER THIS PROGRAM IF WE DO NOT HAVE ADULTS TO HELP US DRIVE AND FACILITATE SUMMER MADNESS ACTIVITIES. All adults must be 21 or older and be currently cleared to volunteer/drive through STAND/VIRTUS.

Please indicate your availability by checking each possible "shift" below:

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| Monday, July 9: | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning (approx.. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (approx. 12:30-5:00 pm) |
| Tuesday, July 10: | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning (approx.. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (approx. 12:30-5:00 pm) |
| Wednesday, July 11: | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning (approx.. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (approx. 12:30-5:00 pm) |
| Thursday, July 12: | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning (approx.. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (approx. 12:30-5:00 pm) |

Adult Leader/Driver's Name _____

Adult Leader/Driver's Cell Phone Number _____

How many passengers (do not include yourself) can you fit in your car using seatbelts? _____

If you are able to volunteer, are you cleared under the online VIRTUS/STAND training, reference, and background check system?
 Yes No Through what Parish/School? _____

We will contact you to communicate any clearance needs and the final plan for the week.
 Thank you for helping assure the safety of our youth!

ALL: Be sure to complete and return the Archdiocesan Permission Form, or your registration will be considered incomplete.
Peer Ministers: Be sure to complete the additional peer minister application section of the packet.
 (Middle school Campers do NOT need to complete the peer ministry section.)

Office Use Only: Hershey Park? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SUMMER MADNESS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please keep this sheet for your records.

Location of Summer Madness 2018:

St. Bernadette Parish

801 Stevenson Rd. Severn, MD 21144

Schedule for Summer Madness 2018:

Monday through Thursday, July 9-12

Doors Open: 8:30 am

Program Begins: 9:00 am

Program Concludes: 4:30 pm

Pick Up By: 5:00 pm

Friday, July 13 – Hershey Park! If participating, please see the *separate registration* for this event.

WHO IS SUMMER MADNESS FOR?

Summer Madness is focused on our middle school participants, i.e. students who are completing 6th, 7th, or 8th grade just before the program. We do not include rising 6th graders (current 5th graders) because we find that the experience of completing a year of middle school is an important factor in readiness for Summer Madness. This is also the reason that 8th graders (rising 9th graders) are considered “middle schoolers” despite the fact that they are approaching high school. ☺ A limited number of high schoolers are needed to collaborate with the adult leadership as peer ministers.

HOW LONG IS SUMMER MADNESS? WHAT ABOUT HERSHEY PARK?

Summer Madness is formally a four-day program of service/social activities. The final day of the week is a trip to Hershey Park, which is open to all in youth ministry and therefore entails a separate registration form and fee. All Summer Madness participants are encouraged to register for Hershey Park as a capstone to their week together!

WHAT KIND OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES SHOULD I EXPECT AT SUMMER MADNESS?

We will participate in lots of different kinds of service, serving many different groups, including our elders, people who are hungry, those who are sick, and many more. We will also be hearing a lot this year about what our faith teaches us about social justice and service, and why it's an important facet of our relationship with God and neighbor. At some service sites, we may be working alongside marginalized people; for example, in the past we have encountered prisoners who are serving at the local food bank. While campers' and peer ministers' safety is something we take very seriously, we also take seriously Jesus' call to serve “the least of these” and our tradition's focus on the dignity of every human person. Therefore, participants may be asked to stretch outside their comfort zone at times, always with the support and supervision of adult leaders.

WHAT KIND OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD I EXPECT AT SUMMER MADNESS?

We typically partake of activities like bowling, a movie theater outing, laser tag, mini-golf, and an on-site field days. We have found that these events help to build community among the different parishes and . Details will be made available as the week draws closer.

WHAT KIND OF SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD I EXPECT AT SUMMER MADNESS?

Summer Madness always includes daily prayer services and time for reflection. We also incorporate Mass once during the week, typically on Thursday. Our theme each year is always a faith-based theme, typically drawn from scripture, which shapes the whole week and serves to help further the goal of continuing the spirit of service beyond the week.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Due to the locations we typically serve, we have strict guidelines about attire. It is important that you adhere to these for safety, modesty, and cleanliness reasons. We cannot make accommodations for students who arrive dressed in a way that does not meet these standards, and may need to ask that students arrange for alternate clothing and/or leave for the day. No refunds are available.

- Shorts/pants – they must end **AT OR BELOW THE KNEE** (i.e., where the knee joint actually bends)
 - Note that athletic shorts often don't meet this standard, especially those that curve up near the knee!
- Sneakers only (NO open-toed shoes)
- If you are wearing shoes without socks, be sure to bring socks for our bowling outing.
- Long hair should be tied back and all clothing should allow for active movement.
- Know and prepare for the possibility that clothing could get dirty or damaged.
- No flashy jewelry or electronic devices, out of respect for those we serve

We will provide you with a Summer Madness t-shirt, which you will be expected to wear throughout the program (and we encourage you to wear it later on, too, to share Summer Madness with others!).

I AM A HIGH SCHOOLER. SHOULD I APPLY TO BE A PEER MINISTER?

Peer Ministers are NOT simply “high school campers.” They are included in the program primarily as a form of service to our middle schoolers. This is a way for those selected as peers to grow in servant leadership, and they will be expected to rise to the occasion. Before you apply, please pray, talk with your parents, and think seriously about whether or not you are willing to take on the responsibility of being a peer minister this year. *Please note that spaces are limited and that your application is not an automatic acceptance into the program. Summer Madness Peer Ministers are expected to:*

- Model appropriate and Christlike behavior, attire, and speech to our middle school participants
- Serve alongside our middle schoolers with an attitude of positivity
- Put the experience of the middle schoolers first
- Attend the Peer Orientation/Planning Meetings (Dates & times TBA)
- Collaborate with our adult team in running warmers, leading prayer, providing welcome, and ensuring appropriate supervision and guidance to the middle school campers
- Prepare as necessary beyond the peer orientation & prior to each day of Summer Madness
- Arrive promptly and stay for the duration of the day
- Communicate both “God sightings” and any concerns about sites, participants, etc., to the adult leadership promptly, lovingly, and discreetly

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION?

Please contact the representative of the parish through which you will be registering:

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St. Bernadette: Rena Black (renablack@stbernadette.org)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE
PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE

Name of Student (Print): _____ Birth Date: _____

Age: _____ Male Female (please circle)

Address: _____

Parent Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact (name and telephone #): _____

As parent or guardian of my son/daughter, I do hereby agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the following event:

Summer Madness – July 9-12, 2018
at St. Bernadette Parish & other offsite locations

I acknowledge receipt of the attached information sheet describing the planned activity(s).

In consideration of the opportunity for my son/daughter to participate in the activity, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, I knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself and my minor child do hereby agree to forever RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY Christ the King Catholic Church, St. Philip Neri Church, St. Bernadette Parish, the Division of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore and his successors, a Corporation Sole, and all their affiliate organizations, and respective agents, employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and any officials, referees, and other participants (the Released Parties) from any liability, claims, demands and causes of action arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury (including death) sustained in connection with or arising out of my son/daughter's participation in the activity. By my signature below, I acknowledge that my child's participation in the activity involves inherent risk of minor to serious injury, including permanent disability, death, and/or economic losses which might result from my child's actions or inactions, the negligence of others, the inherent risks of the activity, the rules of play, the condition of the premises, or of any equipment used. I have voluntarily elected to allow my child to participate, and I fully understand, appreciate, and hereby assume all such dangers and risks.

I understand that my child's participation in said activities may require a minimum level of fitness for safe protection, and that the Released Parties do not screen, medically or otherwise, individuals that participate in the activity. I acknowledge that it is my sole responsibility to make certain that my child is physically fit and healthy enough to participate in the activity.

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I understand that the Released Parties do not provide medical treatment or medical, health, or other insurance coverage for my child, however, I hereby grant permission for any staff member of the activity to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that I cannot be reached.

(Check one of the following :)

- I am covered by hospitalization and medical insurance under policy
policy # _____ issued by _____.
- I do not have medical coverage and assume responsibility for the cost of hospitalization and medical care for my son/daughter.

I hereby grant permission to any staff member to provide the following over-the-counter drugs (or their generic equivalent) to my son/daughter if requested by my son/daughter (Check all that apply:)

- Tylenol / Acetaminophen Benadryl / Diphenhydramine Advil / Ibuprofen
- Imodium / Antidiarrheal Neosporin / Antibody Ointment Pepto Bismol

Doses of such drugs will be provided in accordance with the instructions contained on the drugs' packaging.

ADD any other medical information concerning medication, allergies, illness, etc.: _____

ADD any dietary restrictions: _____

Parents/guardians of participants are advised that photographs or digital recordings of participants may be used in publications, websites or other materials produced from time to time by the parish/school, Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry or the Archdiocese of Baltimore. (Participants will not be identified, however, without specific written consent.) Parents/guardians who do not wish their child(ren) to be photographed or digitally recorded should so notify an activity staff member. Please note that the Released Parties have no control over the use of photographs or digital recording taken by media that may be covering the event in which your child(ren) participate(s).

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RELEASE AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND THAT I GAVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

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Name of Parent/Guardian _____

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SUMMER MADNESS PEER MINISTER APPLICATION

High Schoolers Only. Please fill out and return with registration form by May 20, 2018.

What do you understand a minister to be?

Why do you want to be a Peer Minister?

What do you see the role of Peer Minister in Summer Madness to be?

How well do these statements describe you (on a scale of 1 – 10, w/ 10 being highest)?

- I am a “people person”: _____
- I handle criticism well: _____
- I am comfortable leading prayer: _____
- I am a good listener: _____
- I am good at explaining things step-by-step: _____
- I enjoy “hyping people up”: _____
- I am able to put others first: _____
- I am comfortable talking about my relationship with Jesus: _____

What gifts would you bring to this ministry?

What would make this ministry challenging for you (i.e., areas for growth)?

Name of Peer: _____

Signature of Peer: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____

**PEER TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT ST. BERNADETTE PARISH – DATES AND TIMES TBA.
ALL PEERS MUST ATTEND THE TRAINING/PLANNING SESSIONS.**