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# INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

## Leader Application Form (Students completing Grade 10 and up)

\_\_\_\_\_ Week 1 (July 15 – July 19) OR \_\_\_\_\_ Week 2 (July 29 – August 2)

### **LEADER INFORMATION:**

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

Address & Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2023-2024 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in our camp's Leader-in-Training program during a previous summer? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

T-shirt: **YOUTH** (Unisex sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL): \_\_\_\_\_ or **ADULT** (Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Recommendation: GIRLS choose 1 size smaller than they normally wear in girls' sizes and BOYS choose 1 size larger than they normally wear in boys' sizes.)

### **ADULT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Parent/Guardian Contact (primary contact): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Note: This will be our main way of contacting you with camp information and updates.**

Emergency Contact (if Primary cannot be reached): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be dropping off and picking up this student? \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEADER MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

Does your child have any allergies (i.e. bee stings, peanuts, medications, seasonal, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child carry an Epipen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Does your child carry an inhaler for asthma? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Does your child have any additional medical/physical/emotional concerns that the camp leaders should be aware of (i.e. medical conditions, anxiety, etc.)? If so, how can we help them to have a great experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child require prescription medication while at camp? If so, please specify the medication, dosage, and time of day that it should be given: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Note: For safety purposes, any medications other than inhalers and Epipens must be turned in to our First Aid team upon arrival and will be stored in a safe place while the child is at camp.**

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Would you be interested in volunteering your time and talents with this year's camp? We are looking for help with such things as running activities, general supervision, First Aid, handling sign-in and sign-out, manning the Tuck Shop, making decorations, preparation of supplies, setting up the camp spaces, and clean-up.

If you like to be involved, please indicate what you might like to do below and you will be contacted soon!

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## **EXPECTATIONS OF LEADERS (please read carefully):**

**Prior to camp:** Attend the following pre-camp gatherings – **please save these dates on your calendar now!**

- Retreat Day (team-building & prep): Saturday, June 29 from 10:30am – 7:30pm at the parish (*lunch & dinner provided*)
- Final prep night:
  - Week 1 Leaders: Thursday, July 11 from 6:00pm-9:00pm (*dinner provided*)
  - Week 2 Leaders: Thursday, July 25 from 6:00pm-9:00pm (*dinner provided*)

**On the days of camp:**

- Arrive by 8:30am each morning and remain until 3:15pm each afternoon (4:00pm on Friday of camp)
- Be willing to assist with set up and clean up as needed
- Be kind, courteous, and welcoming to all
- Set a good example for the younger participants by being safe, listening when others are speaking, showing respect for all, using appropriate language, participating in all activities, and **dressing appropriately**
- Be dedicated to your role as a small group leader or station leader, and any other role(s) you choose to take on – ensure that you are prepared for each day's activities, do not leave your group or station to go and socialize with others who are with a different group or at a different station
- Do not exchange personal contact or social media information with campers or leaders-in-training.
- Ask permission before using any supplies that are not for general camp use
- Keep cell phones turned off and kept with your personal belongings. Parents will be provided with the contact information of camp staff if they need to reach their children while they are at camp. Please understand that the reason we request that cell phones not be kept on hand is that they have the potential to distract leaders from giving their full attention to the children who have been entrusted to their care.
- The failure to meet any of these expectations may result in a leader being asked to step down.

## **CONSENT STATEMENTS (please complete if the Leader is under the age of 18)**

### ***Leader***

I have read and understand the "Expectations of Leaders" portion of this application form, and I agree to participate in St. Francis Xavier's 2024 Bible Camp program as a leader, should my application be accepted, and abide by the expectations listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### ***Parent/Guardian***

I have read and understand the "Expectations of Leaders" portion of this application form, and I give permission for the above-named student to participate in St. Francis Xavier's 2024 Bible Camp program as a leader, should their application be accepted. I agree to hold the parish and its staff and volunteers harmless for any untoward event that may occur (injury, damage to or loss of belongings, etc). I give my permission for medical care to be sought for my child if it is deemed necessary and/or in the event that I cannot be reached. I give my permission for the designated adult supervisors to dispense my child's medications during camp, as I understand that medications are not permitted to be kept with personal belongings. I confirm that either myself or the above-named Emergency Contact will be available to come pick this student up in a timely manner if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU QUESTIONS FOR THE STUDENT APPLYING FOR A LEADERSHIP ROLE**

Why would you like to be a leader at a Catholic day camp? Do you feel that our camp’s goals of helping our participants to explore their faith and grow in their relationships with God are important? How would you help to support these goals?

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Have you had experience working with younger students before? If so, please describe it below.

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What strengths and skills do you feel that you would bring to camp?

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How do you hope that taking part in camp will help you to grow as a leader? What skills would you like to strengthen?

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**You are also asked to obtain a short letter of reference to include with this application. The letter should be from an adult who has had the opportunity to observe you in a leadership role over the past year and should highlight these leadership experiences and the skills and qualities that you have shown.**

*Suggestions for a reference include: a supervisor from a current or recent volunteer role, your employer, a teacher/school chaplain, the parent of children you have babysat for*

Below is a list of the main leader roles at camp. **Please rank your top 3 choices by placing the numbers 1, 2, and 3 on the lines beside your preferred roles.** If you would like more information about the roles before submitting your application, feel free to contact Wes at the parish office.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Group leader for Grades 2 – 3   | <input type="checkbox"/> Group leader for Grades 4 – 5                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games station leader  | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith station leader                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts station leader   | <input type="checkbox"/> Imagination station leader (science & drama) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader-in-Training leader (must have at least 2 years of previous Bible Camp leadership experience) |   |

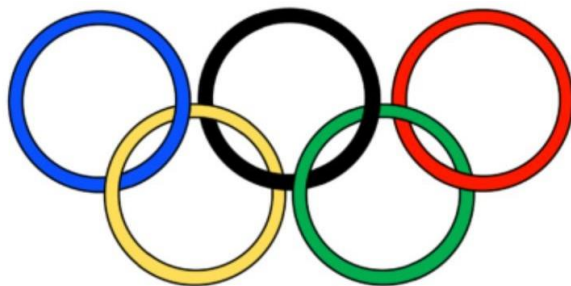
It is the hope that students who apply to be leaders will continue to be involved with the church in the future! Please check off any of the activities listed below that you might like to take part in/volunteer for so that you can be contacted as they come up:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Liturgy helper              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Choir (5:30pm Saturday Masses)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Pageant helper               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer gatherings                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stations of the Cross reader or actor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community service & social justice activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader for youth and family activities |

Thank-you very much for applying to be a leader! You will be contacted in early June after the application period has closed on Friday, May 31.

# INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA

**GOD'S LOVE HAS NO BORDERS!**



*Let us love one another, because love is from God. (1 John 4.7)*

**Vacation Bible Camp 2024**  
**St. Francis Xavier Parish, Stoney Creek**

You're invited to a week of Olympic-themed fun as Jesus helps us to discover how we are called to break down the borders and barriers that divide us!

## **WHAT AGE GROUP IS CAMP OFFERED FOR?**

- † **Campers:** Students entering Grades 3 – 6 in September 2024
- † **Leaders-in-Training (LITs):** Students entering Grade 10 in September 2024  
*(The LITs spend time as a separate group developing leadership and teamwork skills, as well as assisting at activity stations and supervising younger campers.)*
- † **Leaders:** Adults and students entering Grade 11 and up in September 2024

## **WHAT IS A CAMP DAY LIKE?**

- 9:00 Drop-off, activities in camp groups
- 9:20 Intro to the day (Bible story, prayer, music)
- 9:50 Station 1 (Faith, Games, Crafts, or Imagination)
- 10:30 Snack
- 10:50 Station 2
- 11:30 Lunch & free time
- 12:15 All-Camp game
- 12:55 Station 3
- 1:35 Snack
- 1:55 Station 4
- 2:35 Wrap-up (prayer, music, faith-sharing)
- 2:55 Prepare for home
- 3:00 Pick-up



## **WHEN IS CAMP?**

**Week 1:**  
July 15 – 19

**Week 2:**  
July 29 – August 2



## FRIDAY TRIP

On the Fridays of camp we will be taking a trip to Activate Burlington! (Promo video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUAbJLo1lGE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUAbJLo1lGE)) This will include 75 minutes hours of gameplay as teams take on different challenges together. Transportation by school bus is included. **Participation in this trip is optional** (see camp costs below). Parents whose children will be attending will be asked to sign a waiver closer to the trip date.

## WHAT DO I BRING EACH DAY?

- † **Nut-free** lunch and snacks
- † Hat
- † Sunscreen
- † Water bottle
- † Change of clothes
- † Running shoes
- † Any required medications
- † Optional: Money for our Tuck Shop

## WHAT IS THE COST?

- † Campers: WITHOUT trip - \$60 / WITH trip - \$95
- † Leader-in-Training: WITHOUT trip - \$40 / WITH trip - \$75
- † Leaders: WITHOUT trip - \$0 / WITH trip - \$25 (*please wait until camp week to pay*)

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Please bring your form and payment to the parish office (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek)

- † Forms can be put through the mail slot in the office's front door before/after-hours.
- † If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Francis Xavier Parish".
- † **Please note: Space in the Camper and LIT groups is limited and spots are first-come first-served.**
- † **Application Deadline for Leaders: Friday, May 31**  
Leader applicants will be contacted after the deadline.
- † More information will be e-mailed to campers and LITs 2 weeks before camp starts.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact Wes Moga (SFX Youth Minister) at (905) 662 – 8593 ext. 6 or [wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com).

