

Be Ready For The Ultimate Summer Experience!



2016!

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“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Galatians 5, 14

In the Year of Mercy, let us do Acts of Mercy and love for one another.

2016 LEADER GUIDE



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Dear Pastoral Leader:

Please accept this invitation for your group/parish youth to attend our summer's **@Be Like Jesus Camp** on July 19—22, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church in Dexter NM. The purpose of this week is to teach young people how they can make a difference and find purpose in their lives. As you know all of our communities can gain from young people developing the necessary skills to feel they can too make a difference in the lives of those around them. We offer this week as a tool for you to use, so young people can gain enough confidence so they can go back to their parish communities and make a difference.

Studies show that when young people have the chance to serve their communities, everyone benefits:

- Young people gain skills necessary to be successful in school, in the workplace, and in life.
- The community develops strong, diverse groups of inspired, civically-engaged young people.
- The Benefits of Youth Service
- Increases young people's feelings of community connectedness, and reduces engagement in risky behavior.
- Contributes to higher reported levels of academic success, graduation rates, positive civic behavior, and self-esteem.
- Youth who participate in community service are 19% more likely to graduate than those who did not.
- Students who participated in service-learning were found to have scored higher than nonparticipating students, particularly in social studies, writing, and English/language arts.
- Volunteering at any age is associated with increased likelihood of finding employment. Among youth ages 16-24 (not in school, not working), studies showed an increased likelihood of 5%.
- Volunteering in one's youth leads to a lifetime of service and philanthropy. Most adults involved in community service and/or philanthropy started as children.

From www.YSA.org

With the great Jubilee Year of Mercy we invite your parish youth to see how kindness and mercy are joined by our desire to do God's will in our lives. Please consider participating in this week of service and learning.

In Christ,

Alejo Barraza

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Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry—Diocese of Las Cruces.



"United in Ministry"



ADULT LEADER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of myself as a result of my participation in the Be Lke Jesus Week whether or not caused by the negligence of diocese/parish, youth ministry program employees, agents, volunteers or other participants.

I understand that participating in the Be Lke Jesus Week events may risk injury to my body or psyche or risk property damage of my their own or others.

I agree that photos of me may be used to promote the event via the diocesan newspaper, website and promotional materials such as future brochures and promotional video.

I agree on behalf of myself named herein or my heirs, successors and assigns, to release and waive any and all claims for damages which I may have so as to release and discharge in advances those parties hereinafter named and further agree to indemnity, hold harmless and defend the Roman Catholic Bishop of Las Cruces, and his successors, the Diocese of Las Cruces, its officers, directors and agents, volunteers, chaperons, and/or representatives, the parish, and personnel, from any and all liability arising from or in connection with me attending the **2016 Be Like Jesus Week** or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection.

Signature of Adult Participant _____ Date _____

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Medical Plan _____ Plan# _____

Do you authorize medical treatment for yourself in an emergency, as considered necessary by the attending physician? ____Yes ____No

State any reasons why you do not want medical care given to you in an emergency: _____

List your allergies: _____

List all conditions (such as allergies, seizures, asthma, diabetes) for which you require ongoing medication and state the type and frequency of medication taken: _____

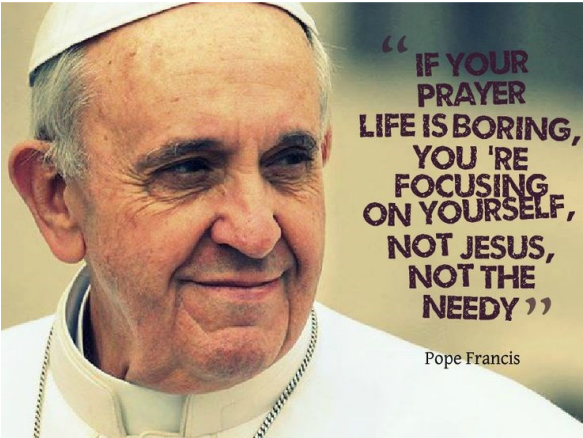
In case of emergency, contact: _____

Home or Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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All these forms can be individually downloaded from the: www.dioceseoflascruces.org website. There you may view and forward the video as well as all forms.	

Parishes need to submit

- 1 Group Registration Form for the whole parish group
- Individual Registration forms for Youth, Young Adults and Adults
- All signed Permission Slips, Release forms and Code of Conduct
- All adults need to sign an individual Code of Conduct.



SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP CAMP:

High School aged young people (Rising 9th—Current 12 graders) and their adult leaders are invited to participate in a week of service, prayer and fun at a location in the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM. We will focus on helping those in need as we learn more about our calling from God our Father and how to be Missionary Disciples.

WHY ACTS OF SERVICE?

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy specially, we invite parish youth groups to focus on the power of Corporal works of mercy. Charity is one of the greatest attributes we have as a Catholic virtue. We serve because we love. We love because God loved us first. “It is the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas that although mercy is as it were the spontaneous product of charity, yet it is to be reckoned a special virtue adequately distinguishable from this latter” Let us show our teens the power of charity and mercy.



High School Age Students

July 19 (Check in at 10am) - July 22 (check out at 6pm)

Immaculate Conception Church

400 W. 6th St.—Dexter NM 88230

\$75/ Participant

Be Like Jesus Camp



Adult Leader Registration Form

Name_____

Parish_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____Date of Birth_____

Cell Phone_____E-mail_____Emergency Phone_____

I have read and agree to follow and abide by the Adult Leaders Roles and Responsibilities.

Signature_____Date_____

To be completed by Pastor or the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator

I attest that the above named adult is in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Signature of Pastor or Parish Safe Environment Coordinator_____Date_____

Registration Fee: \$75 to be submitted to parish with completed Registration Form and Adult Waiver Form signed.. **PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR PARISH.**

Be Like Jesus Camp Young Adult and Adult Code of Conduct



I will:

- _____ bring an open heart and an open mind to the **Be Like Jesus Camp**.
- _____ remember it is God's mission and I need a servant's heart.
- _____ I will show the attitude of a learner.
- _____ be on time and ready to participate in all scheduled activities.
- _____ express my concerns in a respectful manner not by being a complainer or by gossiping.
- _____ follow directions and not endanger my life or the life of others. I'll be a team member and participate of all team activities.
- _____ treat people of all races, religions, cultures, genders and sexual orientation with respect and consideration.
- _____ refrain from seeking any romantic relationships or be alone with other participants even if we are romantically involved.
- _____ be respectful during prayer, liturgy and morning and evening group sharing.

The following behaviors are prohibited:

- _____ Smoking or using tobacco products @ worksites and inside church buildings.
- _____ The use of profanity.
- _____ Physical abuse or bodily injury to anyone.

Subject to immediate dismissal of the **Be Like Jesus Camp** at participant's expense:

- _____ Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or illegal drugs.
- _____ Sexual advances toward or sexual activities of any kind with anyone.
- _____ The presence or possession of obscene or pornographic materials.

Work sites Dress Code and Behavior Expectations:

- _____ All participants must wear closed-toe shoe at all times at work sites. No sandals, flip flops or bared footing is allowed.
- _____ Participants must wear shirts and shorts/pants at worksites at all times. No bathing suits or swim trunks allowed.
- _____ Participants are expected to be respectful of property: i.e. not leave trash, not leave equipment laying around, use equipment for intended purposes, and not paint themselves or others.
- _____ Each Group Leader is responsible for transporting teens and Young Adults to and from worksites.

I hereby affirm that I have read the Code of Conduct and understand and agree with the principles stated:

Name of Participant _____

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____



General Information:

For Whom: High School Age Youth and their adult leaders
Adult leaders and college age young adult leaders must be Safe Environment certified by the Diocese of Las Cruces.

Cost: \$75.00 per person. Participants are responsible for all transportation, traveling meals, snacks, spending money .

How Do I Register?

All youth participants need to register through their parish and fill out all pertinent registration forms included in this brochure. All groups must consist of 1 adult (safe environment certified) to every 7 youth.

Please complete appropriate pages in this booklet and return them to your parish with payment:

- Code of Behavior
- Registration,
- Parental Permission,
- Health Authorization
- Release Form
- Adult forms

Parishes are to submit all forms with one check for payment by July 1st, 2016.



General Schedule:

Tuesday July 19th:

- Groups will arrive no later than 10:00am.

Wednesday July 20th—Friday July 22nd.

- Depart to worksites.
- Lunch gathered conversation
- Evening Program.

July 22nd:

- After lunch
- Clean-up
- Mass
- 5:00pm Departure

For general questions please contact:

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Time Line

November 2015 – January 2016

- Appoint a Group Leader
- Choose your target audience.
- Create a budget. Decide on how much fundraising your group needs
- Start working on finding possible Chaperones and transportation.
- Decide how much of a deposit you will require from possible participants to attend the trip with the parish.
- Distribute @Be Like Jesus Camp Brochure and make available informational video to your students and Parents.



From January 10th, 2016

- Distribute: @Be Like Jesus Camp Registration Forms, Waiver of Liability Form, Health and Medical Information Form, Code of Conduct, Dress Code and Packing List to each participant..
- Make a Marketing plan to include putting in the bulletin announcements.
- Collect Individual Registration Forms and deposit.

Before School Year is out . May 2016—July 15, 2016

- Collect Individual Registration Forms and deposit.
- Together with Chaperones plan on meeting in June and July at least 3 times to keep teens motivated in attending week. Include praying for the success of the trip during the prayers of the faithful.
- Send Parish Pre-Registration Form to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office.. As soon as you have a group.
- Meet with parents, chaperones and students at least once before going to Camp.

By June 24, 2016

- Collect all remaining forms and final payments.
- Get ready to send a payment.
- If needed fill out a new Group Registration Form and Sign up Form.

By July 1, 2016

- Submit the Group Registration Form with the names of Students and adults
- Submit all Registration Forms together with Payment.
- Submit any names and contact information of any participant who has expressed a willingness to be a Crew Leader or musician.

Upon Arrival

- Submit an original copy and a copy of each participant's: Waiver of Liability Form, Health and Medical Information Form and Code of Conduct.

COLLEGE AGE YOUNG ADULT RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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List all conditions (such as allergies, seizures, asthma, diabetes) for which you require ongoing medication and state the type and frequency of medication taken: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Home or Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

College Age Young Adult Form



Name _____

Parish _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____ Emergency Phone _____

I have read and agree to follow and abide by the Adult Leaders Roles and Responsibilities.

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed by Pastor or the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator

I attest that the above named adult is in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Signature of Pastor or Parish Safe Environment Coordinator _____ Date _____

Registration Fee: \$75 to be submitted to parish with completed Registration Form and College Age Young Adult Waiver Form. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR PARISH.

Group Registration Form

Send Parish Pre-Registration Form to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office.. As soon as you have a group Please Mark one

☐ Pre-Registration Form ☐ Registration Form

Parish _____ City _____

Group Leader's Name _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Cell _____

Number of Participants: Students: Male _____ Female _____

Young Adults: Male _____ Female _____

Adults: Male: _____ Female: _____



Vehicles / Transportation (the week relies on each group providing transportation to and from worksites) Number of Vehicles: _____ Number of People in each: _____

Number of people able to participate as Crew Leaders? _____

Does your group have any musician? Singers? _____ Number: _____

Dress Code, Packing Tips and Packing List

Male Dress Code:

- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts
- Shorts/swim trunks must be mid-thigh [no less than 3 in. above the knee]
- No low-rider pants, shorts or jeans (at no point should midriff or underwear show)
- No skin tight or transparent clothing; no 'skinny pants'
- No half-shirts
- No t-shirts or shirts with crude slogans or inappropriate messages.



Female Dress Code:

- No tank tops or sleeveless tops or dresses
- Shorts must be mid-thigh [no more than 3 in. above the knee]
- Skirts/skorts/dresses-hem must touch floor when kneeling (even when worn with leggings)
- Modest one-piece swimsuits
- No low-rise pants/skirts/shorts (at no point should midriff or underwear show)
- No skin tight or transparent clothing; no 'skinny pants'
- No midriff tops
- No t-shirts or shirts with crude slogans or inappropriate messages

Recommendations:

- It is highly recommended that each participant brings "working cloths" to wear at the work sites. Participants will have time to shower/change after arrival from worksites before dinner.
- We will be staying at Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church's hall. Must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. Cots are optional.
- The hall will be divided into our living space and eating space.
- **Under no circumstances pack any valuables or heirlooms.**
- The temperature average is highs in the low 90's, lows in the mid 60's.



Packing Tips

- Pack light – take half of what you think you need!
- Pack only one suitcase/duffle bag, pack only as much as you can carry. You might want to bring a backpack for the worksite. Mark each bag with your name, address and telephone number.
- Must bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. Cots are optional.
- Take one credit or debit card if needed. Leave extra credit cards at home.
- Avoid taking contact lenses if possible.
- Pack liquids like lotions and aftershave in resealable plastic bags
- Tell the leader if you have medication that requires refrigeration.
- Pack in "used" suitcases, not brand new ones.
- Simplify your hair dressing and make-up routine. If possible, leave blow dryers and curling irons at home.
- Leave jewelry at home. Wedding rings and watches are OK.
- Leave radios, DVD Players, ipods, CD players, cell phones, and gameboys, etc. at home.
- Have one team member bring the basic first-aid kit for the whole team.

Diocese of Las Cruces

Be Like Jesus Camp

YOUTH CODE OF BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

The Diocese of Las Cruces is excited to have you participate with youth from throughout the diocese in the *Be Like Jesus Camp Week*.

This *Code of Behavior* is a contract between you, your parents and the diocese, developed as a way of assisting you in **clearly** understanding what is **expected of you** during our time together. It also serves in creating a learning experience that is a healthy and growthful one for all involved. Every participant will be **expected** to honor and uphold the *Code* throughout our weekend together.

Please read the Code carefully and thoroughly with your parent(s)/guardian and then both of you are to sign it.

- Participants and their parent(s)/guardian are responsible for the participant's actions and for any damage the participant does to the facilities.
- Be respectful of others and yourself. **Foul language, crude remarks, slurs of any kind will not be tolerated.**
- Participants are expected to attend all sessions (wearing their name tag) unless explicitly excused by the Program Director. **Lack of sleep is NOT** a valid excuse for non-attendance.
- All facilities will be respected and maintained. Trash will be disposed of properly at all facilities. Dorm rooms will be left in the same condition in which they were found. Missing or damaged items will be charged to respective participants.
- Dress is casual, modest, and appropriate, reflecting Christian values. Shoes/sandals must be worn at all sessions, meals, and gatherings.
- No visiting by the opposite sex is allowed in private sleeping areas at any time.** Co-ed socializing will take place only in designated public areas only.
- Each day will be a busy one - making adequate sleep a necessity. Participants must be in their respective rooms by curfew time. Scheduled quiet and silent times must be honored. Only the Program Director can alter curfew times or the timing of any other scheduled activity.
- Smoking is not permitted at any time during the Be Like Jesus Camp Week.
- The purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs by participants is a major infraction and will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
- Major infractions of the *Code of Behavior* will be met with immediate dismissal from the program. Parent(s)/guardian will be contacted and be expected to pick their son/daughter up at their own expense.

PARTICIPANT: I understand and agree to follow the Code of Behavior Contract. I also understand that my parent/guardian will be notified at the time of any serious infractions requiring my dismissal from Be Like Jesus Camp Week and that they will be required to pick me up at their own expense, (your signature must appear below in order to participate in the Be Like Jesus Camp Week).

Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I agree that my son/daughter will abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the *Be Like Jesus Camp Week* Code of Behavior Contract. I have reviewed it and discussed the Code with my son/daughter prior to signing this form. I agree that if my son/daughter fails to consistently abide by the Code or engages in serious infractions of the Code, he/she will be dismissed from the Be Like Jesus Camp Week and I will be expected to pick him/her up immediately at my own expense (your signature must appear below in order for your son/daughter to participate in the Be Like Jesus Camp Week).

Signature _____ Date _____



PARENTAL PERMISSION AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I/we, parent or authorized guardian of _____
give permission for his/her participation in 2016 Diocesan Be Like Jesus Week, and all related activities, including but not limited to transportation to and from this youth ministry event.
_____initial

I/we agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from the Be Like Jesus Camp staff or adult volunteer leaders.
_____initial

I/We agree that photos of my son/daughter may be used to promote the event via the diocesan newspaper, website and promotional materials such as future brochures and promotional video. _____initial

I/we agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child as a result of his/her participation in this event, whether or not caused by the negligence of diocese/parish, youth ministry program employees, agents or volunteers or other participants.
_____initial

I/we understand that youth participating in Be Like Jesus Week may risk injury to the body or psyche and risk property damage of their own or others.
_____initial

I/We agree on behalf of myself/ourselves, my/our child named herein or our heirs, successors and assigns, to release and waive any and all claims for damages which I/we or our child may have, so as to release and discharge in advances those parties hereinafter named and further agree to indemnity, hold harmless and defend the Roman Catholic Bishop of Las Cruces, and his successors, the Diocese of Las Cruces, its officers, directors and agents, volunteers, chaperons, and/or representatives and the parish from any and all liability arising from or in connection with my/our child attending the **2016 Diocesan Be Like Jesus Week** or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent or Guardian



Packing List

Must bring:

- Servant's heart
- Flexibility
- Positive attitude
- Sleeping bag and pillow. Cots are optional.

Toiletries

- Personal prescriptions if any
- Toiletries (toothbrush, paste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, razor, comb/ brush, feminine products)
- Mirror
- Make-up (min. only)
- Tissue packets
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen / Sunglasses
- Skin lotion & lip balm
- Insect repellent
- Disinfectant hand wash

Other Good Stuff

- Flashlight & batteries
- Camera, extra battery
- Trash bags for used clothing
- Travel clock
- Snacks to share
- Travel games



Clothing (see dress code)

- Working cloths to wear @ work sites. You can wear the same cloths over. They will get dirty and smelly!
- Shorts/pants for evening program.
- Working shoes. Closed toe.
- Shoes/sandals for evenings.
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sweatshirt
- Jacket / sweater
- Modest sleepwear
- Travel clothing for return trip
- Modest swimsuit for shower.
- Flip flops for shower
- Light towel & wash cloth
- Sun hat / bandana
- Poncho / umbrella
- Extra pair of glasses

Ministry Stuff

- Work gloves
- Work shoes
- Tools (that you can donate). Let office of Hispanic Ministry know if you can bring any tools
- Journal
- Bible



Be Like Jesus Camp Youth Registration Form



Name _____
Parish _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____
Date of Birth _____ Grade _____ Circle one: Male Female

To be completed by Pastor or Parish Youth Ministry Leader

I recommend _____ for participation in The Be like Jesus Week and will support her/him when he/she returns to the parish.

Signature of Pastor or Parish Youth Ministry Leader _____ Date _____

Registration Fee: \$75 to be submitted to parish with completed Registration Form, Code of Conduct and Parental Permission Form. **PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO YOUR PARISH.**

Diocese of Las Cruces

Parental Permission, Health Authorization and Release Form

Youth's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Primary Phone _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact Other Than Parent/Guardian:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Medical Plan _____ Plan# _____

***Do you authorize the adult leader to authorize medical treatment for your child in an emergency, as considered necessary by the attending physician? Yes No**

State any reasons why you do not want medical care given to your child in an emergency:

List all allergies your child has _____

List all conditions (such as allergies, seizures, asthma, diabetes) for which your child requires ongoing medication and state the type and frequency of medication given: _____

List any physical restriction or restriction for any activity on the basis of medical condition.
