

Restore Mission Camps

FAQ



1. My parish wants to come to RESTORE camp! How do we sign up?

Registration requests open on September 19th at 10 am EST! Once those open, you'll be able to let us know what weeks work for your parish and how many people you'd like to bring. After registration requests close on the 21st, we'll put all the puzzle pieces together, and let you know by September 28th what week you've been assigned!

2. My son or daughter wants to come to RESTORE camp but doesn't have a parish to come with. Can I sign up an individual camper?

One of our big focuses at Life Teen Summer Camp is parish-based discipleship. We want campers to come and grow in their faith, as well as grow closer with their parish family. Therefore, we require all campers to come to camp with a parish.

We recommend checking with other parishes in your area to see if they're bringing a group, or just start a group yourself! All you need to come to camp is at least two teens, and at least one chaperone of the same gender as your teens.

3. Speaking of chaperones, how many does my parish need to bring?

We require 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 your diocese. Each group must have one group leader who will receive all communication from our Camps Team.

4. When does camp begin and end?

Check-in at every summer camp is between 1 PM and 3 PM on Monday. Please do not arrive earlier than 1 PM or later than 3:30 PM. The group leader and Core members will have a mandatory meeting with our camp staff at 4 PM and the introduction session for teens will begin at 5 PM.

All parishes will leave camp by 12:00pm on Saturday.

5. Where will our groups sleep?

Due to the different ratios of male to female campers each week, we cannot provide exact housing information until the week before you arrive. We will do our best to house your entire group together and we will never put one teen from your group by themselves. We will give you a housing assignment but leave the assignment of specific campers to beds within these designated rooms up to you.

At Life Teen camps we follow the Archdiocese of Atlanta policy which requires that adults cannot share sleeping or showering space with a minor unless in a bunk room with at least 2 adults present. We require adults to set 'adult bathroom times' with the other adults in their cabins and post it where teens can see to make sure teens and adults shower/changing area usage is separated.

If your diocese requires other housing arrangements we are happy to work with you and your Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection. Please indicate this on your group leader liability form.

6. What exactly happens at camp?

The Life Teen Summer Camps staff plans, prepares, and facilitates the programming, liturgies and activities for each day. Each day you'll experience daily Mass, daily service projects in and around a specific Restore city, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other powerful prayer experiences. Our evening sessions, led by a dynamic speaker, will break open scriptural topics to lead your teens into a more authentic encounter with Christ. Each day campers will enjoy three delicious meals and a night-time snack with their parish. Before your week, the group leader will receive an overview schedule of the week to help you prepare to lead your teens best!

7. What kind of work will we be doing?

At each Restore camp Life Teen partners with different outreach organization to work within a specific city/area. Worksites may have different tasks such as painting, flooring, building ramps, landscaping, yard work, basic construction, etc. Participants may also help with cleaning up vacant lot or other areas affected by weather or natural disasters.

8. What about tools?

At Restore Mission Camps we try our hardest to make your travel easy and to ensure jobsites are ready for work. Pending on location our list of "items to bring" can and will change. Be sure to check out the "Camp Restore Information Packet" for your specific week of camp.

9. Is there anything else we need to bring?

Thanks for asking – here are some required items per group.

- One ice chest per 10 people (to help in lunch deliveries to work sites).
- One water cooler per 10 people (for water at worksites)
- 1-2 pairs work gloves per person
- 1 six-pack of disposalable dust masks per person
- 1-2 pairs safety goggles per person

10. Will my parish be mixed or working together on sites?

Because of our focus on parish-based discipleship at Life Teen Summer Camp, your parish will be working on sites together. Once we have final numbers for your group, we will ask the Group Leader to help create small groups for the parish (after all, no one knows your teens better than you)! There is plenty of time during the week at meals and sessions for your teens to mingle with the other groups.

11. What about my chaperones? Where will they serve?

Adult chaperones will also be placed on worksites – this is an awesome time for relational ministry for your parish. If you have a chaperone who has experience with construction, home repair, etc. let us know! Many of the organizations like to utilize these men and women to help lead some of the bigger work projects.

12. How do we travel to Restore?

Most groups will travel in vans, SUVs, and small buses. Due to location, terrains, and group placement, charter buses cannot be used for worksite travel. If you choose to fly to a Restore location, you must arrange to rent vehicles that can be used for the week.

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13. How will we get to the worksites?

The vehicles used to transport your group to Restore will be used to transport teams to and from the worksites during the week. Again, charter buses cannot be used for worksite travel.

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Still Have Questions?

Please feel free to contact the Summer Camps team any time! We're here to help answer any questions and provide as much assistance as possible!