

Summer Stretch

Thursdays - June 17th to August 5th



Youth and Parent Information and Registration Guide

Registrations Due: May 19th, 2010

What is Summer Stretch ?

Many Middle School Youth spend their summer days at home. The Summer Stretch Program is an opportunity to get up, get out, and help your community while having fun with all your friends.

Each Thursday during this program will be full of activities. In the mornings we will work in the community doing our part to make it a better place. Youth will experience service activities that will help the environment, help those who are without food or clothing, and so much more.

In the afternoon students will head out to a fun activity, not only as a reward for their hard work but also to grow in fellowship with their peers.

When is it?

Thursdays, June 17th—August 5th

Meet at Epiphany at 9:00 a.m.

Pickup at Epiphany at 5:00 p.m.

Who can Participate

Students Currently in grades 6-8

We are also looking for High School Leaders



Cost

\$115 dollars covers all activities, admission fees, a t-shirt, a beverage and candy treat for lunch, and all transportation.

Include a additional \$60 deposit (refundable upon completion of adult volunteer requirements)

Typical Schedule for the event

8:30am	Volunteers Arrive
8:50am	Doors open for Participants
9:00am	Opening Reflection Crew Time
9:30am	Leave for Worksites
11:45am	Lunch with Crew
12:15am	Leave for Activity
5:00pm	Pick-up Participants

How do I sign up

- **Registration Deadline is May 19th, 2009**
- Please make sure you fill out **all parts** of the registration form. Registration forms that are not filled out properly will delay your child's registration. Please fill out one registration per participant.
- Make sure you detach the registration form and turn it in on or before the registration deadline along with 2 checks(\$115 event fee, \$60 volunteer deposit). Keep flyer as a reminder for drop off and pick up times.
- You will receive notification of what to bring to the first session on or before June 16th.



WE NEED YOU

Summer Stretch is a wonderful program designed to engage and teach young men and women the importance of service in their community, but we can not run this program with out the help and dedication of parent volunteers. An adult (21+) from each family is asked to volunteer 2 dates per child in the program (minimum). The commitment would involve Thursday mornings from 8:30-12:15 or Thursday Afternoons from 12:15-5:00. You would transport a group to and from a worksite and work with them on the service project. Adults may be asked to drive a group other than their child's in order to accommodate all service sites. You will be contacted by email to confirm your schedule. Child care is provided in the mornings.



Frequently Asked Questions



What if I have to miss a day or part of a day?

We know and understand that many families use the summer to take vacations, participate in camps, and a multitude of other things. Please indicate on this sheet which days you will be unable to attend. We will not be giving refunds for missed days.

Can I just come to the activity and not do the service project?

It is important to take responsibility in our community, this is part of our lives as Christians. This is a wonderful program that makes it easy to get involved with our community and have a little fun doing it. People are counting on our help throughout this program. Participants who choose not to take part in the morning service project will not be able to attend the afternoon activity.

How will I be prepared for each weeks service and activities?

You will be given a reminder sheet each week during Summer Stretch. For the first week you will be contact by phone or email what you should expect.

What is a volunteer deposit used for? How do I get it back?

Adults are asked to volunteer for a minimum of two half day shifts per registration. The \$60 deposit is a guarantee that all groups will have drivers in the event the volunteers are unavailable and paid staff are required. Volunteers will receive a \$30 credit upon completion of each shift. Deposits checks will be returned to adults who complete two required shifts after the end of the program in August. If an adult is unable to complete both shifts the deposit will be retained. If you are unable to drive, or would like to assist at more than two shifts, please contact Doug Hennen. Full day shifts are received for those families with more than one registration.



Important Parent Information

All Parent/Adult Volunteers Must have a Background Check, Code of Conduct, Virtus Training, and Volunteer Driver Forms filled out before you can volunteer. If you do not get the required information in by May 30th, Then you will not be able to volunteer and will not receive your deposit back at the end of the program.

If you have already completed a Background Check, Code of Conduct, Virtus Training, and Volunteer Driver Forms then please **PRINT** your first and last name on the line at the bottom of the page. If you have not filled out any or all of the forms then you can find all the forms and Information you need In this packet. Doug will be sending all names to Kathleen Howland to check on status of forms and Virtus Training.

Refund Policy

On or before May 8th	Full Refund
May 8th—June 17th	All but \$55
June 18th or later	\$0

(Please Print Legibly)

Parent Volunteer Sign up Sheet

Adults are asked to volunteer for a minimum of two half day shifts per registration. Remember that this commitment would involve Thursday mornings from 8:30-12:15 or Thursday Afternoons from 12:15-5:00. This Program does its best to place you with your child, but may not always be able to do so. **Morning shifts are scheduled first as that is the most important need of the program. Full day shifts are reserved for those who have multiple youth registered.** You will be contacted by email to confirm your schedule.

Please follow the format below.

Please mark all the mornings you would be able to assist with an 'M' You will be scheduled for two dates.

Please place an 'A' Next to all the dates above you would be able to assist in the afternoon. If all our morning slots are filled, we may ask you to chaperon an afternoon activity instead.

Please cross off dates on which your child will not be able to participate.

_____ June 17	_____ June 24
_____ July 8	_____ July 15
_____ July 22	_____ July 29

(Valleyfair August 5th)

I can transport _____ participants with 1 driver.

Parent's Email:

(Please Print Legibly)

Participant Crew

If your child desires to be in the same group as a friend, please indicate that person/'person's below.

Virtus, Background, Drivers Information, and Registration Forms

The Following Pages are as followed:

- Registration Form for the Summer Stretch Program and event location sheet.
- Registration Form for Rain Day Activity. (A few of our afternoon activities are outside events, in case of a rain day we will move to another location. Information on where we may go are on the registration form)
- Background Check Form
- Drivers Information and Insurance Form

Virtus Training

Virtus Training sign up is done on line at <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/>

Click on Registration, which can be found at the upper left portion of the website and then follow the instructions given to you by the website. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Up Coming Virtus Training at Epiphany

April 29th, May 12th, and June 1st.
6:30—9:30 p.m.

Register Online at www.virtus.org/virtus/

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Morning Service Sites

Arc Value Village

Feed My Starving Children

Coon Rapids Dam

Epiphany Assistant Living

Springbrook Nature Center

Opportunity Partners

CEAP

Afternoon Activities

Wave Pool

Welch Mill

Lillie Putt

Epiphany

Grand Rios

Clearly Lake

Valley Fair