

Dear Parents and 8th Grader (or older if you have not yet made JC Camp),

Hi! It's that time of the year again to make plans for our annual JC Youth Camp at Tintern Retreat Center at Oakdale.

It has been a very powerful experience for all those who have attended in the past. Bonds have been made that will last a lifetime. Guidelines have been learned that the kids can use throughout their lives. If you ask any of the previous campers, they will tell you to GO! It's a BLAST.

MOM & DAD: This camp is designed for those who will be freshmen this fall, a very vulnerable and changing time in their lives, where they are looking for answers and guidance in making good and moral decisions. Those who have not been to camp yet are also invited. This camp helps in achieving that goal. As you know, nothing or no one can take the place of a parent guiding and instilling good moral values in their children's lives. This camp gives them an opportunity to develop a support system to help them live out those values.

Being Christian is not just something we do on Sunday, but should be practiced in our lives, every day. These ideals are shared at camp with practical ways of applying them to our families, at home, at school, at church, on the basketball court or ball field, and many other places, learning with their friends and making new friends. These goals are achieved through the talks given throughout the week by the spiritual director, adult and junior counselors. Two or three talks are given each day, which set the theme for that day and the activities that follow.

Some of the topics are:

- Planning the daily Mass
- Who am I?
- What is a friend?
- Exploring the influences of peer pressure
- Realizing the effects of drugs, alcohol and pornography
- Chastity and abstinence
- Choices we make
- The cost of being like Christ
- Taking time with our greatest Friend
- Discover growth from problems in life
- Finding practical ways to apply Christian values to life from experiences at camp

Your child will also share in duties and fun throughout the 5 days, taking time for spiritual direction and reflection, and just plain having a lot of fun with each other. Time spent outdoors, engaging in sand volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer, hikes on the 30 plus acres, where woodlands and wildlife abound. There is a designated time for crafts each day as well. The evenings are spent around the campfire.

The camp is designed to last five days. This length of time is necessary for the campers to really settle into the camp experience. This time allows for fun, fellowship, and to experience faith in the community atmosphere. This year the Albion camp schedule is for May 23-27, 2018. You must be there for every one of the days of camp. No one is permitted to leave except in case of an emergency or inappropriate behavior, in which case the parents will be called to pick up their child.

There will be one adult and one junior counselor per 4 or 5 campers. Most of the junior and adult counselors come from our area, giving of their time freely to help the camp. Praise God for them! The campers sleep in large open dorm rooms with an adult and junior counselor in each. Volunteers (parents of campers) help prepare the meals for the week. It is a good way to observe what happens at camp and we are always in need of help. Please let us know if you are interested in any way. They always have a hearty appetite and are so appreciative.

We pray that most of you say "yes". The reputation of the camp is spreading, as any of the former campers can attest to. If you need a second opinion, ask any of them. The camp is open to the surrounding area, so it will fill fast. We only have accommodations for a limited number. The cost of the camp is \$90. To reserve your spot, send the form enclosed, plus a check for \$90. If cost is a problem or you have any other questions, please call Paul Weeder at 402-395-6105. We will not turn a child away because of cost. Your call will be confidential.

The payment will be refunded up to 30 days before the camp begins, if you are unable to attend. Please respond immediately so we can save a place for you! We look forward to seeing you this summer. Come join in the fun! You can also visit Tintern's website at www.tintern.homestead.com.

On behalf of the JC Camp staff, **God Bless You!**

Sincerely,
Paul Weeder

ST. MICHAEL'S JC CAMP

May 23-27, 2018

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

PARENTS _____

PHONE (home) _____ (cell) _____

MEMBER of _____ CHURCH

BIRTHDAY _____

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL (Circle one)

PARENTS – YES, I would like to help as a **COUNSELOR** or in the **KITCHEN** on _____
(Circle one above) (Day or Days)

****Additional forms on health info, releases, checklist of items to bring,
and dress code will be sent at a later date****

SEND FORM and MONEY (check for \$90 made to JC YOUTH CAMP) to:

Paul Weeder
2672 - 290 Ave
Albion NE 68620

[OFFICE USE ONLY]

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (our use) _____

DATE RECEIVED (our use) _____