



The Edge Grade 8 Day Retreat 2011 "The Seuss is Loose"

Subject: Grade 8 Retreat for all parish students in the Day School/PSR/ and Home Schooled

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the next weeks your 8th Grade sons or daughters will have learned about our plans to offer them a day retreat experience this year at Inspiration Hills in Burbank, Ohio. We will be able to spend time soon explaining to them the special experience of learning and sharing about their faith in this unique setting. Also, we pray that this will begin to deepen their awareness that they are an important part of our Parish Community. This gives them an opportunity to grow in a mature way in their Faith practices.

Listed below is all the information about the retreat you need to know to help your child prepare for this experience.

PLACE: Inspiration Hills (4819 Easton Road) in Burbank Ohio Directions; Take Route 71 South to the Lodi Mall exit Route 83. Turn left on 83 going toward Wooster and go through the town of Burbank and about 3 miles down is Route 604. Make a right on Route 604 and go down the winding road about two miles over a hill and up on the right side is Inspiration Hills. The sign is by the road. Pull to the back where we'll greet students by the Dogwood Dorm. Inspiration Hills Phone 1-888-462-2267 or 419-846-3010.

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (It takes about 20 minutes to get here from Medina. Please do not bring your student out to camp before 8:50 A.M. as we need time to set up. Thank you.)

COST OF DAY RETREAT: \$20.00 which includes snacks, main dining lunch, supplies for activities, and camp rental.

WHAT: Lunch will be served. Please make sure your students eat a good breakfast. We will have a small snack in the morning and afternoon.

TRANSPORTATION:

Students need to be brought to the camp at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. (It takes about 20 minutes to get out to camp from Medina.) We suggest car-pooling. Students will need to be picked up at the camp at 4:30 P.M. (Please only arrive between 8:45 and 9:00 A.M. due to set up.)

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

Please be assured that every precaution has been taken for your child's safety and security.

FACILITATORS:

Junior and Senior High School Students/College Students have been carefully chosen to be teen counselors. Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl and Susan Rohe-Brooks will be facilitating the retreat.

NEEDED SUPPLIES: Students should dress for the weather. We will be doing some activities outside so they should be prepared.

- ◆ Warm jacket, gloves
- ◆ Boots may be needed.

FORBIDDEN:

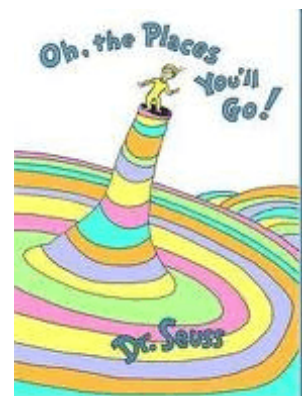
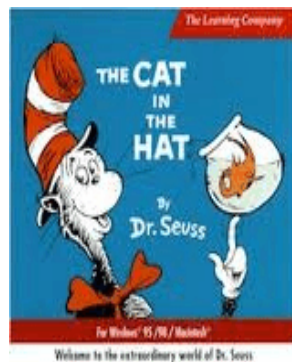
- ◆ No Cell phones, Radios, CD players, Ipods, etc. (We have enough to keep everyone busy. If students have them we'll hold them for them until the end of the retreat. No texting or twittering.)
- ◆ Alcohol
- ◆ Pocket knives or knives of any kind
- ◆ No food or snacks need to be brought as snacks are provided at different times.
- ◆ If there are medications to be taken, they must be turned into Sue who will give them out as written on parent note.

PERMISSION SLIP:

In accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, we need your written permission for this outing. Please sign the attached form and place it along with the \$20.00 fee and return it to us immediately. Please make checks payable to St. Francis Xavier PSR (and put Edge Retreat on the memo line). You may drop off the form at the Rectory office or mail it in. **Forms will be accepted only until Monday evening, October 10 as the food and other retreat items must be purchased ahead of time.**

In the past years, the 8th grade retreat experience has been the highlight of spiritual memories, fellowship, and fun for the students. We are looking forward to sharing this year's experience with your student. It is our desire to instill in them an interest in this special way of growing spiritually for future years to come. **Please emphasize with your student the need to follow rules and cooperate while we are at the camp.** Also, pray that God will touch the life of your son or daughter. If you have any added questions, or you can chaperone the night, please call the Religious Education Office at 722-7700 ext. 110 or email me at sbrooks@stfrancisxavier.info.

Sincerely in Christ,
Susan Rohe-Brooks



PERMISSION SLIP FOR THE 8TH GRADE RETREAT

My son/daughter _____ has my permission to attend the 8th Grade Day Retreat Inspiration Hills in Burbank, Ohio on Saturday, October 15 2011.

Is your child taking any medication? _____

If yes, please list what, and how often it is taken? _____

Are there any special diet or health needs we should be aware of? _____

School Attending or Home Schooled _____

Signature of Both Parents/Guardian

Parents Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

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Permission Form

I request that my/our son/daughter _____ join other Grade 8 students (Day School, PSR, and Home Schooled), Susan Rohe-Brooks, Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl, Edge Facilitators, at the Edge Grade 8 Day Retreat. I understand that students are to be brought out to Inspiration Hills (4819 W. Easton Rd., Burbank, Ohio) on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. and picked up at 4:30 P.M.

I/We hereby request that my/our child be given permission to attend this field trip. In consideration of the young adults being allowed to participate in the field trip, on behalf of the young adult, my spouse and myself, I hereby assume all risks in connection with the field trip and I further release the Bishop of Cleveland, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, St. Francis Xavier Parish and the Pastoral Staff, employees and volunteers thereof of all claims, judgement, liability for any injury or damage that the young adult or his or her estate, myself or my spouse ever had, now has, or may have due to the young adults participation in the field trip, including all risks connected therewith whether foreseen or unforeseen.

I fully understand what is involved in the field trip and understand that I have the opportunity to call the Director of Religious Education ahead of time and ask her about the field trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Relationship to Young Adult	Date
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The signature of both parents is required, except in cases of complete single-parent custody or legal guardianship.

Please give us a phone number where you can be reached _____