

Welcome to SNOW CAMPS!

We are pleased to announce SNOWCAMPS 2020, a faith-building event for youth in Junior High School. The dates for SnowCamps 2020 are: February 28-March 1. The weekend begins on Friday at 6:00 PM and ends on Sunday when we are finished cleaning (5:00pm approx.). Camp Brookwoods, 34 Chestnut Cove Rd., Alton, New Hampshire will be the site for the retreat weekend.

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1. That all participants come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
2. That Christian community be formed and lived; and
3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered.

Staff members are critical in realizing this purpose; as such, we have certain expectations of each of you. Of primary importance is a belief in God and a personal relationship with Christ with a desire to live for Him and spread His gospel. Worship, personal prayer and devotions, faith sharing and Bible study are a part of your everyday life and not just reserved for CAMPS and SNOWCAMPS activities. Further, we expect that Staff Members be examples of Christian maturity and that each of you desires to be part of a team working together to make SNOWCAMPS an experience the Junior High kids will long remember!

Staff Meetings are VITAL to the success of SnowCamps because:

*We need to get to know each other and to build a Christian community into which we will invite the junior high SNOWCAMPERS to enter.

* We need to be informed about the entire weekend SnowCamps retreat process; and

* We need to give our best effort in working together to achieve the goals and purpose of SNOWCAMPS.

All Staff Members are expected to be at ALL THREE Staff Meetings. If you are not able to be at all of the staff meetings, please discuss your individual situation with Maureen, Kathy, Lorraine, Matt, Steve or Karen as soon as possible, before sending in your completed application. Except for special circumstances, staff members are expected to keep their commitment to attend all three meetings.

Staff Meeting Dates and Times:

1. Saturday, November 2, 2019 3:00pm-6:00pm

St. Mary of the Hills School Hall

250 Brook Rd., Milton, MA

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ONLY

2. Saturday, January 11, 2020 (9:00am - 1:00 PM)

Our Lady of Hope, Linebrook Rd, Ipswich

3. Saturday, February 8, 2019 (2:00pm - 6:00pm)

St. Elizabeth Parish, 350 Reedsdale Ave, Milton

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR

READ THE BACK OF THIS PAGE BEFORE DISMISSING!!!

Attention All Confirmation Candidates, Young Adults and Parents:

WE NEED YOU - to be part of the SNOW CAMPS Staff in Alton Bay N.H. this Feb 28- March 1.

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CHECK IT OUT and see if it's for you at our STAFF MEETING on Nov. 2nd - 3:00-6:00pm

SNOW CAMPS is an AMAZING weekend of FUN FAITH AND FRIENDS - like NO OTHER. St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's have a large group going - and WE WANT YOU AND YOUR CHILD TO BE A PART OF IT!!!

The weekend is **Feb. 28- March 1** and after taking thousands of teens (of ALL faith walks and beliefs) I can honestly say they all agree - it is the BEST WEEKEND OF THEIR LIFE.

Common struggles people have with making the commitment :

We are overbooked -

As with everything life comes down to priorities. I understand the 3 sports thousands of extracurriculars and needing to get all A's. These things seem like TOP PRIORITY, yet the scriptures clearly say "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness THEN all these things shall be added". The Truth is if we don't have LOVE right, we don't have ANYTHING right. I am talking of LOVE OF GOD and LOVE OF ONE ANOTHER. Making these two great commands our first priority brings us a life of HOPE AND PEACE. Having ministered to adolescents for over 20 year I would argue there is not a more crucial time in adolescence for your child to hear that they are FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE, that THEIR LIFE HAS A PURPOSE and that THEY ARE LOVED BY GOD. These messages conveyed within a supportive loving community are TRULY LIFE-SAVING AND LIFE-GIVING. Truly - the hundreds of students I have taken over the last 19 years each at one point or another have said messages for SNOW CAMPS gave them hope in a time they were hopeless...and joy beyond what they had ever known.

Our schedules do a job on our anxiety levels, mental health, JOY, taking this TIME OUT to RETREAT or SERVE on the retreat will make you a better mom, dad, brother, sister, daughter, son, student, athlete,..it's a guarantee.

My child doesn't want to go-

I would guess your child also doesn't want to get off their device or go to bed most nights either. I promise if you say "Try this after this I won't force you to do another event" - your child will come home ready and willing to do another event! Countless parents have told me "making my child go to SNOW CAMPS was the best decision I ever made -it changed our life forever."

I am not really religious/don't believe in God

And why would you be - have you really EVER had the opportunity to hear from REAL people your own age who God is - and why religion even matters? Like, have you ever met anyone who's LIFE PROVES that JESUS EXISTS? Have you ever heard of real MIRACLES in someone's life? Like how COULD you believe - until you REALLY give it a chance - do your research - EXPERIENCE GOD in a way that makes sense to YOUR LIFE - that's what Snow CAMPS is!!!! SO COME AS YOU ARE BELIEVING WHAT YOU DO and see what happens!!!

I can't afford it

We fundraise - we will help you - you can get a scholarship. DON'T LET MONEY STOP YOU!! We can make it happen just email shinethelight247@gmail.com