

Search Team #176: An Opportunity for Ministry to High School Teens

What is SEARCH?

SEARCH is an opportunity for high school teens between the ages of 15-18 to experience God's love and guidance in a retreat experience. SEARCH is planned, directed, and facilitated by teens who have had this experience and want to share it with their peers in cooperation with adult volunteers and CYO staff.

Goals and Expectations for Team Members:

1) Fostering a deeper relationship with Christ: SEARCH follows the call of Jesus to the first disciples, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19). By participation as team members, we are called to strengthen our own relationship with Christ and to share our Catholic faith with one another.

Expectation: Regular sharing of Scripture and its application to the retreat planning; participation in and the creation of prayer experiences for both new searchers and team members, and a willingness to grow in the true spirit of SEARCH.

2) Developing of community: The community of SEARCH participants, teens and adults alike, can be a powerful tie among new and past Searchers. Many times that bond lasts a lifetime. As a prospective team member, we are reminded that we are to share our faith with others.

Expectation: Constant invitation to new Searchers to experience how God is working in their lives, with the expectation of at least one new Searcher per team member, per weekend.

3) Working with mutual respect, open communication and cooperation, striving for shared responsibility: SEARCH weekends and formation meetings would not exist without the dedicated, faith-filled teens who desire to minister to others and adult men and women who give of their time and talent to mentor teen team members. We must strive to work with a mutual respect for one another and in full cooperation for a successful weekend.

Expectation: Where appropriate, team members will take responsibility for various aspects of the formation meetings and retreat. Team members are to work in partnership with their adult mentor, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide both parties, with a spirit of shared responsibility for the retreat planning. Each individual is a member of the Body of Christ, where all members are needed and deserve respect.

4) Embracing the commitment and responsibility of team membership: Being a part of the SEARCH team carries with it responsibility and accountability. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the team before Vocare night. The CYO staff has the responsibility of monitoring team membership and empowering team members appropriately.

Expectation: Applicants *must* be present at Vocare to be considered for a team position; only two excused absences (i.e., family crisis or illness) during the formation meetings will be accepted. Notify Maureen Capellas at (330) 762-2961 ext.230 or e-mail mcapellas@clevelandcatholiccharities.org of any absences. If you have two unexcused absences, we will ask you to step down from your position on team. All completed registration forms and team fees are to be returned at the first formation meeting.

Please remember that SEARCH has been in existence for decades. A goal of the SEARCH team formation is to empower leaders who will take the energy and training back to their parish (or a neighboring parish who has a youth program). Let's do our part to make sure the spirit of SEARCH continues on for the hundreds of New Searchers yet to experience a SEARCH weekend, and helps youth ministry grow in our parishes!

The following are the rules/commandments for team formation and the retreat weekend.

ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBEY THE RULES & COMMANDMENTS DURING ALL PREPARATION WORK (INCLUDING MEETINGS AT CYO AND AT CAMP) AND DURING THE ACTUAL WEEKEND.

Please make sure you understand and agree to follow the rules before you submit your application!

Search Commandments

1. Any special dietary needs must be noted on this medical form and brought to the immediate attention of the CYO staff.
2. Casual clothes, with modesty and the Gospel in mind, are appropriate for all Search events.
3. Bring your own bedding (pillow, blanket, sleeping bag), personal items, towels and toiletries if spending the weekend at Camp.
4. Please, no iPods, cell phones, or other PDA devices.
5. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs or weapons are forbidden. Parents will be contacted if anyone possesses these items.
6. You are expected to respect and follow directions that are given by team members.
7. All injuries and other concerns should be reported immediately to one of the adult team members.
9. You are expected to attend all sessions and activities and be on time.
10. Food, snacks and beverages are to be kept in the dinning room area.
11. If at Camp, males and females will be assigned to separate areas of the facilities. No one is permitted to be in the sleeping areas of the opposite sex.
12. Team members shall remain in the CYO building during formation meetings and quietly exit the premises when the meeting is completed.
13. You are expected to respect the time frame for meetings and events.
14. Clean up is everyone's responsibility and your personal responsibility.
15. Remember that we are guests at the CYO & Community Services building and Camp Christopher.
13. There is to be no public display of affection (PDA) at any time.

SEARCH TEAM #176 REGISTRATION FORM

Participant - Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone No.: _____ **Cell Phone No:** _____

Email: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Gender: _____ **School:** _____

Grade: _____ **Parish or Church:** _____

Youth Minister: _____ **Pastor:** _____

**Fee enclosed: \$42.00 (includes "green" t-shirt cost) \$21.00 (if parent providing overnight supervision)
\$37.00 (\$5 discount) for Our Lady of Victory and St. Francis de Sales Participants**

CIRCLE size: Small Medium Large Extra-Large XX-Large

Parent or Guardian Contact Information (in the event of Emergency)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Home, work and cell phone numbers: _____

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR TREATMENT

This authorization enables guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for the participant who becomes seriously ill or injured under the authority of CYO & Community Services, Inc. when guardians cannot be reached. THIS MUST BE SIGNED IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND THE SEARCH PROGRAM.

I, acting as the legal guardian of _____, grant consent for CYO & Community Services, Inc. to seek medical treatment for him/her in the case of illness or accident from the closest and most appropriate medical practitioner or hospital available. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two licensed physicians/dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained for the performance of such surgery. Any and all information concerning the above named child's history including allergies, medications and physical impairments, has been reported in these registration forms. In the event of an emergency, I authorize CYO & Community Services, Inc. to share the completed registration information packet with persons related to the treatment of the above named program member.

I understand that CYO & Community Services, Inc. will make reasonable efforts to contact me or the listed emergency contacts in the case that medical attention will become necessary.

X _____

Parent's signature (or participant if over 18)

Date

VIDEO/PHOTO RELEASE:

I hereby give my consent to CYO & Community Services, Inc. to videotape/ photograph _____ and without limitation, to use such pictures and or stories in connection with any of the work of CYO & Community Services, Inc. without consideration of any kind, and I do hereby release CYO & Community Services, Inc. from any and all claims whatsoever which may arise in said regard.

X _____
Parent's signature (or participant if over 18) _____ Date _____

*It is not necessary for you to sign this Video/Photo release in order for child to attend the program. However, it would be to our convenience and assist us in promoting SEARCH and YOUTH MINISTRY, if you would sign it.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I understand that all activities have certain risks and could result in injury to the child I am enrolling. I waive all claims against CYO & Community Services, Inc. for any and all causes arising out of the activities of the programs of CYO & Community Services, Inc.

X _____
Parent's signature (or participant if over 18) _____ Date _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION - PLEASE COMPLTE FULLY

Health insurance carrier is: _____
Name of policyholder: _____
Member number: _____
Group number: _____
My child's birth date is: _____

The following includes any allergies, **especially food allergies**, my child may have, any medication my child may be taking, and any other facts to which a physician or dentist should be alerted:

I fully understand what is involved in this experience and the foregoing form, and I understand I have the opportunity to call the CYO Youth Ministry Office (330)762-2961 ext. 230 with any questions I may have.

X _____
Parent signature _____ **Date** _____

I have read the Search Retreat Commandments and hereby agree to keep them throughout my time at the Search Weekend.

X _____
Participant signature _____ **Date** _____

Parents, we need your help!

Volunteering is a great way to learn about the Search program first-hand. The Search retreat is a big undertaking and many hands are needed to make the weekend a reality for our youth. This brochure lists some of the many ways in which you can lend a hand. We are grateful for any gifts that you can bring to the program. Please return this completed form with your registration and payment. Thanks for helping out!

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please place a check mark next to those that you can help with.

Kitchen Crew:

_____ Sunday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Set up and prepare refreshments for reception following mass.

_____ Sunday 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Serve refreshments to parents and guests following mass.

_____ Drop off baked goods for the participants to enjoy for dessert and after closing mass.

Overnight Supervision:

Sleep overnight in the counselor's quarters of a youth cabin for additional security and supervision purposes. Two adults of the same gender will be placed in each male and female cabin. CYO will offer a 50% discount on your child's registration fee if you help in this way.

___ Friday 11:30 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

___ Saturday 11:30 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Prayer Support:

Pray for the retreat participants and the success of the weekend.

___ Join Search team members, former Searchers, families and friends at a prayer service @ St. Hilary Parish, located at 2750 W. Market Street, on Friday, April 23rd from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Search Reunion Mass & Social: Wednesday, April 28, 6:00 – 8:45 p.m. @ Camp Christopher

___ Help chaperone, set-up, and clean-up

Contribute to the Scholarship Fund/Provide a Donation

___ I am willing to help financially by giving \$_____ to go toward the Scholarship Fund for future Search weekends.

___ I would like to donate gift cards to Gordon Food Services, Sam's Club, or another grocery store or bakery.

Are there other ways that you would like to contribute that are not on this form? Please let us know. We are grateful for any gifts that you can bring to the program