



ST. PHILOMENA ACADEMY YOUTH CAMP 2023 FAQS



If you have ANY question that is not answered here, please feel free to contact Hieu Nguyen, Youth Animator/Coordinator for St. Alphonsus & Holy Family Parishes at davclusterym@diodav.org or 563-322-0987.

WHAT: 2-Day Overnight* Youth Camp
WHEN: Starts (Check-In) @ 8:45 AM on Sat., August 12, 2023
Ends (Check-Out) @ 6:00 PM on Sun., August 13, 2023
WHERE: St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 2618 Boies Ave, Davenport, IA 52802

**Day Camp Only option is now available.*

All programs & activities will take place at St. Alphonsus

Who are we?

St. Philomena Academy Youth Camp (SPAYC) is a Catholic ministry initiated by St. Alphonsus and Holy Family parishes to reach middle school & high school students in the Davenport Diocese and surrounding communities. Our Summer Youth Camp is for ALL young people ages 12-18 in the Quad-City Area (Iowa & Illinois) who seek to know themselves as children of God and be loved by Him. In knowing themselves, they discover God who cares about them always.

What can campers expect during the 2 Day/1 night weekend? What will they learn?

- They will learn to enjoy presence without the virtual world
- They will learn new and impactful friendship, collaboration as teams for common objectives.
- We hope they learn how their lives are gifts from God.
- They should come out of the weekend appreciating themselves and having a positive and hopeful attitude on life.

Who can attend Camp?

Boys and girls ages 12-18 (6th through 12th grade students for the 2023-24 school year).

Do you have to be Catholic to attend camp?

Absolutely not. We are happy to welcome campers from every faith background.

Who are the adults in charge at Camp?

St. Philomena Academy Youth Camp is made up of leadership from St. Alphonsus & Holy Family Catholic Church led by Father Nicholas Akindele, along with volunteers from our church & other churches within the Davenport Diocese & beyond. All leadership staff & volunteers must complete the safe environment training, safe driver training (if applicable) & background check process.



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How do I register?

- You may register **ONLINE** (preferred method) by visiting one of the following websites & clicking on the St. Philomena Academy LOGO:
 - holyfamilydavenport.com
 - stalphonsusdav.org
 - vinumnonhabent.com
- Or, you may register by **MAIL** (downloadable PDF available for emailing/printing).
 - **Mail (Check Only)** – Mail in your completed registration form and check payable to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church (write “*Youth Camp*” in the memo) to:

St. Philomena Academy Youth Camp
% Vickie Underwood, Secretary
2618 Boies Avenue
Davenport, IA 52802

What is the cost to attend camp?*

- Early Bird: \$20 (includes T-Shirt)
- Early Bird Deadline: June 30, 2023
- After June 30th: \$25 (includes T-Shirt)
- Registration Deadline: August 1, 2023

**No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Please indicate on the registration form that you request sponsorship.*

Can I cancel my registration?

Yes, however camp fees are non-refundable after August 1st, 2023.

When do I check-in & check-out my camper?

- Check-In between 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM on Sat., August 12, 2023
- Check-Out between 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM on Sun., August 13, 2023

Where do I check-in & check-out my camper?

- St. Alphonsus Catholic School (enter the Gymnasium)

Where will my child sleep?

- Girls & Boys will have separate accommodations in non-adjoining buildings on/near* the St. Alphonsus campus.
 - **GIRLS may have a special opportunity to stay overnight with the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Divine Teacher. Call for additional information.*
- There will be at least 2 Adult Staff members per 10 Youth Campers at all times & 24/7 Hall Monitors to supervise throughout the weekend.



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What will my child eat?

<i>Sample Menu</i>	Saturday, 8/12/23	Sunday, 8/13/23
BREAKFAST	Scrambled Eggs Hash browns with Bacon Fresh Fruit Cereal & Milk	Pancakes Sausage Fresh Fruit Cereal & Milk Muffins
SNACK	Fruit Yogurt Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Popcorn Pretzels Applesauce Yogurt Popsicle
LUNCH	Pizza Minestrone Soup Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Ice Cream Sundaes	Fish Sticks Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Apple Sauce Brownies & Cookies
SNACK	Popcorn Chips & Salsa Mozzarella Sticks Apple Sauce	Fruit Popcorn Pretzels Applesauce Popsicle
DINNER	Tacos Cheddar Salsa Sour Cream Lettuce Refried Bean Rice Cinnamon Sugar Cookies	BBQ Pulled Pork Bun Tater Tots Corn Cole Slaw Brownies & Cookies

*If your child has dietary restrictions or food allergies, you are kindly asked to provide a similar alternative menu item. At Camp Check-In you will check in with the kitchen team to deliver your alternate menu item(s) and share details.



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What items do the campers need to bring to Camp?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (sheets/blanket) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear & Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications (if applicable - must be approved at check-in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes - 2 sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries for Showers, if desired | |

DO NOT BRING:

- Alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco (including but not limited to vaping products, e-cigarettes, and marijuana)
- Weapons (including pocket knives and multi-tools)

WE HAVE A **NO CELL PHONE POLICY AT CAMP**

This opportunity could be one of the only times in your child's life when they are disconnected from technology. Leaving phones at home allows campers to focus on being a kid, relationship-building and being 100% present at Camp. If a camper chooses to bring a cell phone to camp, they assume all liability and may only be in possession of their cell phone during daily supervised 'device time', which includes only communication, no video games nor inappropriate device use. All other electronic devices are prohibited at camp.

Please counsel your children/teens that if they need to contact home, they should speak with Camp Staff. Parents will be contacted if any problems arise or if their child is experiencing a challenge in adjusting.

How do I contact my camper at camp?

The Leadership Team will have a dedicated cell phone that will be used for incoming and outgoing calls (24/7) throughout the weekend. This dedicated line is intended to be used for emergencies only, however, we understand there may be a situation in which you just want to be reassured your camper is well. Upon check-in, you will be given the dedicated phone number. You are encouraged to program this number into your phone(s) immediately. Please be sure that the primary cell phone number you provide on your registration form is the same number you wish to be called first in case of emergency.

What if my child gets sick?

It is our policy to notify parents in the case of illness or accident as soon as possible. In the case of an emergency, we are 4.6 miles (approximately 15 minutes) from Genesis Medical Center, Davenport, East Rusholme Street.



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What is the tentative schedule for the weekend?

A detailed schedule of events will be emailed to you approximately two weeks before camp. However, it's important to know that you, along with your camper(s), will have ample opportunity to meet the leadership team & volunteers who will be with your children throughout the weekend.

You are encouraged to join us Saturday evening (4 PM) and/or Sunday morning (11 AM) for Holy Mass.

On Sunday, parents will be invited to join us at 4:30 PM for a brief presentation followed by dinner & the "Weekend Wrap-Up" with campers & staff. Check-Out will begin at 6:00 PM and campers will depart with an approved parent/guardian.

How can I donate?

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to St. Philomena Academy to assist with our Youth Camp and other programming aimed to reach middle & high school students in the Davenport Diocese and beyond. Your donations will sponsor children who may not otherwise be able to afford to attend & help to offset costs of putting on the camp.

Donations (cash or check) will also be accepted by mail or in the collection baskets at both St. Alphonsus and Holy Family parishes. Please be sure to indicate in the memo or on the envelope that the donation is intended for "*St. Philomena Academy*" to ensure proper appropriation of funds.

Mailing Address:

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