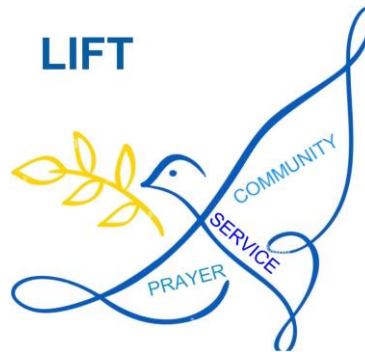


L.I.F.T. (LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER) TEEN COALITION



2023-2024 APPLICATION

WHAT IS LIFT TEEN COALITION?

L.I.F.T. (LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER) TEEN COALITION is a select group of high school students who represent the rich diversity of youth ministry throughout the region and Camp Ondessonk community. It is inclusive of culture, geographic location, economic, educational, and social status. L.I.F.T. is meant to be supplemental to parish youth ministry, it should not replace your participation in school or parish youth groups.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF L.I.F.T TEEN COALITION?

In partnership with local youth ministry leaders and Camp Ondessonk, **L.I.F.T** aims to provide resources for young leaders to promote their human, spiritual, and professional development, and for young leaders to assist in the creation, development, implementation, evaluation of an event at Camp Ondessonk specifically for high school students.

These goals are drawn from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Renewing the Vision* document on youth ministry.

- 1) To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.
- 2) To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic community.
- 3) To foster the total personal, spiritual, & professional growth of each young person.

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM A L.I.F.T. TEEN COALITION MEMBER?

- Represent and serve as an active voice for high school youth cultivating their belief in Christ
- Attend 90 minutes once a month L.I.F.T meetings either in person or virtually (November, January, February, and April, specific date and time determined by members)
- Attend L.I.F.T hosted Re-Ignite U Retreat March 15 - 17, 2024
- Meet with their Youth Minister/Adult Mentor for mentorship and/or advice.
 - o For parishes that do not formally have a youth minister, the pastor may appoint a qualified adult to function as an adult mentor to a L.I.F.T representative.
 - For this purpose, adults are considered to be 21 years old and older.
 - o PLEASE NOTE: No candidate will be considered without the agreement and support of a youth minister/adult mentor.
- Coordinate transportation to and from L.I.F.T events with youth minister/adult mentor.

WHO CAN BE A L.I.F.T TEEN COALITION MEMBER?

L.I.F.T representatives need to be...

- A member of the Catholic Church
- A current or incoming high school student (incoming freshman through seniors).
- Willing to service a one-year term (September thru May).
- Able to work effectively and respectfully within a group of youth and adults.

HOW TO APPLY FOR L.I.F.T

- 1) Discern if you feel like you can meet the above expectations.
- 2) Talk to your parents and youth ministry leader or pastor to discuss the expectations and if you can accept the responsibilities outlined above.
 - a. PLEASE NOTE: No candidate will be considered without the agreement and support of a parent/ guardian and youth minister/adult mentor.
- 3) Complete the application form, and return to your parent/ guardian/youth minister/adult mentor/pastor. They will send the application to Camp Ondessonk by emailing nolan.hurst@ondessonk.com.

Youth Minister/Adult Mentor Actions

- 4) Ensure that the application contains the applicant's signature and a parent's signature before you fill out and sign the application.
- 5) Submit the application to Camp Ondessonk by **October 15, 2023**.
 - a. The **L.I.F.T** Leadership Team will contact the youth minister/adult mentor with any questions during the application review process.
- 6) The **L.I.F.T** Leadership Team will review all the applications and announce decisions by **October 22, 2023**.
 - a. The **L.I.F.T** Leadership Team will then contact the applicant and their parents as well as the youth minister/adult mentor to discuss the final decision on the application.

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YOUTH APPLICANTS, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION **TO CAMP ONDESSONK BY OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Texting: Yes _____ No _____

Parish (Name & City): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

1) How long have you been involved in youth activities and parish activities at your church?

2) Please describe activities and leadership roles you have been a part of:

a. In your parish:

b. In the diocese:

c. In your community:

d. In your school:

Signatures

Photography/Video Release

I hereby permit Camp Ondessonk of the Diocese of Belleville to photograph and/or record me/my child while participating as a member of LIFT and to release and publish this material. I understand that this material may be used to promote Camp Ondessonk programs in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, or for other related endeavors of Camp Ondessonk and the Diocese of Belleville. This material may also appear on the Camp Ondessonk website and our social media page. I will receive no remuneration for the use of these images.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Preferred cell phone number for parent/guardian: _____

Youth Applicant: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH MINISTER/ADULT MENTOR INFORMATION

The **L.I.F.T LEADERSHIP TEAM** will only consider candidates for **L.I.F.T** who are under the supervision and mentorship of a youth minister or adult mentor. Please complete the following information on who will be the youth minister/adult mentor if this young person is accepted for **L.I.F.T**.

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Texting: Yes _____ No _____

Email: _____

I have read and understand the responsibilities of being a youth minister/adult mentor to a **L.I.F.T** Youth and agree to the expectations laid out in the cover letter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY OCTOBER 15, 2023

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