

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Montgomery County Vicariate
Franciscan University of Steubenville
High School Youth Conference
Sponsored by
Corpus Christi Teen Ministry
June 27-29, 2008**

Arrival & Departure Schedule:

Friday, June 27: Arrive at Corpus Christi at **6:15am SHARP**
Mass at 6:30am
The Bus will leave **NO LATER** than 7:15am –
if you are late, the bus **WILL** leave without you

Sunday, June 29: Departure from Steubenville, Ohio at 2:00pm, estimated
time of arrival to Corpus Christi at 9:00pm.

What is the schedule for the weekend?

A typical weekend schedule for the summer of 2008 is as follows:

Friday

12:00 – 8:00pm*	Arrival/Check-in *(Please note: Check-in for HS1 begins at 2:00pm)
4:00pm	Travelers' Mass
4:30 – 6:30pm	Dinner
6:30 – 10:00pm	Opening Session
10:00 – 11:30pm	Small Group Time/Reconciliation/Free Time

Saturday

7:00 – 9:00am	Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00am	Men's & Women's Sessions
10:00 – 11:30am	Mass
11:30am – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30pm	Workshops
2:45 – 3:30pm	Entertainment
3:45 – 4:45pm	Small Group Time
5:00 – 6:30pm	Dinner
6:30 – 10:00pm	Evening Session/Empowerment
10:00 – 11:30pm	Small Group Time/Reconciliation/Free Time

Sunday

7:00 – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am – 10:30pm	Men's & Women's Sessions
11:00am – 12:30pm	Mass
1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch/Checkout

What should we bring to the conference? Pack Light as you will need to carry your belongings uphill and somewhat long distances.

- A sleeping bag and pillow (or small cot/air mattress)
- An alarm clock
- Toiletries
- A washcloth and towel
- An umbrella or other rain gear
- A backpack – to carry belongings throughout the day as the all sleeping areas are closed.
- A sweatshirt or jacket for the evening sessions (the Fieldhouse can get cold)
- A fan
- Sunblock
- A Bible (If you think you will use it)
- A notebook & pen
- Spending money (to visit the Franciscan University Bookstore or to purchase snacks, food and drinks. Water will be provided at all meals, but alternate beverages will be available for purchase.)
- **Youth Only - A completely filled out Registration/Liability Release Form signed by a parent/legal guardian - You Cannot get on the bus without one!**
- **Adult Chaperones and Group Leaders Only** - A completely filled out Adult Chaperone Application signed by the Chaperone and Group Leader - If you already submitted this to Dee, she will bring it.
- **If your group is bringing cameras or video cameras, please know that flash photography during the Liturgies is not allowed. In addition, the sessions and Liturgies cannot be videotaped. Videotaping of speakers is not allowed.**
- Appropriate clothing (See below)

Emergency Phone Number

In the case of an emergency, parents may call **740-283-6500**. This line is answered 24 hours a day throughout the conference weekend. The caller should request the participant by his/her full name and know the Group Leader's name [Diana (Dee) Murter] to help us locate the participant as quickly as possible.

Pay phones and house phones (for calling card use only) are also available for outgoing calls. For non-emergency messages, parents can call **740-283-6314**.

Dee's Cell: 610-357-0465

Maria's Cell: 215-219-0559

Where will we be housed?

Housing is in dorms, half of which are not air-conditioned. Additionally, you can expect to sleep a **minimum of four** participants per room on campus. We also use common areas like lounges and meeting rooms in which we will sleep 15 or more participants. Please note that there are on average two beds per room which necessitates that at least half will have to sleep on the floor. Please pack accordingly (sleeping bags, cots, air mattresses, blankets, pillows and fans). On-campus housing arrangements will be made after we have received all of the Group Information Forms and groups will be informed of their specific housing locations at check-in on the opening day of the conference.

For those staying in our on-campus dorms, **please be prepared to walk a significant distance with your luggage.** Busses will not be permitted to drive directly to most dormitories. Packing as light as possible will help.

Only registered participants may stay in our housing facilities, attend sessions, Mass and receive meals. Alternate housing arrangements must be made for bus drivers if they are not registered participants.

Will we have our own bathrooms in the dorms?

For a majority of campus housing, there is at least one large bathroom per floor. Group Leaders and Adult Chaperones are given special shower times throughout the weekend. Please note that shower for all participants will be available at designated times only. These times will be posted on the bathroom doors. The showers do have curtains, but many participants choose to bring a bathing suit for showering.

Will the Sacrament of Reconciliation be offered during the weekend?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the weekend at designated times. We would like to encourage all Adult Chaperones and Group Leaders to avail yourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to the conference. While Adult Chaperones will be fed spiritually on the weekend, the Youth Conferences are designed to minister to the Youth, and we want to make sure that every youth who wants to go to Confession has the opportunity to partake of this Sacrament.

Tell us about the meals during the conference?

All meals are served in bags. Participants will walk through a line to pick up their food and eat outside. For those who would like more to eat, additional food items will be available for sale between sessions. These lines can get long at times; however, we will do our best to make sure the lines move as quickly as possible. Please Note: Saturday Dinner admittance will be scheduled at designated times by wristband color. This is to ensure that those who are admitted into the Fieldhouse first will have had time to eat. This wristband schedule will be handed to you at check-in and will be posted around campus. **If you have special dietary needs, please contact Dee at 215-855-1311 as soon as possible.**

Planned Menu: (This menu is tentative and subject to change.)

Friday Dinner (4:30pm - 7:00pm)	Personal Pizza, Tossed Salad, Frozen Fruit Bar, Bottled Water, Fresh Whole Fruit, Dessert
Saturday Breakfast (7:00am - 9:00am)	Individual Cereals, Muffin, 8 oz. Milk, 10 oz. Juice, Granola Bar, Fresh Whole Fruit
Saturday Lunch (11:30pm - 1:00pm)	Hamburger, Pretzels, Fresh Baked Cookie, Fresh Whole Fruit, Bottled Water
Saturday Dinner (4:30pm - 6:30pm)	Breaded Chicken Breast Sandwich, Potato Chips, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Bottled Water
Sunday Breakfast (7:00am - 9:00am)	Individual Cereals, Danish, 8 oz. Milk, 10 oz. Juice, Fresh Whole Fruit, Granola Bar

Sunday Lunch (12:30pm - 2:00pm)	Turkey and Swiss on Hoagie Roll, Chips, Fresh Whole Fruit, Brownie, Bottled Water
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Can you tell me more about the wristbands we will be wearing?

Each person will be given a wristband that will serve as your admission to the Youth Conferences. The wristband will have numbers 1-6 printed on them and these numbers signify the meals for the weekend beginning with Dinner on Friday and ending with Lunch on Sunday. A member of our staff will be on hand to mark off the numbers as participants enter the cafeteria. There will be three different color wristbands per conference. The color wristband you receive will determine when your group will be allowed to enter the Fieldhouse for the main sessions on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening. Each wristband color will be given the opportunity to enter early for one of these three sessions and receive priority seating. You will find out your wristband color when you check-in, along with a schedule of admittance times. Please note that your wristband color will determine when your group can eat dinner on Saturday evening.

Housing Guidelines for Adult and Youth Participants

Corpus Christi’s Adult Chaperones will call the parents of any teen who’s behavior is excessively problematic as decided by Maria Richardson and Dee Murter. The parents will be asked to drive to Steubenville to pick their children up and bring them home. This has not been a problem in the past, and we anticipate it will not be a problem on this year’s trip as well.

Providing a Safe Environment

In order to protect both the Youth and the Adult Chaperones, **dorms are closed from the beginning of the morning session until after the evening session is over.** Materials received on-site will detail the specific times dorms are closed. Dorm room doors are to remain unlocked and open at all times, even during sleep times. Exception: Lower Campus dorm room doors that open to the outside of the building will be closed.

Adult Chaperones should avoid any situation where they are alone with a youth.

Closed Dorms

The sleeping areas will be **off limits** to participants throughout the day; no attendee, whether Adult Chaperone or Youth, will be allowed in these areas for any reason. Also, no one will be allowed to stay in his/her sleeping area for any reason during conference session times. Please be sure to take any items you will need throughout the day, including medications, with you when you leave the dorm in the morning.

Youth and Adults can bring backpacks to carry items throughout the day.

Valuables

Because of the need to keep most of the doors open and unlocked, we are asking all adults and participants not to bring valuables. Franciscan University is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Lights Out

All participants and chaperones must be in their sleeping areas by **11:30 p.m.** **Lights out is at 12:00a.m.** An atmosphere of quiet and respect is expected following lights out. Violators will be subject to appropriate discipline and/or fines. Please follow the instruction of the Housing Host for any exceptions.

General Guidelines for Adults and Youth

Appropriate Dress and Speech

All participants (Youth and Adults) are expected to dress in a fashion that represents modesty and good taste, respecting other participants and our Lord. Clothing must cover all undergarments and midribs. Bikini tops, low cut tops, mini skirts, short shorts, or other inappropriate attire are not to be worn at any time during the conference. Gentlemen are required to wear shirts at all times. Shoes are also to be worn at all times.

Clothing that displays profane or offensive messages or images is not allowed. Group Leaders and Adult Chaperones are expected to communicate these expectations to the Youth beforehand and to enforce the dress code at the conference. Violators will be asked to change clothing at the discretion of conference staff. Since participants are not allowed back in the dorms/sleeping areas throughout the day, the conference staff will have extra clothing on hand for special circumstances.

Participants are expected to use positive and up-building speech during the conference. Foul and abusive language will not be permitted.

First Aid

For any medical or health issue, all participants will be directed to First Aid. This includes migraines, asthma, and exhaustion. Note: First Aid will not dispense medication (Tylenol, Advil, Aspirin, etc.) to participants. If needed, these medications can be purchased at the campus bookstore. All Youth visiting First Aid must be accompanied by the Group Leader or an Adult Chaperone.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

All state laws governing alcohol, drugs and tobacco will be strictly enforced. Possession or consumption of alcohol and drugs is not permitted on campus during the conference. During conference sessions, we ask that all participants refrain from smoking. All buildings and tents are smoke-free facilities. Outdoor smoking is allowed only on blacktop areas. Please be aware that Ohio State law prohibits vendors from selling tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18.

Insubordination

All Youth and Adult Chaperones are expected to follow the direction of security and conference staff. Any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will be subject to appropriate discipline and/or fines. Disciplinary action will be directed primarily through interaction with the Group Leader. Strikes, as detailed below, will be issued as necessary.

Three Strike Violation System

We have implemented the following **Three Strikes Violation System** for groups or individuals that violate any regulation or policy of Franciscan University of Steubenville's High School Youth Conferences:

- **First violation:** A \$25 fine is assessed to the group.
- **Second violation:** An additional \$25 fine is assessed to the group.
- **Third violation:** A final \$25 fine is assessed to the group, and the loss of conference attendance for one year is applied to the entire group.

There are other serious items that should be discussed with your group. Specifically, the following are misconduct issues that will not be tolerated at High School Youth Conferences as quoted from the Franciscan University of Steubenville Student Handbook, Article III: Proscribed Conduct:

"3: 10 Use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law.

3:11 Use, possession, sale, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and by University regulations, or public intoxication.

3:12 Possession or use of firearms, explosives, other weapons, incendiary devices, firecrackers or dangerous chemicals on University premises.'

For security reasons, Franciscan University of Steubenville reserves the right to check all bags/luggage/containers and confiscate any of the above mentioned items that are brought to our High School Youth Conferences.

Reporting of Incidence

If you witness any youth or chaperone violating any policy in regard to Child Protection or Franciscan University's guidelines, you are required to report it immediately to a member of the conference staff.

*The Franciscan University Christian Outreach Office reserves the right to deny entrance to, or request the ejection of any group or individual who does not comply with the regulations and policies of Franciscan University of Steubenville's High School Youth Conferences. In the event that an individual/group is denied entrance or is ejected for violating any rule or policy, **NO REFUND** will be made.*