



2024
July
9-14

JUSTICE OUTREACH PROJECT

The best week of your Summer!



HANDBOOK



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Greetings!

We invite high school through college-aged young adults to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation for a week of service, friendship, and cultural immersion. For more than 10 years, Little Flower Parish has welcomed young people to its home through the Justice Outreach Project, a ministry of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Helena.

This profound experience of mutual friendship and dialogue continues to change the lives of those who have participated. Steeped in the wisdom of our Church's social teachings, this is the premiere opportunity to expose your young people to a truly Catholic, Christ-centered encounter with a Native American people and culture. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

The Holy Spirit will change you, your young people, and your entire youth ministry program through this experience. Don't miss the call.

Everything you need to coordinate your trip is included in the Handbook. You are also welcome to contact me with any questions. Find more information:

[DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/JOP](https://diocesehelena.org/jop)

God Bless,

Kevin Molm
OYYAM Manager



“ This is how all
will know that
you are my disciples,
**if you have love
for one another.** ”
-John 13:35



JUSTICE OUTREACH PROJECT

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Schedule

TUESDAY, JULY 9

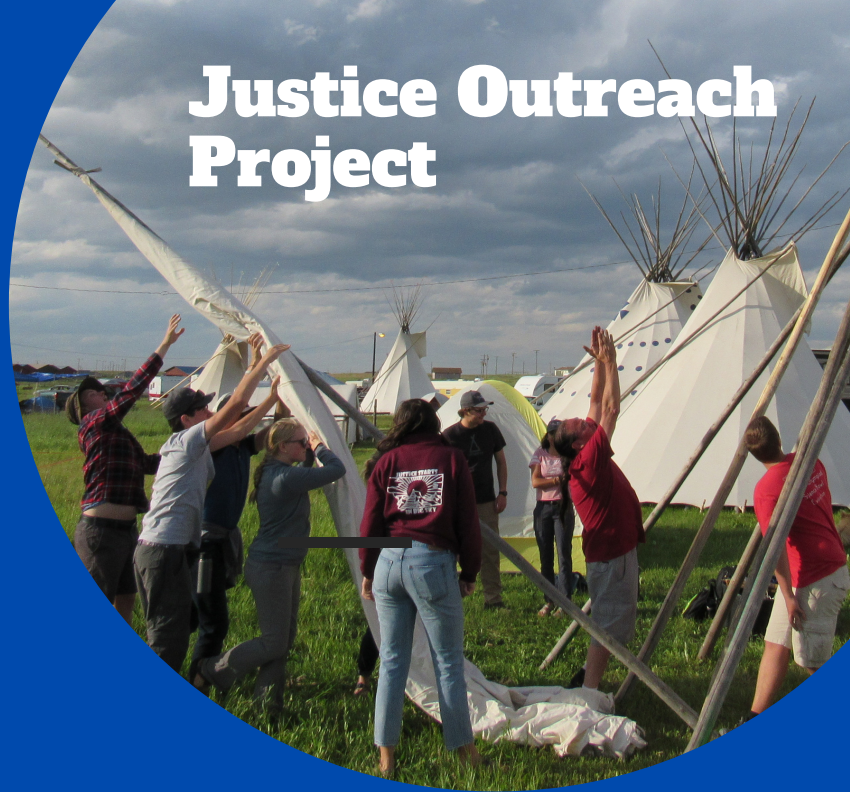
Arrive 5 pm
Dinner
Blackfeet Cultural Session

WEDNESDAY

Mass
NAID Youth Day
Tipi Building

THURSDAY

St. Michael's Cemetery Cleanup
Mass in Glacier National Park
Stick Game



Justice Outreach Project

FRIDAY

Mass
St. Ann's Cemetery Clean-up
Mission Tour

SATURDAY

Mass
NAID Parade
NAID Powwow & Community Feed

SUNDAY, JULY 14*

NAID Mass with Bp. Vetter
Dismissal 11 am

This schedule is tentative.
We reserve the right to edit. What won't change is drop-off/pick-up: Sun. at 5pm & Fri. at 11am.

*Yes, we will be done in time for you to make it to Legendary Lodge for the High School Camp.



FAQ'S & PERTINENT INFO

[DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/JOP](https://diocesehelena.org/jop)

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REGISTRATION

- Register at diocesehelena.org/jop
- Deadline: July 1
- Refunds: On or before July 1 is full refund, minus a \$50 processing fee; 50% refund July 1-8; no refunds after July 8.

COST

- Youth (Grades 9-12): \$325
- Adults (18+): \$200
- Priest or religious: Complimentary (no charge)
- Financial Aid Available (See FYBY Scholarship: diocesehelena.org/fyby)
- Cost includes food, housing, & program expenses for the week. It does *not* include the cost of transportation, which should be arranged by the local parish/school. (See note below.)

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

- Arrive: Tues., July 9 between 4-6pm. Any parents or guardians who will be dropping off youth are welcome to join us for dinner that night. Please just let Kevin know ahead of time to plan accordingly.
- Depart: Sunday, July 14 at 11am.
- Plan to drop off/pickup at De La Salle Blackfeet School (104 1st St. NW, Browning, MT 59417)

TRANSPORTATION

During the week, youth may not drive other youth! Only adults (21+) may drive youth. Adult Chaperones should expect to transport people to/from work sites and may have to transport individuals who are not from their parish/group.

GROUPS are highly encouraged to participate in JOP; please coordinate transportation to/from and during the week with your local parish/school. OYYAM will have some - but very limited - seats available. Contact Kevin for details.

LOCATION

Our primary location where we will sleep, eat meals, etc., is the De La Salle School in Browning, which is across the street from Little Flower Church:

You should plan to pickup/drop off here:

De La Salle Blackfeet School
104 1st St. NW
Browning, MT 59417

HOUSING

All participants will be expected to stay overnight, on-site at the De La Salle School in Browning. We will assign separate sleeping rooms by sex and age.

You must bring your own sleeping gear (e.g. sleeping bag, pad, pillow, etc.). Cots are available but bring your own sleeping pad & bag!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

JOP is open to high school youth in grades 9-12 (who must be accompanied by an Adult Chaperone) and college-aged young adults (18-25).

All adults (18+ and have graduated high school) must meet all Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policies (VIRTUS), and we will expect you to assist with chaperone responsibilities.

Only those who are 21+ may drive minors. Youth are not allowed to drive themselves or other minors during the week.

DO I NEED TO DO VIRTUS?

If you are 18 years old and will have graduated high school by July 1, 2024, then you are considered an adult and must meet all Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policies (VIRTUS). In other words, if you graduate high school in Spring 2024 and will be 18 before July 1, then you must complete VIRTUS (or your diocese's equivalent).

Adults (18+) not from the Diocese of Helena, must confirm compliance with their diocesan safe environment policies through OYYAM. Contact Kevin for details.



The week explained

Every year is different. The schedule can change by the minute due to weather, emergencies, and more. The information here is meant to provide broad information, not a detailed description of every activity.

Be prepared to adapt!

Activity

Our schedule is a mix of prayer, service/work, fun, and cultural experiences. Generally, we begin each day with Mass, followed by outside work projects before the heat of the day. Afternoons are a mix of rest, play, and cultural experiences. Evenings are reserved for speakers and activities to encounter Blackfeet culture, history, and spirituality.

Prayer

Everything we do is rooted in the Holy Spirit. We will learn about Catholic Blackfeet spiritual practices. We will pray in large and small groups, as well as take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Work

Common work projects include: painting, cleaning, reclaiming gravesites, mending fences, light yard work, etc.

Culture

Prominent members of the Blackfeet Nation will lead activities and present on a variety of topics, including Blackfeet-Catholic history, games, life on a modern-day reservation, dances, Stick Game, food, etc.

The heart of Justice Outreach Project is an investment into solidarity and the deep wisdom of Catholic Social Teaching.

“Solidarity is our word! Serving means recognizing and accepting requests for justice and hope, and seeking roads together, real paths that lead to liberation.”

- Pope Francis



WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

THE MISSION EXPLAINED...

Justice Outreach Project is

a week's worth of service, learning, and solidarity. Centered on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, JOP is about engaging in meaningful, Christ-centered relationships with the Blackfeet.

Focused on the needs & capabilities of young people by placing them outside their comfort zone, this extraordinarily fun and unique adventure crosses the borders of race and culture.

Not a service trip to fix anything, JOP is about building the Kingdom of God through the hard work of forming mutually respectful relationships.

We usually start with Mass, then serve the community through a work project, take a break in the afternoon, and then have a cultural experience in the evening. These include things like: setting up a tipi; cooking for a community feed; learning about (and then participating in) Blackfeet dances; and learning Blackfeet language.

Activities and talks are centered around one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life & Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family & Community Participation
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor & Vulnerable
- Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

7 THEMES

of Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

1

Life & Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

2

Call to Family, Community, & Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

3

Rights & Responsibilities

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.

4

Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

5

The Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of participation in God's creation.

6

Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace.

7

Care for God's Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an "Earth Day" slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.



Catholic Social Teaching is a central and essential element of our faith...built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the Eucharist.



CULTURAL COMPETENCIES

(Adapted from USCCB.org Cultural Diversity Resources)

Intercultural competence is the capacity to communicate, relate, and work across cultural boundaries. It involves developing capacity in three areas: knowledge, skills, and attitudes.

KNOWLEDGE INVOLVES:

- Knowledge of more than one perspective on things
- Knowledge of different interpretations of the same cultural reality
- Knowledge of general dynamics of intercultural communication
- Knowledge of more than one's first language

We will learn some Blackfeet language, including Blackfeet Sign Language and songs. We will learn about how main stream society's view on time differs from the Blackfeet cultural norm.

SKILLS ENTAIL:

- Ability to empathize
- Ability to tolerate ambiguity
- Ability to adapt communication and behavior

JOP participants will be exposed to a number of experiences where they will develop skills to interact with people from a variety of backgrounds, heritages, and ages. We will pray with strangers, learn about body language in communication, and play Stick Game.

ATTITUDES INCLUDE:

- Openness to others and other cultures
- Wanting to learn and engage other cultures
- Understanding intercultural interaction as a way of life, not a problem to be solved
- Mindfulness

Our JOP attitude can be summed up as *justice and solidarity*. These values take time and hard work. The hope is that participants experience first-hand the importance of such attitudes so that they can return home and live them out in their local community. Our attitude is *not* to spend a week "fixing" problems for the Blackfeet.

WHAT IS CULTURE?

"Culture is the particular way in which a human group interprets life and relates with nature, God, the world, and other peoples. Culture is not accidental, but an integral part of human life. Culture is lived and expressed through traditions, language, relationships, food and music, and religious expressions. It embraces the totality of life of the group and the life of each individual who belongs to it; therefore, all human beings relate and respond to God and express this faith from and within their culture."

—Principles of Inculturation of the
Catechism of the Catholic Church,
USCCB, 1994

**BEFORE YOU GET TO
BROWNING:**

J.O.P. Online Learning Module

diocesehelena.org/jop

Prepare yourself and your parish group for this incredible journey by participating in our online learning module.



**Complete the online
module with your
parish/group before
you begin your journey.**

Topics include:

- Intro to Catholic Social Teaching
- Blackfeet History & Culture
- J.O.P. project sites



ADULT LEADER/CHAPERONES GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Adult Leaders and Chaperones are one and the same for this event. They are incredibly important to the JOP experience. All Adult Leaders will minister to the youth in their group, as well as help maintain a safe and pastoral environment for the entire group.

Chaperones must be 21+ and abide by all Diocese of Helena policies. Every minor must have a Chaperone who takes responsibility for him/her for the week. Groups must maintain a 10:1 ratio of youth-to-Adult Chaperones, with respect to sex. (If you bring youth of both sexes, you must have accompanying Chaperones of both sexes.)

JOP is best experienced with a faith community. Parishes and schools are strongly encouraged to *accompany* their youth, *not send* their youth. OYYAM will have a staff of adults who can serve as chaperones for communities who do not have a youth minister. Space is limited, though; contact OYYAM for info.

Individual parishes/youth ministers are still responsible for ensuring that your youth have an adult Chaperone present at all times, as well as coordinating rides to/from JOP.



Core values:

1. Youth Minded
2. Servant Leadership
3. Relationship Oriented
4. Adaptability
5. Cultural Sensitivity
6. Ministry Focused

YOUNG ADULTS (18-25)

We welcome college-aged young adults to participate in JOP! However, just like our youth groups, JOP is best experienced with a local faith community (e.g. your campus ministry). Individuals who want to participate should work with their local parish/campus ministry and attend as a group.

Any person who is 18+ and has graduated high school must comply with all Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policies (VIRTUS), including completing the Protecting God's Children training and a background check. (Those from another diocese must provide proof of completion of their home diocese's safe environment policies.)

Although you may not serve as an official chaperone until you are 21, we do expect all young adults to behave as an adult and to assist with maintaining a safe environment, especially for youth. Only those who are 21+ may drive youth during the event.

TRANSPORTATION

Your safety is supremely important to us. All drivers assume all liability for transportation and are encouraged to confirm insurance coverage with their provider.

Here are a few tips and rules:

- Always wear seat belts—ALWAYS.
- Follow all traffic laws, paying special attention to speed limits.
- No youth may drive themselves or other youth.
- Each driver assumes all liability; check with your insurance to see what/if they will cover. You/Your parish may need to purchase additional insurance.

Our "Home Base" is the De La Salle School, located in Browning.



Online Defensive Driving Course

All drivers - employees & volunteers - must complete the Catholic Mutual Group's Defensive Driving Online Program:

<http://diocesehelena.org/2017/05/04/defensive-driving-online-program/>

*"Dear young people of every language and culture, a high and exhilarating task awaits you: that of becoming men and women capable of solidarity, peace and love of life, with respect for everyone. Become craftsmen of a new humanity, where brothers and sisters - members all of the same family - are able at last to live in peace."
-St. John Paul II*

During the week...



We rely on individual cars/trucks to transport youth and adults to various sites both within Browning and around the Blackfeet Reservation.

We do not have commercial transportation. However, OYYAM will have some seats available in various cars on a limited basis. Make sure to plan ahead by contacting Kevin.

Adult chaperones may be asked to assist with transporting all participants, not just the ones from their group.

Parents and/or Adult Chaperones need to make sure that their youth will have a spot in a vehicle during the week. This is especially important if a youth will be dropped off.

If driving larger-sized vans, drivers should have previous experience with vans of a similar size.

Drivers should be familiar with the handling characteristics of the vans or SUVs they are driving, and know appropriate loading, unloading and back-up procedures.

ON-SITE SAFETY



A primary concern at all times is your safety, health, and security. We have specific on-site procedures and policies in place to help keep everyone safe. Part of JOP is for youth to encounter new people, cultures, and experiences. This means that youth will be put outside of their *comfort* zone, but we will avoid situations that puts them in undue risk.

DISCIPLINE

All chaperones share the responsibility for the safety, well-being, and behavior of all youth. However, chaperones should concentrate on the discipline of their own group.

If a situation arises that the OYYAM staff believes is irreparable, a youth or adult will be sent home immediately at the expense of his/her parent/guardian. We sincerely hope that such a problem never occurs.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

No adult should ever be left 1-on-1 with a youth participant. If a verbal confrontation or caring conversation needs to take place, always ask for an additional adult to witness the dialogue.

All adults (18+ AND have graduated high school) must meet Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policies (VIRTUS). Those not from our diocese must confirm compliance with the respective policies of their home diocese.

SITE BOUNDARIES

We will visit various sites located across the Blackfeet Reservation, as well as locations in and around Glacier National Park. In addition to following all local, Tribal, State, and Federal rules and regulations, we expect all participants to follow directives of their Adult Chaperones and Diocese of Helena staff.

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY

With the exception of tobacco when used in traditional ceremonies, the possession of and/or use of all tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes, and illicit drugs are strictly forbidden at JOP for both youth and adults. You will be sent home if found in violation of this policy!

To ensure the safety of participants, we request that any prescription drugs and other medications be held in the custody of an adult leader.

DRESS CODE (YOUTH & ADULTS)

We expect you to choose clothing that is consistent with a Christian way of life and helps maintain a safe, respectful, and distraction-free environment. Rule of Thumb: If you have to ask if it's appropriate, then it probably isn't.

Your words, actions and appearance during the week all directly reflect you and our Church. OYYAM will ask parish leaders to enforce the appropriate clothing & behavior.

We don't want to be the "clothing police," but we will be if needed. Here are some absolutes:

- No short skirts/shorts or yoga pants.
- No advertising/promotion of alcohol, tobacco, sexual behavior, foul language, etc.
- No clothing that reveals midriff or shoulders.

PACKING LIST



You are responsible for your possessions! Write your name on and/or keep track of everything!
We will not assume responsibility for any lost/stolen items!! Leave valuables at home.

Pack like you're getting on a plane with no checked-bags: Everything except your pillow and your sleeping bag/pad should fit into your "carry-on bag" and one personal item (e.g. small backpack).

MUST-HAVE'S:

- Sun block, lip balm, hat, & sunglasses
- Long pants & long-sleeved shirts
- T-shirts (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops)
- Appropriate length shorts
- Closed-toed shoes (tennis shoes or work boots are a must!)
- Underwear, socks, & toiletries
- Towel (for showering)
- (Rain)Jacket and sweatshirt
- Sleeping bag & pad (twin size or smaller!)
- Pillow
- Prescription medications (should be kept in the care of your Adult Leader)
- Waterbottle

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Spending money
- Shower shoes (flip-flops)
- Swim suit
- Small backpack/day pack

DO NOT BRING:

Blow dryers, curling irons, electronic games, etc.

This is a full-immersion experience, and we highly encourage you to enter into the week without the burden of maintaining a virtual social status. Share your experience in real-life by **BRINGING A FRIEND!**

Cell phones are allowed, but we will enforce appropriate use. Bonus points and a plenary indulgence will be given to anyone who leaves their phone at home! (That's a joke; we can't give indulgences. But, you will be honored as a spiritual rockstar if you can last a week with no phone.) Cell service is limited anyway (and WiFi basically non-existent), especially at worksites and when in Glacier National Park (that's not a joke or exaggeration).

Group leaders will have a phone for emergencies, so don't worry, embrace the adventure, and just leave your phone at home.

YOU WILL BE WORKING & PLAYING OUTSIDE!!

Dress in layers and prepare for weather changes. The temperature will fluctuate dramatically, especially with changes in elevation: 90's/50's for highs/lows are common. You will be working and moving a lot, including being on the ground, grass, & floors. If you wear shorts, tshirts, and Chaco's, *you will get scrapes and scratches!* When working, pants and closed-toed shoes are a must, even in July.



2024 Justice Outreach Project

Code of Conduct, Medical Consent & Media Release

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT, MEDICAL CONSENT, & MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENTS

I, the undersigned hereby grant permission for me/my child (Participant) to attend and participate in the 2024 Justice Outreach Project (JOP) on July 9-14, which may require transportation away from my home church. As a legal adult myself or the parent/legal guardian of Participant, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by Participant. I agree on behalf of myself/my child, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend my parish/school and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena, Diocese of Helena (Diocese), Little Flower Parish, De La Salle Blackfeet School, adult chaperones, and representatives associated with JOP, arising from or in connection with me/my child attending the event or in connection with any illness, injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its directors and agents, and the Diocese, chaperones or its representatives for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, I/my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of me/my child. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport me/my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital/doctor.

I/my child agrees to abide by all rules attached to JOP. Specific behaviors that are not permitted include but are not limited to: fighting, obscene language, offensive or revealing clothing, and the use/possession of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons. I also understand that if Participant violates any of the rules, Participant may be required to leave the activity at his/her own expense.

Event directors have the authority to prohibit video camera or other forms of image-recording devices, as appropriate, to prevent distractions or to protect against violating the privacy of participants. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of such equipment for the duration of JOP and/or dismissal entirely.

By signing this form I understand that a picture of myself/my child and/or work or projects created by myself/my child (e.g. still pictures, audio/video recording, etc.) may be published in print or online by my parish, school, Legendary Lodge, Diocese, The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Carroll College, or their agents to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church. I also grant Diocese permission to share the information included on the registration form with these or other entities to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church.

Participant (Youth/Adult) Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ADULT DIOCESAN POLICY STATEMENT (Required of all adult participants - 18 years of age or older):

I hereby attest that I have read or been informed of and agree to comply with the provisions of the Diocese of Helena's Policy Regarding Child Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, and Sexual Harassment, including submitting to a background check through my parish or Catholic school. Adults from outside of the Diocese of Helena must submit documentation confirming compliance with their home diocese's safe environment policies.

Adult Participant Signature

Date

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Registration is to be managed by the parish/group leader.

We encourage groups (e.g. parish youth group) to participate in JOP, not individuals. Each parish/group is expected to manage registration for its participants. Complete the following form and return it to your group leader (youth minister), who should then register the group online at diocesehelena.org/jop. In extenuating circumstances, we may be able to accommodate single youth participants. Contact Kevin Molm at 406.389.7055 or kmolm@diocesehelena.org for info.

Cost: \$325* for high school youth in grades 9-12; \$200 for 18+

Cost includes: Meals, housing, & programming. It does not include transportation. Payments & registrations forms should be managed by the group leader, then submitted as a group online.

*Financial Assistance Available; info at: diocesehelena.org/fyby

Submit forms at:

diocesehelena.org/jop

First Name:		Last Name:			
(First) Name on Name Badge:	Status (Circle one):	Grade 9 Lay Adult (18-20)	Grade 10 Lay Adult (21+)	Grade 11 Lay Adult (21+)	Grade 12 Priest/Religious
Address:					
City/State/Zip:					
Email:			Parish/Group Name:		
Phone:	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):	Tshirt Size - Circle One - (All Sizes Adult): XS / Small / Medium / Large / XL / 2XL / 3XL		Sex (Male or Female):	
Emergency Contact Name:		Emergency Contact Phone:	Relationship (e.g. "Mom"):	Emergency Contact Email:	
*Adult Chaperone Name:		Adult Chaperone Phone:		Adult Chaperone Email:	

*All youth participants must have a designated adult chaperone before registering!

Dietary Restrictions or Serious Medical Conditions

Please describe any dietary restrictions or other conditions that need special accommodation or should be known in case of emergency: