



# 2016 Application

St. Alphonsus Church Auburn, NY

Young People Who Care

Summer Service Project July 10-16, 2016

A Week-long Immersion Service Project for High School Students

This Completed Application is Due: Tuesday May 31, 2016

## Application Cover Sheet

Thank you for your interest in this year's *Young People Who Care Appalachian Service Project*. This page explains the application process. Please read it carefully.

### **What is the *Young People Who Care Summer Service Project*?**

The *Young People Who Care (YPWC) Appalachian Service Project* is a week-long Catholic volunteer experience designed especially for teens in high school. We stay at Bethany Youth Center in Frenchville, PA. The week is a mix of direct service to the poor (may include yard work, painting, visiting, light construction and repairs) and living in Christian community (which includes things like cooking for one another, praying together, recreation together, and working side by side).

### **Space is Limited**

We have room for 20 participants: 15 students and 5 adults. High School participants must be at least 16 years of age by the beginning of June, 2016 and this June must be completing their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year.

Adult Participants must be at least 25 years of age be able to bring and drive a reliable car. We need adults with light construction and renovation experience and who are willing to teach these skills to others. Adults must be willing to work hard to make this an excellent experience for the students.

All participants must be practicing Catholics.

Members of St. Alphonsus Parish will be given preference, however, there will likely be more room and members of other Catholic parishes are welcome.

### **The Application Process**

Every student and adult applying to be a participant in this year's YPWC Appalachian Service Project, even if they have been a participant in a previous year, must attend one of the information meetings. Students must have a parent attend as well.

Written Volunteer Applications must be filled out by every person who would like to participate in this year's project.

The Volunteer Packet must be carefully read by each applicant.

## **Informational Meetings**

Each student, along with a parent, and each adult applying to this year's YPWC Service Project must attend one of the following Informational meetings:

1. Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 PM (after the 5:15 Ascension Thursday Mass) in the Parish Rectory
2. Wednesday May 18 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Rectory
3. Sunday, May 22 at 11:15 AM in the Parish Rectory

## **Written Applications**

Complete applications include four parts. The first is the Volunteer Application Form. The second part is a letter acknowledging that the participants and their parents have read the Participant Packet and agree enthusiastically participate in all aspects of the program. The third part is made up of four brief answers to essay questions. The fourth part is a Letter of Recommendation (teen participants only) from an adult other than a parent (a teacher, scout leader, coach, club moderator, etc.). **Note:** it is appropriate to write a thank you note to whomever writes your Letter of Recommendations.

**All parts of the written application are due by noon on Tuesday May 31, 2016.**

Applicants will be chosen based on the strength of these applications. Members of St. Alphonsus Parish will be given priority. However, there will likely be room for others, and so members of other Catholic Parishes are welcome to apply.

All participants must have successfully participated in the Creating a Safe Environment Program (CASE) within the last three years. Participants over the age of 18 must have a background check. More information about this requirement will be given at both informational meetings and preparation meetings.

## **Waiting List**

If necessary, a waiting list will be compiled to fill places that become available.

## **Participant Packet**

The Participant Packet is a separate document that fully explains this project and the expectations this project holds for its participants. The Participant Packet must be read by every participant, student and adult, as well as by the parents of each student participant. After reading the Participant Packet, the Agreement Letter (in the application) must be signed by every participant and a parent.

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 Young People Who Care Summer Service Project

Part I: Volunteer Application Form

Due by noon, Tuesday May 31, 2016  
 (Please print and complete entire form)

Name			
Last	First	Nickname	
Address			
Street	City, State	Zip	
Phone (Area Code)	email		

Emergency Contact

(Name)	(Phone)
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Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been here before? Yes No

Group Name: St. Patrick's Victor, NY Date of Arrival July 7, 2013

Please Circle:    Male    Female    Student    Adult (over 21)

State the conditions of your health (including any operations you have had in the last year)  
 ie. back problems, allergies to food or animals:

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Do you have a special diet? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you able to participate in strenuous physical work and recreational activities?  
 If not, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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For adults: Will you have the use of a reliable car during this week: Yes No How many passengers? \_\_\_\_\_

For students and adults, check the following list of experienced skills

	Little	Some	Above Average	Explain
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organizer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Carpentry	_____	_____	_____	_____
Roofing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lawn Work	_____	_____	_____	_____
Painting	_____	_____	_____	_____
House Cleaning	_____	_____	_____	_____
Work with Children	_____	_____	_____	_____
Work with Handicapped	_____	_____	_____	_____
Visit the elderly	_____	_____	_____	_____
Visit the sick	_____	_____	_____	_____
Art	_____	_____	_____	_____
Singing	_____	_____	_____	_____
musical Instrument	_____	_____	_____	_____
Community Builder	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooking	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sense of Humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Good Listener	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Part II: Participant Agreement Letter  
Due by noon, Tuesday May 31, 2016

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Fr. Tim and Sr. Suzanne Thibault (Director of Young People Who Care),

I, (volunteer's name) \_\_\_\_\_, am at least 16 years old and in July

(check one)

- will have completed my sophomore year.
- will have completed my junior year.
- will have completed my senior year.
- will be an adult, at least 25 years old.

I have read the entire Participant Packet (a separate document). I understand the kind of work I will be expected to do and the simple lifestyle we will be sharing.

I will enthusiastically participate in all aspects of this Service Project.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I, (parent's name) \_\_\_\_\_, I am a parent of the student listed above have read the entire Participant Packet (a separate document). I understand the kind of work that my child will be expected to do, the simple lifestyle she/he will be sharing, and I enthusiastically wish her/him to participate in all aspects of this Service Project.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



C) Do you have a desire to grow closer to God by participating in the Young People Who Care Service Project? How will participating in this project help you grow closer to God?

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D) Having carefully read the Participant Packet, what do you think might be the most difficult aspect of the week for you? Why?

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