

NCYC 2011
Nov 17-19 + Indianapolis

Diocese of Cleveland
Pilgrimage Pack

NCYC - What is it?

The **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics as well as opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy and special activities such as concerts, a dance, and comedy club. The thematic park is a unique venue incorporating traditional exhibits with interactive, educational and recreational activities.

NCYC began in 1983 following in the footsteps of its predecessor conference, the CYO biennial national convention. In its early days, NCYC was held regionally, one session for each coast. Combined attendance at the regional conferences was a few thousand. In 1991, the two conferences merged into one national event. In the mid 1990s, interest in NCYC began to increase. Today, NCYC draws 20,000+ youth and adults for three days of catechesis, prayer, service and recreation.

NCYC 2011 will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 17-19, 2011. The theme is, "Called to Glory." More than 25,000 attendees are expected to participate.

WHAT MAKES THIS CONFERENCE SO UNIQUE?

The NCYC is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the U.S., with up to 25,000 young people and adult chaperones attending from all over the country, including 250+ from the Diocese of Cleveland.

- **This is a pilgrimage of faith** - parishes are asked to prepare their young people to attend this event by gathering the youth together on a regular basis and leading them in prayer, reflection, service and community building experiences in addition to the regular fundraising events the group undertakes

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- ❖ Contact your Diocesan Representative: Margaret Vogel at 216-334-1261 ext 28 or via email at mjvogel@clevelandcatholiccharities.org
- ❖ Diocesan Pilgrimage Information is maintained and updated at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/yyam-cyo/ . Click on the button for National Catholic Youth Conference under Youth Ministry.
- ❖ 2011 Promotional Video will be released early next year but you can join the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2011 Official Facebook Page right now!

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WHEN IS IT? The conference will be held Nov 17-19, 2011. We will travel Nov 17th and return Nov. 20th. Students should request excused absences from school on Thursday, Nov 17 and Friday, Nov 18th. Templates for such letters are available on the diocesan website.

WHO CAN GO? NCYC is a conference for high school youth. All youth must be in **9th-12th grade during the 2011-12** school year to attend as a youth participant with their adult chaperones.

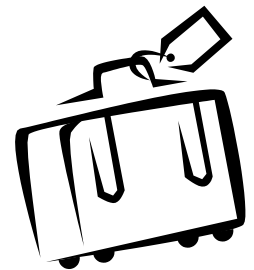
Young Adults: Those between 18-20 who have graduated from high school and act in a leadership capacity within a parish youth ministry program on a regular basis are invited to register as adult leaders but cannot be counted toward the chaperone ratio. They must comply with Protecting God's Children policy.

Chaperone to youth ratio is 1:5. Chaperones must be over 21, provide proof of Virtus Training and be screened using forms provided. Every parish group must have a minimum of 2 chaperones.

Protecting God's Children: All adults, 18 and up, must show compliance with the Protecting God's Children policy. A copy of the Virtus attendance certificate and the date of completion should be sent to Lynette Taylor by mail: Youth & Young Adult Ministry & CYO Office, 7911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102

HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

The Cleveland Diocese will be traveling by motor coach -a quick 6-hour trip! These coaches will provide daily transportation between the hotel and convention venue.



Hotel accommodations for the Diocese of Cleveland will be provided by Staybridge Suites in the Castleton area of Indianapolis (a short 25-minute drive to downtown). All rooms have suite-style accommodations and include hot breakfast buffet opening at 6:30am. It is our hope to lodge all diocesan pilgrims in one hotel, but rooms will be held on a first-come, first-served basis. If the current holding of 100 rooms is exceeded, groups will be assigned through the NFCYM housing lottery and extra charge may apply.

HOW MUCH? The Diocesan Pilgrimage Package is priced at \$475.00 per person for both youth and adults. The package includes: Motor coach transportation, to and from Indianapolis, as well as daily service to and from the convention venue; NCYC Conference Fees; Lodging; Taxes; Pilgrimage Prayer Resources; and a T-shirt for each pilgrim. Scholarships funds are available in limited supply. Please apply early.

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DEADLINES, FORMS and PAYMENTS?

- ❖ Between January 1 and March 15, 2011, submit Form A to YYAM Office with \$90 per person deposit is required. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis Deposits are non refundable.
- ❖ Once Form A is received by the YYAM Office, the diocesan leader will receive an excel spreadsheet via email to track their individual registrations. Hardcopies are available upon request for those without computer access.
- ❖ Apply for Youth Animator Program as desired, deadline for application is April 15, 2011. Deadline to compete for a Diocesan Animator Scholarship is March 15, 2011. Only four scholarships are available.
- ❖ Apply for NCCYM scholarships. See deadlines. Scholarship monies are limited.
- ❖ Gather signed NCCYM Liability Waivers and Diocesan Medical Release forms for all youth participants and adult chaperones. Submit to YYAM Office by June 29, 2011.
- ❖ Complete parish housing request (Form B) and return to YYAM Office by June 29, 2011. \$200 pp payment is due.
- ❖ Submit adult chaperones Virtus material to YYAM Office by June 29, 2011 for verification.
- ❖ Keep track of payments using the Final Payment Worksheet. Submit Form J with final payment to YYAM Office by September 1, 2011.

Sign up?	Use Parish Form A	Submit between Jan 1, 2011 and March 15, 2011.	\$90 per person deposit is due
Scholarships?	Use Form H and Form 15, as desired.	Form 15 deadline =April 15, 2011 Form H deadline = June 29, 2011	
Animator?	NCCYM application & Special Diocesan Scholarship	Special Diocesan Scholarship Request =March 15, 2011 NCCYM Application =April 15, 2011	Optional program with additional costs. Four diocesan scholarships will be awarded.
Paperwork?	Excel Spreadsheet, NCCYM Liability Waivers, Diocesan Medical Releases, Housing Form B, Virtus Proof of Compliance	All forms are due on June 29, 2011	\$200 per person deposit is also due on June 29, 2011
Final Payment?	Form J	Form J must be received by September 1, 2011	Remaining balance to equal payment of \$475 per person.

You must make and keep copies of all forms submitted to the Diocesan Office, including all waivers and medical forms. Please consult with your parish leadership to determine if parish-specific permission forms are required. The YYAM Office does not need copies of any parish forms you may develop. Form A is included with this mailing. All remaining forms will be made available at the Diocese of Cleveland, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Website beginning January 1, 2011.

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NEW THIS YEAR: ANIMATOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

Ever wonder how the teens who are part of the main stage get to do all that?

It's simple -they chose to share their talents by applying to be NCYC Animators! Once accepted, they commit to attending Animator Camp over the summer. This year's Animator Camp will be held in Indianapolis during the month of July 2011(exact dates to be released in early 2011).

The cost for this camp is \$250. This year the Diocese of Cleveland will provide four scholarships thanks to generous support earned through the 2010 "Walk on the Wild Side" event.

For more information on this scholarship process, or to simply apply to serve as an Animator contact Margaret Vogel at 216-334-1261 ext 28.

FAQs

I have family in Indy -can I stay with them and save my hotel costs? Nope. Sorry, the NCYC pilgrimage is a unique opportunity to be part of the diocesan Church. Plus, safety concerns make it impractical -and downright dangerous- for us to allow special accommodations. But, definitely ask your relatives to pray for you -and if you have cousins attending NCYC be sure to find them at the interactive park!

Our parish has a van -can we use that for travel and save on buses? Nope. Again, the NCYC pilgrimage is a unique diocesan event and safety is our first concern. While you may have wonderful wheels, we need you to ride with us.

How much spending cash do I need? Each traveler will need money for meals on the road and at NCYC. Breakfast is available at the hotel and one group meal on the day of arrival will be provided. The rest is on your own so budget accordingly. Tipping of hotel housekeepers and bus drivers is also expected (each person giving \$2 per day for housekeeping and \$2 per day for bus drivers should do nicely). Other incidentals will include souvenirs and t-shirts, but that's up to you!

There is a lot of walking at NCYC but I have limited mobility -can I still go? Yes! Just email a request for a motor scooter to mjvogel@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

NCYC Parish Registration – Form A

Please make a copy of this form before returning to the Youth & Young Adult Ministry and CYO Office.

Return between January 1 - March 15, 2011 with a \$90 per person deposit* to:

NCYC ♦ Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office ♦ 7911 Detroit Ave. ♦ Cleveland, OH 44102

FAX: 216-961-6773 ♦ Phone: 216-334-1261 ext. 28

*Please make checks payable to: Youth & Young Adult Ministry and CYO Office, deposits are non-refundable.

Eligibility Policies

- ⌚ All youth must be in **grade 9-12 during the 2011-2012** school year to attend as a youth participant.
- ⌚ **Chaperone to youth ratio is 1:5.** Chaperones must be over 21 and provide proof of Virtus Training. *Every parish group must have a minimum of 2 chaperones.*
- ⌚ Those between 18-20, who have graduated from high school and act in a leadership capacity within a parish youth ministry program on a regular basis are invited to register. All must provide proof of Virtus Training.

Parish: _____ Location: _____

Group Leader: _____

Day Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text Available Yes/No

► The Excel Spreadsheet version of Form 8 (Individual Registration) will be sent to the parish group leader's e-mail address. ◀

Things to know before deciding...

- Departure on Thursday, November 17th will occur before noon. Returning departure time is tentatively scheduled for 8AM on Sunday, November 19th. Travel time is approximately 6hrs.
- The Opening Ceremony for NCYC begins at 8PM on Thursday, Nov 17, 2011.
- The Interactive Park will be open throughout the conference. Many Catholic colleges are in attendance, please encourage teens to connect with them. Also, encourage teens to participate in service area.

Parish Attendance Breakdown

_____ Youth (teens in 9th -12th grades in the Fall of 2011)

_____ Adults (21 and older)

_____ Young Adults (ages 18-20 and out of High School in Fall '11)

Cannot be greater than # of Adult Chaperones

_____ **TOTAL PILGRIMS FROM PARISH**

Space will be reserved on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited to the first 300 pilgrims who register with a \$90 deposit between Jan.1st-March 15th with the Youth & Young Adult Ministry and CYO Office. After that, groups/additions will be accepted on a space available basis, and may be subject to extra housing costs.

NCYC 2011 Tentative Schedule

Thursday, November 17, 2011

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 am	8:00 pm	Registration Open (Group Leaders Only)	TBD
12 noon	6:00 pm	Thematic Park Open	Convention Center—Halls A-E
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	Group Leader Briefing	TBD
4:00 pm	6:00 pm	Regional Liturgies	TBD
5:30 pm	6:15 pm	Daily Liturgy	Convention Center—Hall H
6:30 pm		Stadium Doors Open	Lucas Oil Stadium
8:00 pm	10:00 pm	Opening Session	Lucas Oil Stadium
10:30 pm		Doors Close	Lucas Oil Stadium

Friday, November 18, 2011

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 am		Stadium Doors Open	Lucas Oil Stadium
7:30 am	9:00 am	Gathering and Entertainment	Lucas Oil Stadium
8:00 am	8:00 pm	Registration Open	TBD
9:00 am	10:30 am	Prayer and General Session	Lucas Oil Stadium
11:00 am		Stadium Doors Close	Lucas Oil Stadium
11:00 am	6:00 pm	Chapel Open	Convention Center—500 Ballroom
11:30 am	12:45 pm	Workshops Round A	Convention Center
11:30 am	7:00 pm	Thematic Park Open	Convention Center—Halls A-E
12:00 noon	6:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Available	Convention Center—Reception Room
1:30 pm	2:45 pm	Workshops Round B	Convention Center
3:45 pm	5:00 pm	Workshops Round C	Convention Center
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	Group Leader Briefing	TBD
5:30 pm	6:15 pm	Daily Liturgy	Convention Center—Hall H
6:30 pm		Stadium Doors Open	Lucas Oil Stadium
6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Gathering and Entertainment	Lucas Oil Stadium
8:00 pm	10:00 pm	Prayer and General Session	Lucas Oil Stadium
10:30 pm		Stadium Doors Close	Lucas Oil Stadium

Saturday, November 19, 2011

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 am		Stadium Doors Open	Lucas Oil Stadium
7:30 am	9:00 am	Gathering and Entertainment	Lucas Oil Stadium
8:00 am	8:00 pm	Registration Open	TBD
9:00 am	10:30 am	Prayer and General Session	Lucas Oil Stadium
11:00 am		Stadium Doors Close	Lucas Oil Stadium
11:30 am	12:45 pm	Workshops Round D	Convention Center
11:30 am	6:00 pm	Chapel Open	Convention Center—500 Ballroom
11:30 am	6:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Available	Convention Center—Reception Room
1:30 pm	3:00 pm	Discernment Sessions	Convention Center
3:30 pm	5:00 pm	Comedy Club	Convention Center—Sagamore Blrm
3:30 pm	5:00 pm	Concert	Convention Center—Hall I
3:30 pm	5:00 pm	Dance	Convention Center—Halls F-G
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	Group Leader Briefing	TBD
6:30 pm		Stadium Doors Open	Lucas Oil Stadium
6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Gathering and Preparation for Liturgy	Lucas Oil Stadium
8:00 pm	10:00 pm	Closing Liturgy	Lucas Oil Stadium
10:30 pm		Stadium Doors Close	Lucas Oil Stadium