

Catholic Youth Ministry Presents



PITCHER AND



JUNE 19 - 25 AND JULY 24 - 30

Sign up today to get involved with one of the fastest growing service opportunities around. Gather your friends, pick your week, and register today. Spaces fill quickly. Final deadline is April 1st.

Now in its fifth year, Pitcher and Basin invites young people from around the Diocese of Wilmington to join together with their friends to give back to the community. This year there are two chances to partner with Habitat for Humanity Choptank. The groups will return to Cambridge and Easton, MD and complete work on continuing projects and begin work on new ones. Participants will also spend one whole day - as a group at our host parish, St. Mary,

Refuge of Sinners, to say "thanks" to the parish community by pitching in and completing projects on their to-do list.

Space is limited to 24 young people per week (20 participants and four peer leaders). Read on for some frequently asked questions and more information. Then go online and register. Final deadline is April 1, 2011 but spaces fill fast, so hurry.

BASIN 2011

BE THE CHANGE



What you need...

Pants for the work site, good, sturdy shoes, plenty of t-shirts, deodorant, swimming and shower equipment, sunscreen, something to sleep on, your pillow, and a great attitude .

You will receive a shirt, water bottle, and name tag upon arrival.

This year, **both weeks are electronic free!** Leave all your personal electronic devices at home!

Everything you need to know is right here. First, read. Second, sign up, Third, change the world.

Lodging

Participants enjoy the generosity of the parishioners at St. Mary, Refuge of Sinners in Cambridge, MD. We sleep on the floor in classrooms, have our large group sessions in the gathering spaces, and share our meals in the kitchen. Shower facilities are off site.

The Work

Participants will work in two places this year. First, we partner with other volunteers at Habitat for Humanity and continue the work other P&B groups have started on local homes. Second, the entire group will spend Friday of their week working at the parish to complete tasks on their to-do list. Together, we can make quick work of the many tasks at hand!

Tasks at both locations can be grueling for those who do not like the heat or for folks who do not heed the reminders to drink plenty of water during the day.

The Cost

Each participant is asked to pay \$195 for the entire week. This covers all your food, transportation to and from work sites, supplies, and any costs associated with evening programming. In addition, the monies collected allow each group to make a contribution to the host parishes and the local partner agency. Initial transportation to and from the camp is your responsibility.

New This Year

Participants are asked to arrive in time for 11 am Mass at the parish in Cambridge and then enjoy a social with parishioners afterwards. Parents are welcome to join us too!



Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Attend?

To attend Pitcher and Basin 2011, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school student (i.e., have completed grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 by June 15, 2011.
- Possess a willingness to prepare for the experience through prayer
- Be able to fully participate in the program and remain on site for the full duration of the program to which you are registered
- Have a desire to serve and to grow closer to God and other work camp participants. In addition to having fun, hard work, prayer, small group discussions, talks, and journaling are a part of the experience
- Complete the online registration and pay your registration fee

Can I Come if I Attended Before?

If you previously attended P&B, you are welcome to come back and participate again. Please indicate on

your registration that you are a repeat attendee.

When Should I Sign Up?

As soon as possible. If you have friends attending one week and you want them to attend with you, make sure you tell them to sign up at the same time. Spaces tend to fill quickly, so please do not delay.

What If I Want Several Kids From My Parish To Attend?

If you are a youth minister or teacher and you want several young people to attend the same work camp, we are happy to oblige. Just let us know how many spaces you will need and we will let you know how much time we can give you to fill those spaces. After that deadline, all vacant spaces will be filled with other participants.

Are Scholarships Available?

Yes. Please write a separate letter outlining your need and CYM will let you know quickly if we can help.

WALK THE TALK



What About Peer Leaders?

New this year, there is no application process for peer leaders. These eight individuals (four per week) will be invited based on the recommendations of adult leaders. If you are invited to serve. Additional meetings will be required of leaders (in addition to your week).



MORE THINGS TO KNOW

Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

How Do I Register?

Complete the online registration. Then mail your payment to the CYM office.

There are two parts to the registration packet. The **first** is the personal information. This lets us know who you are, where you go to school, etc. The **second** part includes a few reflection questions. Your answers let the adult leaders know a little more about you.

A parental consent form and a Habitat Waiver, which needs to be signed and dated by your parent or guardian, plus your payment, will complete your registration. All forms are online.

To begin the registration process, please visit www.cdowcym.org and find Pitcher and Basin (week one or week two) under the Calendar tab. A link to the parental consent form as well as a link to the online registration can be found on the pages announcing each.

Also online is Participant Information which includes a packing list, a schedule, and other information.

What If I Don't Know Which Week I Can Attend?

When you register, you will need to pick a week that you want to attend. If space is available, you may contact CYM to switch weeks.

I Am An Adult. How Do I Get To Chaperone? How Can I Help?

Adults are needed to make the week run smoothly. Even if you are not able to work with the group, volunteering to cook or provide meals for the participants is a huge help. We especially need adults with vans! If you are a parish leader and are sending a group of young people, you should expect to attend. Only cleared adults via FSGC compliance requirements are permitted to serve as chaperones. Adults with medical backgrounds (doctors and nurses) or general contractors are especially encouraged to serve as chaperones.

I Signed Up But Can Not Attend.

Okay, that's not really a question. But if you send in your registration packet and your \$195 fee (both must be received to be a confirmed) and your schedule changes, CYM will refund your money as long as someone else takes your space.



**Final Deadline
is April 1st**

What Do We Do In The Evenings?

The evenings are filled with programming which includes small group discussions, presentations by guests, meeting the families for whom we are working, watching a movie, playing games, and just hanging out. Rest assured, there will not be any time to be bored!

Are There Other Ways to Help?

If you can not attend but still want to support Pitcher and Basin, please consider making a donation to the P&B scholarship fund or donating materials such as paint brushes, hard hats, hammers, or even gift cards that can be used by either our workers or the people being served by P&B volunteers.

TO REGISTER

Registration is now online. Visit www.cdowcym.org and follow the links.

Once registered you will receive a confirmation email. Mail that with your payment and you are all set.

To make sure you are registered, be sure to complete:

- Personal Information Sheet
- Reflection Questions
- Peer Leader Questions (if applicable)
- Recommendation Form
- Parental Consent Form
- Payment of \$195

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