

**New
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**Jr. High Youth Ministry
Peer Council 11-12 Application**

Applications are due to either the Parish or School Office by Thursday, Sep 29th.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher (School) or Catchiest Name (Rel. Ed.):

Homeroom Room #: _____

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Home Phone #: _____ Street Address _____

Name of Parents: _____

- 1. Why would you like to be a part of the Jr. High Peer Council Team?**

- 2. What extra-curricular activities are you or will you be involved in this year?**

- 3. Do you think you can juggle the Peer Council meetings/periodic events along with your other school/family commitments?**

(Peer Council schedule on last page).

- 4. What characteristics do you possess that would help you be a good Peer Council member?**

- 5. What are the areas in which you most need to grow?**

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Please Keep This Form

Dear Parents,

Peer Council is a wonderful opportunity to help develop leadership and community skills within a faith setting. This year the OLW Youth Ministry Program, which is called S.T.A.F.F. (Seeking The Answers, Finding Faith) desires to take the Jr. High Youth Ministry component to a whole new level. Our goal is to gather willing 7th & 8th graders together in a committed group to have fun, seek out their faith a little more, as well as provide input for the various jr. high youth ministry activities. We will once again have separate Peer Council sessions for the 7th & 8th graders.

Commitments are designed to help build a special community of committed young people while also understanding that our middle school students are already quite busy. We are looking for committed individuals, but the actual amount of time involved will be kept to gatherings one-to-two times a month (generally on Thursdays) in the Wayside Youth Room, from 3:15-4:30pm. In addition, Peer Council students are asked to especially consider the Jr. High Winter Overnight Fest & Retreat on Jan. 13th-14th. Wayside will join over 12 other parishes for this special event. There will be other various optional opportunities in which to be involved.

An excellent thing we are continuing with this year is the service component. Each month we will have a theme or group of people we encourage the students to reach out to (ie: homeless, military, elderly, etc). During the month, we will offer at least one service opportunity for students (this is not limited to PC members only). We will alternate between on-campus and off-campus activities.

The Wayside Jr. High Peer Council is a part of the OLW S.T.A.F.F Youth Ministry Program. If there are any questions please feel free to call the Youth Ministry Office (847-253-5353, ext. 241) and ask to speak to Kevin O'Connell, OLW Director of Youth Ministry.

In September, we will have an Introductory/"Come and See" gathering from after school until 4:30pm in the Youth Room located in the Parish Center. This will allow students to get an idea of what Peer Council is all about. Veterans are asked to turn in their applications before this gathering. 7th graders will meet on Thursday, September 15th and 8th graders on Thursday, September 22nd.

Final First Timer Application deadline is Thursday, September 29th

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PARENTAL INFORMATION/RELEASE FORM

Student's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Student's Birth date: _____

Parent Email: _____ (Very Important)

Father's Work Phone: _____ Mother's Work Phone: _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Student's allergies (medications or otherwise):

Medications taken on a regular basis:

Other Medical conditions of which we should be aware:

We (I) give permission for our (my) child to attend and participate in the Peer Council Team events sponsored by Our Lady of the Wayside Parish during the year beginning Sept.1, 2011, and ending on June 15, 2012.

In case of an accident, we (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

We (I) will be liable and agree to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to our (my) child pursuant to this authorization.

Parent: _____

(signature)

(date)

Please Turn Over

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**Updated Dates!
Please Mark Your
Calendars**

7th Grade Peer Council Gatherings:

(8th Grade PC Schedule on reverse side)

Thursday, September 15th

Thursday, September 29th—PADS 2 Hope Service Opportunity

Thursday, October 13th

Thursday, October 27th—Yellow Ribbon Service Opportunity

Thursday, November 10th

Tuesday, November 15th—On-Campus Service Opportunity

Tuesday, December 8th—Moorings Service Opportunity

Tuesday, December 13th—Christmas Evening Extravaganza

Thursday, January 12th

Thursday, January 19th—On-Campus Service Opportunity

Thursday, February 9th

Thursday, February 16th—Feed My Starving Children Evening Service

Thursday, March 8th

Thursday, April 19th

Thursday, April 26th—Jr High YM Service Opportunity

Tuesday, May 8th—End of the Year Blow-Out (Time:TBD)

Other Important Optional Activities & Dates:

Camp WOW Registration:

Tues, Oct 4th—RE, Veteran, & 8th Graders

Wed, Oct 5th—7th Graders

Thurs, Oct 6th—6th Graders

Fri-Sat, Jan 13th-14th: Multi-Parish Overnight Fest & Retreat

Fri-Sat, Feb 3rd: Enchanted Castle All-Nighter

Wednesday, May 23rd—Camp WOW Bonding Afternoon

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8th Grade Peer Council Gatherings:

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- Thursday, September 22nd
- Thursday, September 29th—PADS 2 Hope Service Opportunity
- Thursday, October 6th
- Thursday, October 20th—Yellow Ribbon Service Opportunity
- Thursday, November 3rd
- Tuesday, November 15th—On-Campus Service Opportunity
- Thursday, December 1st
- Tuesday, December 8th—Moorings Service Opportunity
- Tuesday, December 13th—Christmas Evening Extravaganza
- Thursday, January 5th
- Thursday, January 19th—On-Campus Service Opportunity
- Thursday, February 2nd
- Thursday, February 16th—Feed My Starving Children Evening Service
- Thursday, March 1st
- Thursday, April 12th
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- Thursday May 3rd
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