



St. Irenaeus Youth Group

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Dear Youth Group Teen and Parents,

It's "CAMPING AND CANOE TIME," At this time we have the following chaperones, Mrs. Avila & Vince Avila, Mackenzie McNutt, Glen & Colleen Steyer, Jorge Vazquez, Megan Splan and others parents.

(CHAPERONES DO NOT PAY TO ATTEND)

"THIS COULD BE A FAMILY VACATION" "WE NEED YOU"

Accommodations: All boys and girls will be separated on different campsites. **"THERE IS NO PURPLING"** ask your teen to explain☺. Parents are on the same campsite with teens only a few feet away, but not in the same tent.

We will be leaving on July 16, and returning on July 19, 2026. Mass at 4 pm on Sunday with Fr. Gerry.

- ★ Where: Wilson State Park, Harrison, MI
- ★ When: Thursday July 16 through Sunday July 19, 2026
- ★ Time: Meeting at the church parking lot at 11:00 am on Thursday July 16, 2026
- ★ Where: Church parking lot ~ Caravan to Wilson State Park

We will be back at approximately 4:00 pm on Sunday July 19, 2026- Mass to Follow

The \$50.00 for the trip is for the campsite, canoe, park passes and food for 4 days. Families bringing other siblings attend at a reduced price of \$30.00. **Chaperones NO COST** (If parents do not want to canoe, "that's ok" we have some parents that just relax at the campground)

Itinerary:

Thursday~ Travel and set up camp

Friday- Putt-Putt/Go carts/ arcade – (Bring money for these activities)

Saturday ~ Canoe in Grayling- Putt-Putt/Go Carts/ Arcade

Sunday ~ Breakfast and take down camp

Everyone will be wearing a life jacket, even if the water is only 3 feet deep in some areas. **THIS IS A COMMANDMENT AND WILL BE ENFORCED** by the 'AVILATOR'

PACKING LIST IS ATTACHED~ PACK IN SOFT-SIDED BAGS

You can reach me at any time during the trip on my cell phone. (248) 981-9565

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me

Peace,

Mrs. Melanie Avila

Director of Youth Ministry

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DROP OFF PERMISSION SLIP & MONEY FOR TRIP BY WEDNESDAY JULY 13. IN THE Black BOX- SPACE IS LIMITED-FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!



Camping & Canoe trip PACKING LIST:

Please remember to pack light and **LABEL EVERYTHING YOU BRING...** please pack only essential items. **Please pack in soft-sided bags.**

- TENTS & ALL meals will be provided (If you have a tent & would like to use your own, please bring it)
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag/blanket
- Flashlight-(bring a battery lantern if you have one for your tent)-
- Bathing Suit
- Bath towel & Beach towel
- 3 Days of clothes
- Sweatshirt (nights and mornings get chilly)
- Long Pants
- Zip-Lock bags- (a few sizes: To put personal items you don't want to get wet.)
- Flip-Flops/sandals
- Tennis Shoes
- **Water-shoes -MANDATORY**
- Pajamas
- Camera (waterproof works fantastic!)-
- Toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, etc) (there are showers at the campground)
- Spending money if you choose to go to the Arcade/putt-putt/go carts
- Bring a sleeve of pop/drink (12 cans)



- **FOLDING CAMP CHAIR: to sit around the campfire (PLEASE PUT YOUR LAST NAME ON THE CHAIR!)**

See you on Thursday at 11:00am at the Church parking Lot.
Payment due July 13. ☺ **I NEED ALL PERMISSION SLIPS By JULY 13.**

If you have any questions please call me at **(248) 981-9565**

Peace, Mrs. Melanie Avila

Parent Permission Form for Field Trip Participation

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a school/parish-sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the school premises. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from **St. Irenaeus Church** School and/or Parish.

Name of Event: **Youth Group camping and canoe trip**

Destination: **Wilson State Park - Harrison, Michigan**

Designated Supervisor of Activity: **Melanie Avila, Vince Avila, Glen Steyer, Mackenzie, Jorge Vazquez Megan Splan and parent volunteers**

Date & Time of Departure: **Leave Thursday July 16 @ 11:am – return Sunday July 19 @ 4:00 pm**

Method of Transportation: **Mrs. Melanie Avila & Parent Drivers/chaperones**

Student Cost: **\$50.00 (for the entire trip: camping site/canoe rental/food/annual ice cream social)**

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please sign, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent of legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for the actions and conduct of your child.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I hereby consent to participation by my child, _____, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school/parish grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated school/parish employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this field trip, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child to release St. Irenaeus Church School and/or Parish, the Roman Catholic (Arch) diocese of Detroit, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives, including volunteer drivers (collectively "Releases"), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releases from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or a child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. This release of indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

(Print Parent's Name)

(Parents Signature)

(Date)

Please return this entire form by: July 13 2026 to Mrs. Melanie Avila-put in BLACK mailbox