



# St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry Mission Trip 2024 Guidelines & Policies



St. Louis Youth Ministry has participated in Catholic HEART Workcamp on 32 mission trips since 2006. Information about Catholic HEART Workcamp may be found at [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com).

## Summer of 2024 Mission Trip Dates and Tentative Locations

Senior High Youth Ministry (current 9-12 <sup>th</sup> graders)	June 22-30, 2024	Philadelphia, PA
Junior High Youth Ministry (current 7-8 <sup>th</sup> graders)	July 14-20, 2024	Marshalltown, IA

Youth who are active in our Youth Ministry and who meet the commitment deadline (Thursday, Sep. 28) will be accepted in the order in which the commitment forms and \$175 deposits are received if space is available. Our Youth Ministry office is now accepting commitment forms and deposits. Deposits and forms received after the trip is full or after Thursday, September 28 will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which the forms and deposits are received.

Deposits and commitment forms can be completed online and payments may be made online or dropped off at the JPII or the St. Louis Church Office.

To remain on the active list:

- Youth must be an active member of St. Louis Youth Ministry during the 2023-2024 school year. This means attending **at least 75% of all Sunday meetings**. Attendance is taken at all meetings.
- Payments must be kept current to retain your child's spot according to the following schedule:

Deposit/Payment #1	Thursday, September 28, 2023	\$175 deposit
Payment #2	Sunday, November 12, 2023	\$175 payment
Payment #3	Sunday, January 21, 2024	\$175 payment
Payment #4	Sunday, March 3, 2024	\$175 payment
Balance/Payment #5	Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Remaining balance owed

**\*\*Any amounts fundraised or donations collected will offset these payment amounts.**

**Spot will be forfeited if youth group attendance drops below 75% and/or payment deadlines are not met.**

The approximate cost will be between \$750-850 per youth. This includes camp registration fees, lodging, meals at camp, free day activities, bus transportation and t-shirts.

**All payments are non-refundable.** Once a youth has committed to a spot on the trip, the family is responsible for paying for the spot.

Limited fundraising opportunities will be offered through the St. Louis Youth Ministry Office. This office will provide a donation letter in February which can be sent to family and friends. New ideas and fundraising leadership are encouraged and welcomed. All fundraising ideas must be approved by the St. Louis Youth Ministry Office.

All youth are expected to follow St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry rules and CHWC guidelines at all times. If there is any serious violation of these standards during St. Louis youth activities or during the mission trip, **YOUTH WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OR SENT HOME AT PARENTS' EXPENSE!**