



2018 Summer Stretch Informational Guide

Saint Michael Catholic Church

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Daily Schedule:	2018 Dates
8:00am - Leaders gather	-Monday, June 4
8:30am - Youth Arrive @ St. Mike's	Parent meeting 6-7
Check In/ Gospel Time	<i>or</i>
9:00am - Depart for service sites	-Monday, June 11
11:30am - Service site check out/ Youth reflection	Parent meeting 6-7
12:00pm - LUNCH	-Monday, June 11
12:30pm - Leave for Social/ Recreational activity	High School Leader training 10am-2pm
5:00pm - Back to Church	Summer Stretch:
Depart and team check-out	• Thursday, June 14
	• Thursday, June 21
	• No Thursday, June 28
	• No Thursday, July 5
	• Thursday, July 12
	• Thursday, July 19
	• Thursday, July 26
	• Thursday, August 2: Valleyfair Day

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we bring friends?

Friends can register for Summer Stretch however, because of transportation and group sizes you cannot bring guest for just one day.

Do we need to pay anything besides the fee?

The \$175 (\$125 for High School Leaders) fee covers recreational activities, transportation and Summer Stretch t-shirt. Additional \$36 per person for Valleyfair Day (or just \$5 if you use your Valleyfair pass).

What do they do in Summer Stretch?

Each young person is part of a small group of 5-8 students with high school leaders. We gather as a large group at the beginning of each day for prayer. Then we split into our small groups for service from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We have lunch at the Church and then go off as a large group for a recreational activity.

What if we have to miss a session or two?

That is just fine. The price is the same no matter how many sessions you attend. If you are going to miss 2 or more sessions, you may want to consider whether it is practical for you to do Summer Stretch this summer. We know that kids have camps, vacations, and all kinds of other activities during the summer.

What is expected of Stretchers?

- ✓ An open mind
- ✓ A willingness to meet Middle Schoolers from other schools
- ✓ A readiness to build community with other youth and adults from St. Michael Catholic Church
- ✓ An openness to try new things and to do things that may feel uncomfortable (especially at service sites).
- ✓ Respect for all Summer Stretch leaders, volunteers, and staff.
- ✓ The courage to apply the Gospel and what they learn at Summer Stretch to their daily lives.

What things should I NOT bring with me?

Cell Phones, iPods, CD players, any gaming device (i.e. Game Boy, PSP), TV's, spaghetti string tops, midriffs, low cut pants, high cut shorts, offensive shirts, bikini's. If you have a questions about something feel free to ask, but chances are you would be better off just not brining or wearing it. We ask that you not bring a cell phones because we want Stretchers to participate not anticipate and to build community with one another.

What is the parent's role during Summer Stretch?

The parents are integral to the Summer Stretch experience. Every parent has the opportunity to drive to service sites, help cook and serve lunch, and help chaperone morning and afternoon activities. Each parent willing to help will need the appropriate background and drivers check, and *Virtus* trained. Any questions please contact Lori.

What is the role of the high school leaders?

Each high school leader will only be paying less then junior high participants but with a higher responsibility. They are to motivate and lead a group of about 8 teens. They are to participate in every aspect of Summer Stretch; prayer and gospel, service, and afternoon fun events.