

ABBEY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2008

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRE-REGISTRATION - FROM NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 8, 2008

(\$20.00 per person including a t-shirt) or (\$15 per person "NO" T-SHIRT) (**Payment MUST be received by February 8, 2008** for early registration price otherwise, the registration fee will increase to \$25 and GROUPS will be billed the difference.)

LATE PRE-REGISTRATION – FEBRUARY 9, 2008 TO FEBRUARY 22, 2008

(\$25.00 per person including a t-shirt) or (\$20 per person "NO" T-SHIRT) (**Payment MUST be received by February 22** for late registration price to receive a t-shirt.) (**After February 22 – NO T-SHIRT – AND REGISTRATION IS NOW \$25.00.**)

(Notice that we are again offering the option of ordering or not ordering a T-Shirt for all pre-registrations.)

LATE / ON-SITE REGISTRATION – FEBRUARY 23, 2008 TO MARCH 8, 2008

It is recommended that Groups sign on and then e-mail the Abbeyfest office (info@abbeyyouthfest.com) and let us know an approximate count for your group and also if there are any special requests (handicap accessibility, etc.) At this point the website will only accept your group's vital info, but not any numbers. ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS NOW REQUIRED. **\$25.00 per person (no t-shirt)**

(T-shirt order to manufacturer has already been placed, with some extras ordered. These may be purchased on-site for \$10.00.)

PAYMENT IS DUE IN FULL BY THE DEADLINE DATES:

- ❖ Group accounts will close out when payments are received.
- ❖ Special instructions will be given within your account page for what to do if you must reopen your account to add on to your "PAID OUT" account.

IMPORTANT:

- ❖ YOU **MUST** DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THE [RULES/REGULATIONS](#) AND [LIABILITY RELEASE](#) FORMS.
- ❖ EACH PARTICIPANT (adults, as well as, youth) **MUST BRING A COMPLETED LIABILITY FORM.**

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PARTICIPANT POLICIES

- ◆ The Abbey Youth Festival is for teens and young adults ages 13 and up.
- ◆ 1 chaperone is required for every 10 teen participants.

WHAT TO BRING, WEAR, AND THE LIKE:

The Abbey Youth Festival is an outdoor event. All of the day's activities will occur in the open air. Therefore, everyone should bring:

- ◆ Rain Gear
- ◆ Hats, umbrellas, hand water sprayers for cooling – *(The day's sun is hot a hat is important.)*
- ◆ Clothing appropriate to the day's weather (**No tank tops or short shorts for boys or girls!**)
- ◆ Backpacks, knapsacks, handbags, etc.
- ◆ Comfortable shoes, preferably tennis or jogging shoes (*Sandals and flip-flops are inappropriate.*)
- ◆ Sunscreen, chap stick
- ◆ Picnic blankets or tarps for ground sitting (chairs are not available) and folding chairs are only allowed around the perimeter and only for use by adults and those who have a special need.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- ◆ Alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms
- ◆ Laser pointers, fireworks, noisemakers, gag items
- ◆ Candles and matches
- ◆ Headphones, personal stereo and CD players, video games and other entertainment devices
- ◆ (Cell phones should be turned off during the event – *Leaders, please help in encouraging this.*)
- ◆ Football, Frisbies, baseballs and any other throwing game is not allowed on the site. *Participants will be required to return these items to the vehicle in which they came to the Festival. The Festival Site has no room for ball games. Youth Ministers must be proactive in deterring teens from such games, especially during talks. (Anyone who does not understand this rule is welcome to call me (985-867-2254 / 504-849-2570 or e-mail info@abbeyyouthfest.com. I'll be happy to explain).*

SMOKING POLICY:

- ◆ No smoking will be allowed during the festival events, nor will smoking be allowed in the main gathering area. Louisiana State Law prohibits the use of tobacco products by anyone under 18 years of age.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- ◆ Because the Abbey Youth Festival is an outdoor event, severe weather and/or prolonged inclement conditions may necessitate complete cancellation, changes of schedule, or early completion of Festival events. All efforts will be made to insure that the Abbey Youth Festival is not canceled insofar as this is possible and safe for all participants.
- ◆ In the event of a cancellation, a partial refund is available through February 14, 2008. *(Status of refund changes after T-shirts have been ordered and contingent upon date of needed cancellation.)*

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES: [\(click on the Schedule link\)](#)

PARKING

- ◆ Parking for the Festival will be within the Abbey grounds. Attendants will direct the vehicle to the parking area, and then participants will disembark.

MEALS AND SPENDING MONEY:

- ◆ The Festival will include meal periods for lunch and dinner, during which participants will be able to purchase food from our Festival vendors. Prices have been coordinated so as to allow participants to purchase full meals for approximately \$5.00 per meal.
- ◆ No cash will be accepted at food and beverage booths - meal tokens worth .50 cents each will be on sale at the Festival and can also be purchased before the Festival.
- ◆ We highly recommend buying tokens in advance if possible. All prices are set as multiples of .50 cents (Example-tokens for 1 teen for 2 meals would total to 20 tokens or \$10 – therefore if you have a group of 20 participants – times 20 tokens or \$10 per person – you would fill in 400 tokens and collect \$200 from your group.).
- ◆ Also available are many religious articles, books, and Catholic/Christian music cd's, including the cd's and productions of our presenters. These items help to keep the spirit of the day alive.

SCHEDULED WITHIN THE DAY:

- ◆ Within the day is scheduled opportunities for an **Abbey Church Tour**. Church Tour is only available to those groups that PRE-REGISTER for the activity. You must e-mail the AYF office – info@abbeyyouthfest.com with your request.

WRISTBAND POLICY:

- ◆ Upon arrival at the Abbey Youth Festival, each participant will receive a wristband and Festival program with a schedule, song lyrics, and other pertinent information. All pre-purchased meal tokens and T-shirts will also be given to the Group Leader for distribution.
- ◆ **Wristbands must be worn at all times!**

DIRECTIONS TO THE ABBEY YOUTH FESTIVAL:

◆ FROM NEW ORLEANS:

Take the Causeway North. Travel on US 190 past I-12, past LA 21 (go over the small bridge), and continue on US 190 past LA 437. Stay on US 190 until the junction of US 190 and LA 25 (Traffic light at junction; Shell Service Station on your left at the corner). US 190 turns off to the left toward Hammond. **DO NOT** go left. Instead, continue North on LA 25 for only about 300 yards. Turn right on **Airport Road** (where you see the Oak Tree Golf Course and Driving Range). Stay on **Airport Road** until you reach a stop sign at the end of the road. Turn left onto **River Road**. Travel about 400 yards until you see a **sign for Saint Joseph Abbey**. Turn right on the bridge. Welcome!

◆ FROM BATON ROUGE:

Take I-12 East, and exit at EXIT 63-B (Covington). Follow directions listed above (once you exit, you will already be North of I-12).

◆ FROM SLIDELL:

Take I-12 West, and exit at EXIT 63-B (Covington). Follow directions listed above (once you exit, you will already be North of I-12).

CONTACT:

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