



## ***What is SummerStretch?***

**SummerStretch** is a unique opportunity for Middle School young people (outgoing grades 5 through 8) to be involved in community service as well as fun, community-building activities to help break up those long boring days of summer. SummerStretch is designed to expose Middle School youth to ministries and services offered in our area. It is also an opportunity for our young people to put their faith into practice. Realizing it can be a challenge to keep Middle School youth focused on a task for long periods of time each Summer Stretch afternoon is spent in community-building activities or a recreational outing.



## ***How does SummerStretch work?***

Each morning the young people will gather at St. William of York for warmers, preparation for the days' events, prayer and announcements before the young people travel to their service sites. The young people will work in groups of 6-7 depending on the site and available transportation. Each group will experience a different work site each week. These sites may include playtime with children in a Headstart program, games and activities with elderly residents at assisted living sites, environmental cleanup at a local park, serving the needy at a meal provider facility and other service activities.



The afternoon begins with lunch (participants must bring their own lunch), processing the morning experiences and then off for an afternoon of community-building activities. In years past this has included trips to Harborplace, bowling, nature parks, roller-skating, movies, games and more.

## ***When does SummerStretch take place?***

SummerStretch will be held on **July 25, 27, 29, August 1** and **3**. There will be a concluding celebration with a day trip to Hershey Park on Friday, **August 5**. SummerStretch will meet beginning at 8:30am and concluding at 5:00pm (with the exception of the day of the Hershey Park trip, which begins at 8:00am and concludes at 8:00pm). Those opting out of the Hershey Park trip may request a discount on their program fees.

If you have special concerns regarding the dates, schedule conflicts, etc., please share them with **Wayne Hipley** at **410-566-6152** or email **whipley@comcast.net**.

## ***Who is running SummerStretch?***

The adult team leaders for SummerStretch, 2011 are experienced professional youth ministers - **Susan Yost** of the Seton Keough High School and **Wayne Hipley** of St. William of York. They will be joined again this year by young adult leader **Rachel Caslin**, a program graduate currently enrolled in education studies at Stevenson University. These leaders will recruit college students to assist adult staff and high school students to work as Peer Ministers with each of the small groups. All Peer Ministers are trained and are in compliance with the Archdiocese of Baltimore Protection of Children and Youth policies. Parents also play a crucial role each week as transportation providers and chaperones.

## ***How much does SummerStretch cost?***

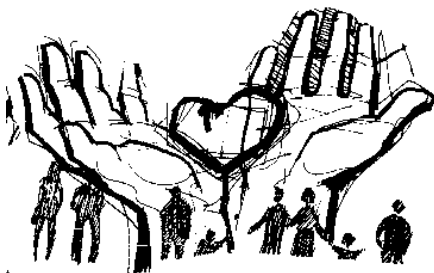
Program fees are **\$175.00** per child. A **\$75.00** deposit is due by **Wednesday, June 1**, with the balance due by **Tuesday, June 28**. The fees cover afternoon activities, supplies, T-shirts and the trip Hershey Park trip on Thursday, August 5. Adults that serve at least one full day as a driver/chaperone will receive a \$15.00 discount off their child's registration fee.

## ***Space is limited for SummerStretch!***

We have a limited number of reservations available for this program. Our expectation is that many Middle School young people will want to participate in the opportunity to serve and have fun all in the same day. Participation is first come, first served. A waiting list will be created should the session be full. Please note the registration deadline of **Wednesday, June 1**, as it will be **strictly enforced**.

## ***How can I help?***

Glad you asked! We require your assistance with transportation and supervision at the work sites. Parents/guardians should choose at least one week they can be available to help provide **transportation and site supervision** for a group of 6-7 young people. Prior to their scheduled day, Summer Stretch staff will review procedures with parents and answer any questions they may have. Working parents are encouraged to take a few hours leave from work to spend time with your child and other youth in this worthwhile service program.



## ***Your help is crucial to the success of our program!***

SummerStretch participants are eligible for service learning hours. On request youth will receive a letter stating the number of hours they performed on-site service. These hours may be applicable to help meet school, honor society or other academic requirements.

Want more info? Want to be on our email list? Send your request to Wayne at **whipley@comcast.net** and we'll make certain you receive the latest information!

# SummerStretch Registration Form

Please complete the form below and drop it off or mail to

**SummerStretch Program  
St. William of York Church**

**600 Cooks Lane, Baltimore, MD 21229**

with a **\$75.00 NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit (make checks payable to **St. William of York**). Both form and the deposit are necessary to reserve your space! Feel free to duplicate this for your friends if they are interested in participating (you do not have to be Catholic to participate).

**~ Registrations are due by Wednesday, June 1, 2011 ~**

Name of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed June 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

I am a parishioner or friend of a parishioner at \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENT INFORMATION:

I am available to assist (chaperone and/or drive) on the following dates. Please check all that apply:

_____ July 25 <sup>th</sup> (1:00pm - 5pm)	
_____ July 27 <sup>th</sup> (9:00am - 12:45pm)	_____ (1:00pm - 5pm)
_____ July 29 <sup>th</sup> (9:00am - 12:45pm)	_____ (1:00pm - 5pm)
_____ August 1 <sup>st</sup> (9:00am - 12:45pm)	_____ (1:00pm - 5pm)
_____ August 3 <sup>rd</sup> (9:00am - 12:45pm)	

I can transport \_\_\_\_\_ youth in seatbelts (please be sure to exclude yourself and any other non-participants you may need to transport).

## T-SHIRT INFORMATION:

(please check off your child's size) S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_  
(these are **adult** sizes - please adjust accordingly)

You will receive more detailed information and permission forms as soon as we receive this form with your deposit.