



*"I am the Bread of Life.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
will live forever." -John 6*



Dear Parents and Young People,

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Praised be Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary!

For seven summers now, young men and women have joined forces with the Brothers and Sisters of St. John in Princeville, Illinois on an eight-day quest for Wisdom. To a world which so often casts a negative regard on its youth, fixing its standards for them so low as to discourage any of them from thinking they can soar higher, these young men and women dared to respond by striving for the excellence to which their Faith in Christ calls them. And they got what they came for: eight days of fast and furious fun, friendship, and a challenge in the pursuit for what is best in them. As we return this summer for our **8th year**, we put the future of Eagle Eye in Our Lady's hands. May she intercede for us!

The Community of St. John is pleased to announce this year's 8th annual *Eagle Eye Teen Summer Institute*, to be held July 3-11, 2010 at the monastery grounds in Princeville, IL. Our theme: To Be or Not to Be –Friendship, Happiness and the problem with Virtual Reality. We will reflect how this relates to the Eucharist and the words of Christ, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live forever." (John 6) All young people, ages 16-19 (with exceptions possible) are invited to attend. We will do something special for the 4th of July! First-come, first-served registration has begun. Registration ends June 1st. Early registration is encouraged!

Eagle Eye Summer Institute is an attempt to take Catholic summer camps to a whole new level. The program is essentially ordered to seeking God by prayer, study, and friendship following the monastic rhythm of the Community of St. John (well-adapted for youth on this occasion!). Every day (see the attached schedule) will therefore be structured by the quest for God in prayer: daily Mass, Holy Hour, and Offices sung with the Brothers and Sisters. Two classes (very down-to-earth and intended to be invigorating, rather than stifling) one of Philosophy and Theology in the morning are joined by a 2nd class of Philosophy in the evening to help the participants enter into a personal search for the truth about their lives. Not to be forgotten, though, as an essential element of the program, is the time for friendship provided – every afternoon is spent in invigorating and fun activities ranging from sports (archery, Frisbee golf, etc.) to scavenger hunts, to museums and swimming. And, as one of the favorite features of participants, each day finishes with good ol'-fashioned campfire fun!

As you can see, *Eagle Eye* is a daring initiative. Please direct your attention to what it asks from the participants, recognizing in advance *that not every young person will be ready for it*. **The only criterion for participation in the session is desire**. Any young person, regardless of their abilities, who desires to try to participate fully in the life of study and prayer of the program, is welcome. On the other hand, a young person who might have many wonderful qualities and talents, but who does not wish to *try* to actively participate in all that *Eagle Eye* proposes might be better off seeking a summer activity which more closely fits what he/she is looking for. Parents should carefully consider this before registering, and we gladly welcome anyone who may like to speak about individual considerations.

We have deliberately chosen to keep costs as low as possible so that all may attend. However, if a young person's family will not be able to meet the \$225 all-inclusive fee, they should not hesitate to contact us directly. Scholarships and discounts are available! There is no reason that money should keep any young person who wants to be at Eagle Eye away from this endeavor for excellence! Please tell us if you need special financial help to attend. Please see the attached registration guidelines for dates, installment payments, and late registration fees.

We are acutely aware of our space limitations for this endeavor. Therefore, we highly encourage all interested parties to register as soon as possible. The policy of registration will be as follows. All who would like to attend can go to our website, www.soaringforwisdom.com and download flyers and registration forms, etc. You then RSVP to our Registration Coordinator - Miss Coral Baillie, by email at: coralb@starband.net. You may register at any time before June 1st by mailing in your completed forms to Coral at the address below. However, in order to serve first those youth of our diocese, we will accept young people from the dioceses of Illinois first starting March 1st, registering them until May 1st, and placing all other names on a first-come first-served waiting list. From May 1st to June 1st, we will accept open registrations from elsewhere in the country, giving first priority to those who placed their names on the waiting list before May 1st. Open registration will close on June 1st. One final detail: in order to ensure the active participation of our young men, 16 spots will be left open for the young men until June 1st. If this is not clear, please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions so that we might explain more fully. Remember, registration ends June 1st. Late registrations are not guaranteed. Please submit your late fee w/forms. You may miss our deadline for t-shirt orders.

Please find attached a sample of the daily schedule and weekly program for the institute. We also have a very attractive flyer made, should you wish to help advertise in various locations. To obtain one, please go to our website at www.soaringforwisdom.com. ***Passing along this information to those whom might be interested is highly encouraged, since word of mouth and our website are our only means of advertising!***

May this experience come directly from the Heart of Mary for each who participates in it. We consecrate it to her Heart in advance.

In the Spirit of Christ, the Eagle,

- Fr. Nathan Cromly, CSJ
- Angela Grunkemeyer, Director
- Coral Baillie, Registration Coordinator

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Eagle Eye Teen Summer Institute: Soaring for Wisdom

Itinerary

An Innovative Eight-Day Program for Young People

With the Community of St. John

July 3-11, 2010

Calendar of Events for the Week

Saturday, July 3rd

Arrival and settling into accommodations at 6:30-7:30pm

Please, no early arrivals prior to 6:30pm unless necessary & w/permission.

We will not check in early arrivals until 6:30pm.

Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th

Hiking and one night of camping in a State Park- TBA

Mass and Adoration in the park

Tuesday, July 6th through Saturday, July 10th

Scheduled program at Princeville (see daily itinerary)

Sunday, July 11th

Midday prayer, Mass, and thanksgiving with parents and families at 11am

Potluck lunch at 1pm. Bring 2 dishes to pass. Departure in the afternoon approx. 2:30 p.m.

Daily Schedule

7:00 Rise

7:30 Morning Prayer

8:00 Breakfast

8:30 Lectio Divina (Divine Reading- read that day's Gospel and discuss in groups)

9:00 Philosophy Class- *To Be or Not to Be –Friendship, Happiness and the problem with Virtual Reality*

10:00 Theology Class- *"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever eats my flesh & drinks my blood will live*

11:00 Break

...forever"

11:15 Midday Prayer

11:30 Mass

12:30 Lunch

1:45 Afternoon Activities

4:00 Snack / Free time

4:30 Evening Prayer

5:00 Adoration

6:00 Philosophy Class- *"What impact does virtual reality make on who I am? Does it matter?"*

7:00 Dinner

8:00 Free time – social activities (ex: Gospel choir, board games, volleyball, Frisbee, etc)

9:00 Camp Fire

10:15 To Bed

11:00 Lights Out



Registration Guidelines

Anyone who would like to attend should visit our website at www.soaringforwisdom.com to obtain registration forms. RSVP to Miss Coral Baillie- Registration Coordinator, by email: coralb@starband.net and let her know you will be registering along with the name and age of your teen. She will immediately put you on our email contact list as well. Mail in your completed forms to the address listed on the Parent letter. Your name will be put on a waiting list and registered for the camp according to the following schedule:

From March 1st to May 1st:

Any male or female participants from the Dioceses of Illinois

From May 1st to June 1st:

Any male or female participants from all other dioceses

Registration will close on June 1st

There is a \$10 late fee for any registrations not postmarked by June 1st. Late registrations are not guaranteed. You may miss our deadline for t-shirt orders.

Cost for the entire camp: \$225/person. First installment of \$100 is non-refundable and due at time of registration. The rest- \$125, is payable on or before the first day of the institute, July 3rd. **Please make checks payable to “Congregation of St. John”.** **Please note “Participant name” & “Princeville Teen EE Summer Institute” in the memo portion. This is very important for accounting purposes.**

*A \$10 late fee is applied for registrations not postmarked by June 1st, so the 1st installment would be = \$110