

# High School Youth Ministry

St. Peter Catholic Church  
1891 Kaneville Rd.  
Geneva, IL 60134  
630-232-0124

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Dear Prospective 2011 R.O.C.K. Mission Team Member and Parents,

We hope this packet contains everything you need to help you make a decision about applying for the 2010-2011 High School Mission Trip Team. Below, we have listed some **TRIP DETAILS** that give you an overview of our mission trip program.

- ◆ The mission trip is planned for Saturday, March 26, through Saturday, April 2, 2011. This coincides with Spring Break for Geneva High School and St. Francis Catholic High School.
- ◆ We do not yet know our destination, but it will be within the United States.
- ◆ Our mode of transportation will be determined by the size of our team. Transportation may include a combination of rental vehicles, Amtrak, bus and/or air travel. Once we have reached our destination, students will most likely be transported to daily job sites, etc. via rental vehicles driven by adult volunteers.
- ◆ There is no up front cost to students/parents. However, all students will be **REQUIRED** to **ACTIVELY** participate in 3 tiers of fundraising (personal, parish, and community). This information will be explained in depth during each applicant's interview.

Participation on the 2010-2011 High School Mission Team is a privilege and there are **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS** one must meet in order to apply for the team. Please consider applying for the team if you:

- ◆ are a current sophomore, junior or senior in high school.
- ◆ will commit to attending and fully participating in Mass each week and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- ◆ will demonstrate a commitment to grow in your Catholic faith by attending parish and/or youth ministry events.
- ◆ possess team skills and/or have previous service experience.
- ◆ are open to God's call to service in whatever way we are needed prior to and during our trip.
- ◆ will commit to attending 2-3 team meetings per month beginning in September 2010.

In order to be considered for the team, you must return your completed application to St. Peter Church by the **APPLICATION DEADLINE** of Friday, June 11, 2010. Sorry – but, late applications will not be considered.

The **TEAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED** on July 1, 2010. Our **FIRST TEAM MEETING** will be in the St. Peter Teen Room (lower level) from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 12, 2010. We plan to meet 2-3 times per month on Sunday afternoons. A meeting schedule will be provided during the student interview.

Please also note these **CONSIDERATIONS FOR TEAM SELECTION**. We are not certain whether we will be able to offer all applicants a spot on the team. This is partially dependent on the number of applications we receive relative to the number of spaces available to us. Additionally, team selection is a prayerful discernment process based on a student's completed application, personal reference and interview. We also strive to select a well-balanced, cohesive team taking into account emotional, social, and spiritual maturity - all significant factors when considering student applications.

After reviewing this packet, please feel free to contact us at [marykay@cgtekinc.com](mailto:marykay@cgtekinc.com) or 630-232-9026 if you have questions! We understand that this is a big commitment, and we want all applicants to be comfortable with the Mission Trip Program. And with that - GOOD LUCK in praying about your call to be a missionary with us in 2011!

God Bless,

Jerry Marcec, Steve & Mary Kay Rogers  
R.O.C.K. Mission Trip Coordinators

# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM

## 2010-2011

### Application Packet

<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> Friday, June 11, 2010.	<b>Return completed applications to:</b> St. Peter Church ATTN: Mary Kay Rogers (R.O.C.K.) 1891 Kaneville Rd. Geneva, IL 60134
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Applications may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish center. Please use the drop slot in the parish center door if you arrive after business hours.

#### Application Process:

- Make certain that you meet the program requirements shown below.
- Prayerfully discern your calling to be on the R.O.C.K. Mission Team.
- Review the application packet and discuss participation with your parents. Their support is vital to our success! NOTE: there are parent volunteer requirements associated with your selection for the team.
- Give the Parental Consent / Medical Release form to your parents to complete.
- Give the Parent Questionnaire to your parents to complete.
- Give the Personal Reference form to a significant adult (over age 21) in your life. Have them place the completed form in a sealed envelope and return it to you (or to St. Peter) by the application deadline.
- Use the checklist on the last page of this application to make certain that your application is complete and contains all required documents.
- Submit your COMPLETED application to the Parish Center by Friday, June 11, 2010.

#### Program Requirements:

- Team members must be high school sophomores, juniors or seniors during the 2010-2011 school year.
- Team members must attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Team members must demonstrate a commitment to grow in their Catholic faith by committing to attend parish and/or youth ministry events.
- Team members must possess leadership skills and/or previous leadership experience.

#### Things You Should Know:

- Team meetings will be held in the teen room on Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. We will have approximately 2-3 team meetings each month beginning in September. We may need to schedule additional meetings as needed to complete our fundraising objectives for the trip.
- Team members will be required to complete some of their fundraising efforts outside of our meeting time. They will be expected to make contact with family and friends soliciting donations for our trip.
- Please be aware that team selection will be prayerfully discerned; it is possible that some applicants will not be offered a spot on the team. Additionally, team size MAY be a factor used during the team discernment process.

# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM 2010-2011 APPLICATION

## Cover Sheet

This application is for students applying for the 2010-2011 R.O.C.K. Mission Team. When your application is ready for submission, please complete this page (IN INK) and attach it to the top of your application packet as a cover sheet. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Name _____	Today's Date _____
Address _____	Gender _____
City/Zip _____	High School _____
Home Phone _____	Grade _____
Student Cell Phone _____	Birthdate _____
Student Email _____	Adult T-Shirt Size _____
Parents' Names _____ / _____	
Parents' Email _____ / _____	
Parents' Cell _____ / _____	

**Please read each statement below and select the response that best depicts your Mass attendance.**

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| I currently attend Mass every Sunday.               | YES | NO |
| I pledge to attend Mass every Sunday.               | YES | NO |
| I currently attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. | YES | NO |
| I pledge to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. | YES | NO |

**This application process provides an opportunity for us to get to know you or to get to know you better if we are already acquainted with you. As such, we would like you to write an essay addressing the items listed below. NOTE – there are 2 sets of statements – the left column is for new applicants and the right column is for students who have previously been on a mission trip with us. At the end of your essay, please list all activities that you will be involved in during the coming school year - be sure to include Academic, Social, Athletic, Musical, Extracurricular, Recreational, Job, etc.**

**NEW STUDENTS**

**RETURNING STUDENTS**

- |   |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thinking about a mission trip...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ describe your "ideal" mission trip</li> <li>○ describe your "ideal" team member</li> </ul> </li> <li>• thinking about yourself...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ describe some of your areas of talent/strength/giftedness</li> <li>○ describe some personal areas that could use improvement</li> <li>○ describe an 'ideal' faith life</li> <li>○ describe your current faith life</li> </ul> </li> <li>• thinking about team selection...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ describe why you are a good candidate for this year's team</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thinking about last year's mission trip...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ describe what uniqueness you brought to last year's team or trip</li> </ul> </li> <li>• thinking about yourself...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ describe how you are different as a result of last year's trip</li> <li>○ describe how your past mission trip experience could benefit a new team</li> <li>○ describe how your past mission trip experience might negatively impact a new team</li> </ul> </li> <li>• thinking about team selection...             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ describe why you are a good candidate for this year's team</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM 2010-2011

## PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

An adult over age 21 should complete this form. It should NOT be completed by a parent, sibling or Adult Leader (Laurie Brown, Lisa Falls, Lisa Green, Jerry Marcec, Mary Kay Rogers, Steve Rogers) in the High School Youth Ministry Program. You are welcome to use the back of this form or a separate piece of paper if you need more space than is allocated below.

Please return this completed form in a sealed envelope to St. Peter Church (1891 Kaneville Rd., Geneva, IL 60134 attn: MaryKay Rogers-R.O.C.K.) or to the student who gave it to you. All recommendations must be received at the St. Peter Parish Center by Friday, June 11, 2010 for the student to be considered for the team.

Thanks for taking the time to thoughtfully complete this recommendation!

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you know student \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

(address)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

Your Phone (should we need additional information) \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us a little about this student:**

**List and describe 2 of this student's strengths and 2 areas for potential improvement:**

**Tell us why this student would be a valuable addition to the R.O.C.K. Mission Team:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM 2010-2011

## PARENTAL CONSENT & MEDICAL RELEASE

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Consent:** I (we) hereby give permission for my (our) child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend and participate in R.O.C.K. Mission Trip activities and events sponsored by St. Peter Church from July 1, 2010 through May 15, 2011. I hereby release and indemnify St. Peter Church, its staff and volunteers, and the Catholic Bishop and Diocese of Rockford from any and all demands, claims, or liability of any nature whatsoever arising from my child's participation in these events. I agree that my child will abide by the rules of St. Peter Youth Ministry. If my child does not abide by those rules, I agree to be responsible for my child's actions and agree to provide transportation home from events should the need arise.

Father (Guardian) **SIGNATURE** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (Guardian) **SIGNATURE** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Release:** I grant permission for the administration of first aid to my child, \_\_\_\_\_, by the people in charge of the program and those transporting my child to and from the program as their judgment deems advisable and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for treatment of illness or injury of a more serious nature. I understand I will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred. I understand that I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or injury and prior to any major surgery, except when delay in such communication would endanger life. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parents/guardians of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery if deemed necessary for my child.

Father (Guardian) PRINT NAME (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (Guardian) PRINT NAME (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Father (Guardian) **SIGNATURE** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (Guardian) **SIGNATURE** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers where you can be reached during our events/trip (please write them in the order you want us to use):

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact in case we are unable to reach a parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information:** PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD (FRONT & BACK) WITH THIS FORM

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy in Name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Customer Service Phone (on back of insurance card) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Please provide ALL of the information below in case your child needs emergency medical treatment.</b>	
Child's Age _____	Medical Conditions: _____
Child's Height _____	_____
Child's Weight _____	Medications: _____
Date Tetanus Shot _____	_____
Allergies: _____	

# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM 2010-2011

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Who completed this form: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_

1. It is important that each student actively participate in the Sacramental life of the Church, specifically when it comes to attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. How will you support your student's commitment to actively practicing their faith and attending Mass?
  
2. Please list and briefly describe two (2) strengths and one (1) area of improvement for your son/daughter:
  
3. We understand young people have various commitments in their lives and we support their involvement in these familial, scholastic, and extracurricular activities. However, in order to have an effective program, R.O.C.K. Mission Team members must also be committed to our program. Do you foresee any conflicts your son/daughter may have with R.O.C.K. Team activities (including team meetings from 1-3 PM on Sundays) between September 1, 2010 and May 15, 2011? Please explain.
  
4. What benefits do you hope your son/daughter will gain from participating on the Mission Team?
  
5. Since this program is entirely self-funded, we expect students and parents to assist with our fundraising efforts. As such, each team member's parents are required to assist in some capacity during the year.\*\* Some of the parent volunteer options are planning and/or working at fundraisers, baking, transporting students locally, helping with publicity, selling tickets after Masses, helping with our post trip presentation for the parish, etc.

Should your child be selected for the Team, do you agree to assist as needed? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.

Please check off your areas of interest below:

BAKING <input type="checkbox"/>	LUMINARY SALES <input type="checkbox"/>	DRIVING STUDENTS LOCALLY <input type="checkbox"/>
PUBLICITY <input type="checkbox"/>	SPAGHETTI DINNER <input type="checkbox"/>	HELPING IN NARTHEX AFTER MASSES <input type="checkbox"/>
POST TRIP PRESENTATION FOR PARISH <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (AS NEEDS ARISE) <input type="checkbox"/>	

\*\* All adults over the age of 18 must have attended Protecting God's Children in order to volunteer with youth ages 18 and under. Due to the nature and needs of our program, we encourage all parents to participate in this workshop. (Watch the bulletin for dates.) If you have already completed Protecting God's Children in the past, you need not attend again.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM

## 2010-2011

### COVENANT FOR CONDUCT & PARTICIPATION

**As representatives of Christ's Church, if our actions as the R.O.C.K. Mission Team outside of Church do not match what we preach inside the Church, we give false witness of our faith and sometimes do damage to the ministry of Jesus. Therefore, we need to always be taking little steps of faith in our personal lives to be able to better minister to others.**

#### **Conduct**

Keeping my eyes on Christ and acknowledging my role as a part of this team, I commit myself to the following:

1. I commit to pray on a daily basis and will seek the presence of the Holy Spirit in this ministry.
2. I commit myself to living my life as a practicing Catholic by attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.
3. I realize that I can't live out my faith alone and need the support and encouragement of a faith community, so I commit to attending R.O.C.K. Team meetings and events and as many other Youth Ministry Events as possible.
4. I commit to living a lifestyle that will model my faith by choosing to avoid the use of and association with alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sex, profanity, negative talk, gossip, suggestive clothing and any other behaviors or activities that are inconsistent with living a Catholic Christian lifestyle.
5. I commit to serving on the team in the manner that my leaders ask of me. I know that by accepting God's call to the ministry, I will use my gifts and talents for God's purpose and glory rather than for my own self-fulfillment.
6. Jesus established the Church to carry on His work and His teachings. I agree to follow the teachings of the Catholic Church and to present the teachings the Church has established.
7. In the event that I fail to avoid any/all of the above-mentioned activities, I understand that my parents will be notified and my continued participation on the R.O.C.K. Team will be discussed.

#### **Participation**

I understand there will be times that I need to miss events and will try my best to avoid scheduling conflicts. When I will need to miss a meeting or event, I will notify the R.O.C.K. Team adult leaders and not relay a message through my peers. Additionally, except in the case of illness. I will make this contact as soon as possible before an absence occurs. I also understand that absences will be excused only in the following circumstances:

1. Family Functions (Pre-planned vacations, birthdays, anniversaries, family emergencies, etc.)
2. Medical Reasons (Illness that would keep me home from school or work)
3. Academic Reasons (Low grades or emergencies ONLY! This does not apply to work that I have known about in advance and put off doing. Learn to plan ahead!)
4. Direct Confirmation Conflicts (i.e. Confirmation meeting directly conflicts with a R.O.C.K. Team meeting/event)

In the event an absence is unexcused, I understand I will be contacted by one of the adult leaders to discuss my commitment and continued participation on the Team. Additionally, I understand that if I develop a regular pattern of excused absences, I will also be contacted by an adult leader to discuss the situation.

By signing below, I understand the commitment I am making to the R.O.C.K. Team and any consequences that might result from my actions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student **SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By signing below, I (we) understand the commitment to support my (our) child in living up to the conduct and participation requirements of the R.O.C.K. Mission Team. We further agree to discuss any issues and accept consequences should they arise.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father (Guardian) **SIGNATURE** (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother (Guardian) **SIGNATURE** (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# R.O.C.K. MISSION TEAM 2010-2011

## INTERVIEW FORM & APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applicants will be required to participate in an interview with R.O.C.K. Mission Team Coordinator(s). Each interview will last approximately 15 - 20 minutes. Interviews will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis once we receive your completed application. We will contact all applicants via email on July 18<sup>th</sup> to confirm the interview schedule. **YOU MUST CHECK YOUR EMAIL** to obtain your exact interview time. Please make certain that your email address is written legibly on your application!!

Assuming all interviews are completed by June 19<sup>th</sup>, invitations will be emailed to team members by Thursday, July 1, 2010. Students will be expected to accept or decline their spot on their team by Friday, July 9, 2010.

Please use the rough schedule below to indicate when you are available for an interview. You are welcome to number these in the order that is best for you (i.e. 1 being your best time). Please cross out any times when you are absolutely NOT available. Since we will be scheduling back to back interviews, we may not end up interviewing during all of the times shown below.

<b>Tuesday, June 15</b>	8:00 am – noon _____	noon-3:30 pm _____	
	3:30 – 6:00 pm _____	6:00 – 8:30 pm _____	
<b>Wednesday, June 16</b>	8:00 am – noon _____	noon-3:30 pm _____	
	3:30 – 6:00 pm _____	6:00 – 8:30 pm _____	
<b>Saturday, June 19</b>	8:00 am – noon _____		

\* If you will be out of town and unavailable on ALL of the above dates, YOU must notify us ASAP (630-232-9026).

AGAIN...Once you have submitted your application; it is YOUR responsibility to check your email on July 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain your exact interview time. Please make certain that your email address is written legibly on your application or you will not receive notification of the interview schedule!!

## Application Checklist

Please check off the items below before turning in your application to make certain that you are submitting a complete application.

- Completed application cover sheet.
- Typed or LEGIBLY written essay.
- Personal Reference form in a sealed envelope.
- Completed Parental Consent / Medical Release form.
- Copy (front & back) of Medical Insurance Card
- Completed Parent Questionnaire form.
- Signed Participation & Conduct Agreement.
- Completed Interview Form

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING!!