



Sea Side Teen Core Application



DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Monday, August 7th - Submitted via email to Amanda Gately at agately@hinghamcatholic.org

Who are We Looking for?

Sea Side Life Teen is looking for a Core Team of Teens who love the Lord, are ready to serve their peers, and who are engaging, vibrant and able to engage others in an enthusiastic way.

What will my responsibilities be?

As a Teen Core member, your mission is to serve those around you in Life Teen in an authentic and loving way while helping to draw in others to our Life Teen community by supporting them in their personal lives and as they grow in relationship with Jesus. Your mission extends beyond our parishes, but primarily you will serve as leaders at our Life Nights, Holy Hours, and Service Events. On Sundays, you will be leading table discussions with the Confirmation students at Life Nights, sharing from your own journey and encouraging the group members to go deep in their faith journey. Loving, forming and connecting to this group is your main mission, and you will be responsible for engaging this group at Mass, in small groups and by inviting them to other events throughout the whole year. Additionally, Teen Core is responsible for helping out in setting up and breaking down both Mass and the Life Night, signing in Confirmation students to mass, and participating in the mass as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, etc. People are depending on you so it is important to make sure you're committed.

What are the commitments to be on Teen Core?

As a Teen Core Member, you are committing to attending at least 75%, that is **18 of the 24** Sunday evenings, of all Life Teen Masses followed by Life Night (4:40 PM - 8:30 PM). Life Nights are on the following dates: **9/17 (Orientation/ Kickoff), 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5.** Core is also expected to attend two Core-only nights on **Sunday, 10/29 and Sunday, 12/17**, as well as the annual Core Retreat, which will be held on **Saturday, January 6th, 2024 from 9am to 4pm.**

In addition, we will need your help with either the 9th Grade Retreat (**February 10th, 2024 from 9am to 3pm**) **OR** the 10th Grade Retreat (**October 28th, 2023 from 9am to 3pm**) at Resurrection to lead table discussions.

We ask all Teen Core Members to please plan to attend the opening Life Teen Mass at Resurrection on September 24th, 2023. There will also be a mandatory Core Orientation at Resurrection on Thursday, September 7th, 2023 from 6 PM - 8 PM.

What are the requirements to be on the Teen Core?

You have to be a practicing and confirmed Catholic in High School and be faithful to the **Teen Core Pledge** (below).

What do I need to do to apply?

If you're interested in being part of Teen Core, please complete and submit attached Application and Pledge.

What do I get out of being a part of this Ministry?

All teens serving on Core are given an opportunity to dive deeper in their faith through continued discipleship, an authentic, Christ-centered community and the chance to encounter Christ and live the Gospel in service to your Church

All Core Members will have first pick on any outing planned for the year. See seasidelifeteen.org/upcoming-events for trip details.

In addition, all Core Members are eligible for a travel stipend of up to \$550 applicable towards trips we have planned throughout the year. See Below for the Travel Stipend Breakdown

Travel Stipend Breakdown

- In order to earn a travel stipend, Core members are asked to commit to coming to 18 out of the 24 scheduled Life Nights between September and May.
- For each Life Night and excused Absence, Teens have a chance to earn \$20 towards their total stipend amount
- All Core members are allowed to have 6 excused absences (used at their discretion for weeks when traveling, sick, have homework, etc)
 - For an absence to be excused, the Core member must communicate with Amanda that they will not be present by noontime on Sunday
 - If this is not done, the absence is no longer excused and all \$20 for that night is lost

The travel stipend at the beginning of the year is worth \$500. Based on the following factors, though, it may be reduced:

- Unexplained Absences: -\$20 (Note that no money is lost when using one of 6 excused absences)
- Coming for only half the night (Just Life Night or the 5:30 Mass & not staying for the other): -\$10
- Coming late for a Life Night (after 4:50PM); leaving early (before wrap-up): -\$3 for one, -\$6 for both
- Forgetting your Core shirt: -\$3
- Not wearing a name tag: -\$3
- Using your phone: -\$3
- Not doing a job when asked: -\$3

At the end of the year, any Core Members that do not use all 6 of their allotted absences will be given a bonus of \$50 towards their final stipend amount

Please note, attending less than 18 Life Nights will result in forfeit of your stipend, altogether

TEEN CORE APPLICATION

Name and Date of Birth:

E-Mail Address (Frequently Checked):

Cell Phone:

School / Year of Graduation:

Do you have foreseeable season you'll have a limited schedule:

Home Address:

Parental Contact Information:

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email (checked frequently): _____

Parent Cell: _____

1. What has been a big "God moment" for you in the past year?

2. Do you have a daily prayer life? If so, what is it like?

3. What do you like to do in your free time? Hobbies? Sports?

4. Why do you feel called to be a member of Teen Core?

5. What gifts and talents do you think you can you bring?

T-Shirt Size (Circle One) S M L XL XXL

I already have a Core Shirt: Y N

Sweatshirt Size (Circle One) S M L XL XXL

I already have a Core Sweatshirt : Y N

Sea Side Life Teen Core Pledge

PLEASE INITIAL, along with one parent, the following statements as proof of you commitment

- I intend to practice and keep the following spiritual disciplines during my service to Teen Core:
 - 20 minutes of daily prayer (ex: rosary, scripture reading, moments of silence, spiritual reading, praying for other teens...). **Student (S)**____ **Parent (P)** _____
 - Monthly Confession **S**____ **P**_____
 - Sunday Mass **S**____ **P**_____

- I will attend, not be late, and not leave early from Core Orientation Training Night on **Thursday, September 7th from 6pm-8pm.** **S**____ **P**_____

- I will attend at least **18 of 24** in person Sunday evenings, including the **September 17th Confirmation Orientation from 4:00-5:15 followed by the opening Mass.** I understand that if I come to less than the required Life Nights, I forfeit the entire travel stipend. I also understand that the travel stipend has to be used by next August or it will be forfeited. **S**____ **P**_____

- I understand that I may be asked to leave Teen Core if I attend less than **18** Life Nights. **S**____ **P**_____

- I understand that I forfeit my Core Stipend if I attend less than **18** Life Nights. **S**____ **P**_____

- I promise to be on time (4:40 PM) on Sundays that I serve and to not leave early (8:30 PM). I understand that if I leave early or arrive late, I will lose part of my available stipend for that night. **S**____ **P**_____

- It is assumed that I will be coming from 4:40 - 8:30 PM on Sunday evenings. I promise to give notice by 12pm if I cannot come on Sunday. **S**____ **P**_____

- I will attend, not be late, and not leave early from Core Retreat on **Saturday, January 6th, 2024** from 9am to 4pm. **S**____ **P**_____

- I will help out with the Confirmation Retreat for either 9th or 10th grade (**February 10th, 2024 from 9am to 3pm** or **October 28th, 2023 from 9am to 3pm**). **S**____ **P**____ **Retreat Attending (9th or 10th):** _____

- I intend, to the best of my ability, to come to Thursday night Adoration from 8:30 to 9:30 PM as a way to deepen my spiritual life and connect with my brothers and sisters. **S**____ **P**_____

- I understand that the best way to serve my brothers and sisters in Christ through this ministry is to give my full effort and attention to leading them as a Teen Core Member. I therefore pledge to have no romantic involvement with the other members of the Edge or Teen Core. **S**____ **P**_____

- I will dress modestly and appropriately (no leggings, or anything above the knees) and will wear my Core Shirt with a name tag. **S**____ **P**_____

- I understand that if I post inappropriate pictures or videos on social media, consume alcohol or any drugs, or persist in a counter Christian lifestyle that I may be asked to leave the Core Team. **S**____ **P**_____

- I promise not to bring or use my phone during any of the time I'm serving, except for emergency/absolute necessity. I understand that my phone may be taken away if not used for these reasons. **S**____ **P**_____

- I understand and give permission to Father, Amanda, and Adult Core to contact my child or myself via text or group text with regard to Life Teen events. Parent Initial _____

Applicant Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date:** _____

APPLICATIONS DUE TO AMANDA BY AUGUST 7TH!!