

# ARISE

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

## Policies and Procedures

### Group Leader Instructions

- Every PARTICIPANT (adult and youth) must complete **the ARISE Liability, Medical Waiver, and Photography Release**.
- Please make sure that you have enough chaperones (1 adult chaperone to every 6 youth participants) that have been Safe Environment certified and background checked through your parish. **Please double check your adults in the CAPS system to make sure that they are compliant with their training and background check.**
- When sending copies of every participant's paperwork, please scan and send in one document if emailing. **Paperwork is due February 27th, 2026.**
- **All Group Leaders or a representative should attend the Zoom Leader's Meeting on Tuesday, February 24th at 1pm.** Zoom information will be sent closer to meeting date.

### Participant & Chaperone Policy

- ARISE Middle School Rally is for students currently in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.
- One (1) chaperone (21 years or older) is required for every six (6) youth participants. It is encouraged that if you have both male and female participants attending, you provide at least one male and one female chaperone.
- All chaperones, parents, and young adult volunteers/chaperones must go through CAPS training and obtain a background check through their home parish.
- **Youth may NOT be dropped off without a chaperone on site.**
- All youth should remain within the PAC at all times unless accompanied by a chaperone for a specific reason.
- All adult chaperones should be **active** guardians of the youth present. Please refrain from being on your phones during ARISE. Chaperones are expected to disperse themselves among the youth at any given point, while in main sessions, during workshops and meal times, and during Mass. No adult should leave the event with a young person without consulting your group leader.

## **Payment & Price of Admission**

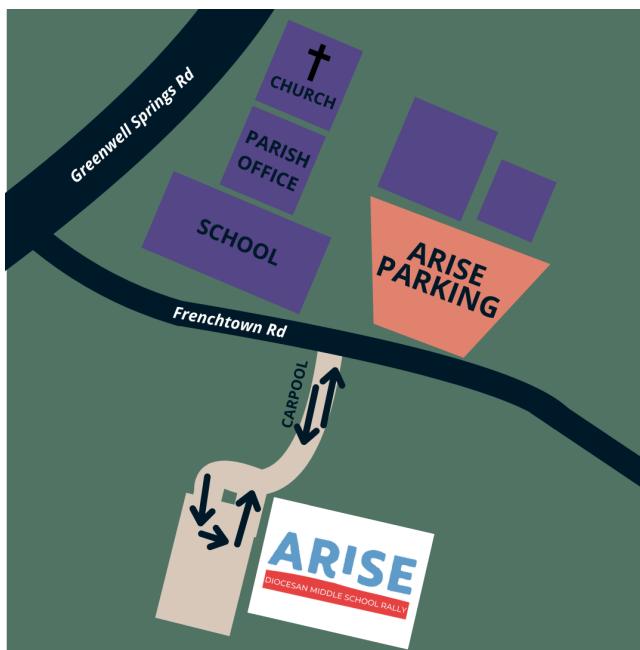
- Payment is due through online payment at time of registration. An invoice can be provided upon request to parishes who would rather pay by check
- A fee of \$40 a person (youth and chaperones) is due upon registration..
- T-shirts are guaranteed for groups that register by February 13th. Sizes should be given as a part of the online registration process. After February 28th, t-shirt sizes cannot be changed.

## **Cancelation & Return Policy**

- No refunds will be given after February 27th, 2026. Refunds may be issued until this date by contacting Kathleen Higgins at khiggins@diobr.org.

## **Parking & Drop Off Instructions**

- Event Address: 14158 Frenchtown Rd., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739
- Bus and vehicle parking will be available on the campus of St. Alphonsus, across the street from the parish activity center. Volunteers will be available to help with crossing Frenchtown Rd.
- There will be no parking besides A.D.A. parking permitted in the parish activity center lot.
- Carpool & Drop-Off: If a participant is being dropped off and their vehicle is NOT remaining on the grounds during the day, they will need to follow the directions on the carpool map below.
- Pick-up will operate the same way that drop-off will. Rally Volunteers will direct and assist parents/guardians to pick up their participants through the carpool line. All participants who are not leaving with a group leader or chaperone at the end of the night must be picked up through carpool. No individual pick ups will be allowed in the parking lot. Please instruct parents to pick up their child in the carpool line only. Group leaders and chaperones must stay on site until all of their youth are picked up.
- **A.D.A. Parking will be available. Please ask the parking attendants to direct you to the designated area for accessible parking.**



## Credential & Wristband Policy

- Group leaders will be given rally wristbands at the registration table.
- Each participant will have their information on their wristband. It is important that the information on the wristband matches who is wearing it.
- All participants and chaperones must wear a rally-issued wristband to gain entry to the rally area and must wear their wristband at all times during the event

## What to Bring

Please keep in mind these items as you prepare for the rally:

- A refillable water bottle with name on it
- A personal journal (if you have and/or want one, it not required; a rally journal will be provided)
- A Rosary or other prayer aids if desired

## What to Wear

- Clothing must be modest and appropriate at all times.
  - **Shorts and skirts without leggings are not permitted at ARISE.**
  - Modest leggings are permitted if the shirt covers the backside.
  - No tank tops, midriff tops, sleeveless, or strapless tops are permitted.
  - Saggy pants that expose one's undergarments are not allowed. **Any and all undergarments must be concealed at all times.**
  - Participants must wear shoes at all times.
  - No clothing depicting vulgar or inappropriate images, political statements, in addition to alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances, will be tolerated.
- It is encouraged (however not required) that each group wears its own "group t-shirt" to **1) Help limit potential violations with dress code, 2) Be able to easily locate and identify your group members and 3) To represent your group with pride during certain group activities that are planned throughout the day.**
- If there is something in this dress code that is not allowed in your parish youth group's regular dress code, please defer to the parish or group policy. It will be at the discretion of your group leader to limit this dress code further.
- ***It is the responsibility of all group leaders to make sure that each participant, including adult chaperons, is adherent to the ARISE dress code.***

## List of Prohibited Items and Activities

- No alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, illegal drugs, firearms, pocket knives, lighters, or matches.
- No laser pointers, fireworks, noisemakers (i.e. air horns, cowbells, vuvuzelas, etc.).
- No headphones, earbuds, video games, and other entertainment devices are permitted.
- We request that all cell phones be turned off or on vibrate during the rally. We strongly recommend group leaders collect phones prior to the rally and confiscate their teens' phones if they become a distraction to them, your group or other groups around you.
- No rough-housing, shoulder rides, crowd surfing, or piggy back rides.
- No smoking will be allowed on site during the event. Tobacco products of any kind are not allowed. This includes cigarettes, cigars, dip, snuff, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, etc.
- Louisiana State Law prohibits the use of tobacco products by anyone under 18 years of age.

## **Rally Points of Contact**

### **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Website**

<https://diobr.org/youth>

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