

Extreme Faith Camp Information Sheet

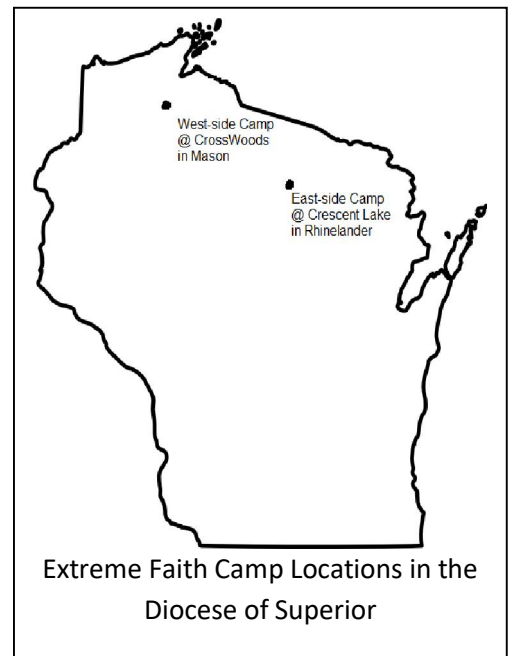
History

Extreme Faith Camp (EFC) was founded in 2001 by a group of youth ministers in Minnesota and was brought to the Diocese of Superior in 2011. Since 2011 EFC has been held on the west side of the diocese at Crosswoods in Mason, WI, located between Hayward and Ashland. In 2015, a second location was added at Crescent Lake Bible Camp in Rhinelander on the east side of the diocese. In 2021, a second week was added at the Crosswoods location. Last year, we are added a second week at the Crescent Lake Bible Camp location! We now have FOUR weeks of EFC in our diocese! Camp started small, but now fills up very quickly!

Mission and Vision

Mission: The mission of EFC is to provide a positive, engaging, authentic, and Catholic experience in which middle school teens can *encounter* Christ in the sacraments – especially the Eucharist – and in His Body the Church; and to give High School Leaders and chaperones opportunities to lay down their lives and grow in radical discipleship.

Vision: We will do this by constantly refining the experience and working extensively with our leaders beforehand to make sure they are ready to play their all-important roles. We will work together with parish leaders to help them integrate camp into a context of intentional discipleship formation in their local churches.



Sample Day (Tuesday @ CrossWoods)

7:00am	<i>Polar Bear Plunge</i>
7:30am	Leadership Meeting
8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Theme for the Day/Announcements
8:45am	Morning Prayer, Personal Prayer & Benediction
9:30am	Morning Camp Rotation
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Afternoon Camp Rotation
3:30pm	Free Time
5:00pm	Evening Program
5:25pm	Small Groups
5:45pm	Supper
6:30pm	Reconciliation Skit
6:40pm	Reconciliation Talk, Examination of Conscience
7:00pm	Teen Testimony
7:05pm	Reconciliation with several priests available
8:00pm	Mass
9:00pm	Night Game
10:15pm	Cabin Time



Leadership

Camp Director: Chris Hurtubise, Loree Nauertz, Jen Metzger & Tyler Kircher (depending on the week)

Chaplains: We are always so blessed to have plenty of priests and deacons at camp!

Musician: Quality worship music is a key part of camp. We hire experienced and talented worship leaders to lead us at Mass, in Adoration and in a number of other settings.

Camp Staff: Both facilities employ well trained, summer-long staff to run the adventures.

Chaperones: These folks fill a wide range of responsibilities from sacristans to photographers and security detail at night, to small group mentors. Most importantly, they are active participants in every aspect of camp: doing shoulder-to-shoulder relational ministry with the high school leaders and middle school campers.

Extreme Team high schoolers: High school leaders are the most important leaders at camp. They set the tone for the campers and mentor them in investing in the camp experience. They are with the campers around the clock, building relationships, guiding, teaching and leading by example.

Prayer Team high schoolers: First-time high school leaders spend a week doing behind-the-scenes service and receiving intensive training in discipleship and peer leadership. To be an Extreme Team leader, high schoolers must first spend a summer on the Prayer Team.

Timeline for Participating Parishes

Fall: Advertise, advertise, advertise! Always in the context of your broader youth minister/faith formation programming – how does EFC fit? What role does it play? Do general fundraising for camp (you'll want to pay for your chaperones to go too). Start very actively recruiting chaperones now!!! Be sure to explain clearly to new high school leaders what their role is – especially if they'll be on the prayer team.

October/November: Collect deposits and individual pre-registrations. Give families fundraising opportunities at this point (wreath sales, etc.). Make sure all the training dates – including at least one High School Leadership weekend – are on leaders/chaperones calendars. Make it clear that these are firm requirements.

November/December: Turn in parish registrations and deposits to the Diocese.

February/March: Collect final paperwork and payments; send to Diocese.

Spring: Build youth ministry momentum toward camp. Keep the parish tuned-in to camp, build excitement within parish community.

May: Required training day for *all* high school leaders and chaperones.

Summer: Camp! Find ways to harness the camp energy the rest of the summer – funnel it into Totus Tuus or VBS, youth group nights, outings, Summer Stretch, Steubenville, etc. Maintain and grow the relationships forged at camp.