

Dear Parents & 8<sup>th</sup> grader or older if you have not yet made JC Camp

Hi! It's that time of year again to make plans for our annual JC Youth Camp at the Tintern Retreat Center at Oakdale. It has been a very powerful experience for all those who have attended in the past. Bonds have been made that will last a lifetime. Guidelines have been learned that the kids can use throughout their lives. If you ask any of the previous campers, they will tell you to GO!! It's a BLAST!!!

MOM & DAD: This camp is designed for those who will be freshman this fall, a very vulnerable and changing time in their lives, where they are looking for answers and guidance in making good moral decisions. Those who have not been to camp yet are also invited. This camp helps in achieving that goal. As you know, nothing or no one can take the place of a parent guiding and instilling good moral values in their children's lives. This camp gives them an opportunity to develop a support system to help them live out those values.

Being Christian is not just something we do on Sundays, but should be practiced in our lives every day. These ideals are shared at camp with practical ways of applying them to our families, at home, at school, at church, on the basketball court or ball field, and many other places, learning with their friends and making new friends. These goals are achieved through the talks given throughout the week by the spiritual director, adult and junior counselors. Two or three talks are given each day, which set the theme for that day and the activities that follow.

Some of the topics are:

- \*Who Am I
- \*What is a friend
- \*Exploring the influences of peer pressure
- \*Realizing the effects of drugs, alcohol, and pornography
- \*Chastity and abstinence
- \*Choices we make
- \*The cost of being like Christ
- \*Taking time with our greatest Friend
- \*Discover growth from problems in life
- \*Finding practical ways to apply Christian values to life from experiences at camp

Your child will also share in duties and fun throughout the 5 days, taking time for spiritual direction and reflection, and just plain having a lot of fun with each other. Time is spent outdoors, engaged in sand volleyball, basketball, softball, soccer, bocce ball and other games. There is a designated time for crafts each day as well. The evenings are spent around the campfire.

The camp is designed to last five days. This length of time is necessary for the campers to really settle into the camp experience. This time allows for fun, fellowship, and to experience faith in the community atmosphere. This year the Albion camp schedule is set for May 27-31. You should be there for all 5 days unless excused by Paul because of drivers ed or other legitimate reason.

There will be one adult and one junior counselor per 4 or 5 campers. Most of the junior and adult counselors come from our area, giving of their time freely to help at camp. Praise God for them! The campers sleep in large open dorm rooms with an adult and junior counselor in each. Volunteers (parents of campers) help prepare the meals for the week. It is a good way to observe what happens at camp and we are always in need of help. Please let us know if you are interested in helping in any way. They always have a hearty appetite and are so appreciative.

We pray that you will say "yes". The reputation of the camp is spreading, as any of the former campers can attest. We only have accommodations for a limited number; therefore, to reserve your spot, send the forms plus a check for \$100 which is the cost of the camp. If cost is a problem or you have any other questions, please call Paul Weeder at 402-395-6105 or 402-741-1353. We will not turn a child away because of cost. Your call will be confidential.

SEND REGISTRATION FORMS AND \$100 PAYMENT (Checks payable to JC YOUTH CAMP) to:

Paul Weeder  
2672 – 290 Ave.  
Albion NE 68620

Please respond immediately so we can save a place for you! We look forward to seeing you this summer. Come join in the fun! You can also visit Tintern's website at [www.tintern.homestead.com](http://www.tintern.homestead.com). On behalf of the JC Camp staff,

**God Bless You!**

Sincerely,  
Deacon Paul Weeder

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----  
ST. MICHAEL'S J C CAMP  
MAY 27-31,2026

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH

BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL XXL (Circle one)

**PARENTS** - I would like to help as a **COUNSELOR** for the week **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_  
or in the **KITCHEN** on the following days of the camp \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENTS** (who have attended previously) I would like to help as a **Junior Counselor** **Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_  
or in the **KITCHEN** on the following days of the camp \_\_\_\_\_

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Office use only

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

Additional health and release forms will be sent upon receipt of this information