



October 19, 2023

Dear NCYC Student Participants & Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to have you join us for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana! It is our hope that you are already preparing with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to the hearts of all of us who will be on the trip, as well as guide us in our journey together.

This packet contains necessary information that both teens and parents need to prepare for a fun, meaningful, prayerful, and safe experience. It is critical that you read through this information carefully.

Information Papers

Included in this packet is a **Trip Itinerary** which contains an overall schedule for the conference. This schedule is subject to change. Also included is a general **Packing List**. This packing list is only a guideline, so please think carefully about anything else you might need that is not listed.

Required Forms

This year all required liability and medical release forms will be filled out, signed, and submitted online. This greatly streamlines the process, as well as removes the necessity to have these forms notarized. To fill out these forms, please visit the following website:

https://nolacatholic.contractworks.com/anysign/kFYTks4s-XQY_Dd8Ri9Fug

All online forms must be completed and submitted no later than Monday, November 6, 2023.

In addition to the online forms, included in this packet is a "Rules & Regulations" form that must be signed by both the student participant and a parent/guardian. This form should be scanned and sent to cyo@arch-no.org. This is the only form that will be physically turned in.

NCYC will email additional/separate liability forms to all participants that need to be completed as well.

Cancellation Information

Please be aware no refunds are available in the event of participant cancellation. Refunds will **ONLY** be available if your group leader, in collaboration with the CYO Office, is able to find another student to take your place. If you need to cancel your spot, please notify your school/parish group leader, in addition to contacting our office directly at (504) 836-0551, ext. 3221 or cyo@arch-no.org.

Our office is looking forward to this wonderful opportunity for you to experience the universality of our Catholic Church.

In Christ,

Adrian Jackson
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Archdiocese of New Orleans



Archdiocese of New Orleans Group Schedule

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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| 7:30 PM | South Shore participant arrival
St. Matthew the Apostle
10021 Jefferson Hwy.
River Ridge, LA 70123 |
| 8:00 PM | South Shore departure |
| 8:30 PM | North Shore participant arrival
St. Luke the Evangelist
910 Cross Gates Blvd.
Slidell, LA 70461 |
| 9:00 PM | North Shore departure |

Thursday, November 16, 2023

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| Overnight | Driver Relief |
| Morning | Breakfast Stop |
| 11:30 AM | Arrival in Indianapolis
The Westin Indianapolis
241 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

* Lunch on your own with groups |
| 1:30 PM | Convention Center opens to Participants |
| 2:00 PM | Exhibitor Hall opens at Convention Center |
| 4:00 PM | Meet @ Hotel for Check-In & Group Meeting

* Dinner on your own with groups |
| 6:30 PM | Doors Open at Lucas Oil Stadium |
| 7:15 PM | Opening Concert at Lucas Oil Stadium |

8:00 PM NCYC 2023 Opening General Session at Lucas Oil Stadium

10:00 PM Return to Hotel

Friday, November 17, 2023

7:30 AM Gates open at Lucas Oil Stadium

* Breakfast on your own with groups

8:00 AM Gathering & Entertainment at Lucas Oil Stadium

9:00 AM NCYC 2023 Morning General Session at Lucas Oil Stadium

11:00 AM Exhibitor Hall opens at Convention Center

11:30 AM Breakout Sessions – Round A at Convention Center

* Lunch on your own with groups

1:30 PM Breakout Sessions – Round B at Convention Center

3:30 PM Breakout Sessions – Round C at Convention Center

5:00 PM Group Dinner
Buca Di Beppo Restaurant
35 N Illinois St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

6:30 PM Doors Open at Lucas Oil Stadium

7:15 PM Gathering & Entertainment at Lucas Oil Stadium

8:00 PM NCYC 2023 Evening General Session at Lucas Oil Stadium

10:00 PM Return to Hotel

Saturday, November 18, 2023

7:30 AM Gates open at Lucas Oil Stadium

* Breakfast on your own with groups

8:00 AM Gathering & Entertainment at Lucas Oil Stadium

9:00 AM NCYC 2023 Morning General Session at Lucas Oil Stadium

11:00 AM Exhibitor Hall opens at Convention Center

11:30 AM Breakout Sessions – Round D at Convention Center

* Lunch on your own with groups

1:30 PM Breakout Sessions – Round E at Convention Center

3:30 PM Breakout Sessions – Round F at Convention Center

* Dinner on your own with groups

6:30 PM Doors Open at Lucas Oil Stadium

7:15 PM Gathering & Entertainment at Lucas Oil Stadium

8:00 PM NCYC 2023 Closing Mass at Lucas Oil Stadium

After Mass Board Buses/Depart for New Orleans

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Overnight Driver Relief

Morning Breakfast Stop

11:00 AM Drop off in Slidell at St. Luke the Evangelist

Noon Drop off in River Ridge at St. Matthew the Apostle



2023 NCYC Packing List

WHAT TO BRING:

- **\$175 - 200 in spending money for “independent” meals**
 - Approximately 8 meals (food courts/fast food) not included in the trip payments.
 - Additional spending money for souvenirs, etc. is at your discretion.
 - The CYO Office will cover breakfast (TBD) on Thursday, 11/16 as well as the group dinner (Buca Di Beppo) on Friday, 11/17.
- **Clothing for 4 full days**
 - Dress is “nice, casual” during the trip. Please dress modestly.
 - Even though we will spend majority of our time indoors please remember that it will be cold in Indy next month. Please be sure to pack accordingly!
 - Wear comfortable shoes for extensive walking.
- **Personal Items**
 - Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, hygiene items, etc.
 - Small case of bottled water and snacks for the bus ride. (not mandatory)
- **Items to pass the time on the motor coach**
 - iPads, laptops, etc., with your own chargers and headphones.
 - Schoolwork/homework is welcome.
- **Backpack or small duffle bag**
 - Helpful for walking around Indianapolis.
- **Personal cell phone with charger**
 - Hotel room phones may not be used for calls.
- Please pack in **normal luggage/travel bags** so as to not lose anything or incur damage to your belongings. You are allowed one large suitcase to be placed in storage under the bus and a small carry-on bag, plus purses, laptop cases, etc., for inside the bus. Be sure to pack a change of clothes, toothbrushes, etc. in your carry-on bag for the drives to and from Indianapolis, as you will not have access to luggage under the bus until arrival at the hotel/home. You will have to personally carry your own luggage. **If you can’t carry it yourself, don’t bring it.**

DO NOT BRING:

- Alcohol, tobacco products, vaping paraphernalia, drugs or any other illegal substance/material.
- The Archdiocese of New Orleans is *not* responsible for any lost or stolen items of value you choose to bring with you, such as laptops, expensive electronics, expensive jewelry, etc.
- Any item that could be dangerous, contribute to dangerous activities, cause unintended injury, or be used as a weapon.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE 2023 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

VIOLETIONS OF ANY OF THE REGULATIONS LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN YOUR IMMEDIATE RETURN HOME BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER AT PARENT/GUARDIAN'S EXPENSE

- Following these regulations is required for the entire duration of this activity.
- Chaperones are to be respected at all times; instructions are to be followed.
- Alcohol, smoking/vaping, illegal drugs, and weapons/dangerous items of any sort are forbidden.
- Items of a political nature, particularly clothing, will not be permitted
- Sexual activity inconsistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church is forbidden.
- Room assignments may not be changed once assigned at the hotel; members of the opposite sex may not enter each other's rooms at **any** time.
- No one is permitted to leave the area of a designated activity such as a restaurant, hotel, tour location, etc. without the express permission and escort of a chaperone.
- Anyone damaging property will be held responsible for the cost of damages. CYO is not responsible for damage expenses that an individual incurs. Theft of property is forbidden.
- If a participant uses prescription medication (i.e. insulin, Ritalin, pain medication, etc.), the director reserves the right to have a chaperone hold and administer such medication.
- You must be on time for all departures, arrivals, and other scheduled activities.
- The announced curfew will be respected at night, and violations, especially those that involve hotel management, security, or law enforcement will be dealt with seriously.
- The CYO Office is *not* responsible for any lost or stolen items of value you choose to bring with you, such as laptops, expensive electronics, expensive jewelry, etc.
- Consequences for violating any of these regulations may include loss of privileges on this trip or future CYO activities, suspension, expulsion, informing of your high school's administration, and being sent home during the trip via commercial carrier at parent/guardian's expense.

I have read and discussed the regulations for NCYC, November 15-19, 2023, with my son and/or daughter and he and/or she is aware of them.

I understand that if my child violates the CYO Code of Conduct, any of the above-mentioned rules, or any others deemed necessary by the director and adult chaperones for the safety and welfare of the group, I agree to have my child sent home immediately at my expense via commercial carrier. I understand that further disciplinary action may be taken upon return home depending upon the gravity of the violation.

Signature of participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian