CAMP VERITAS UPDATE
VOLUNTEER INFO for FLORIDA CAMP, June 11-16, 2023
Camp Veritas Update-Preliminary Info for Florida Staff

May 13, 2023

Hello Saints!

Thank you for submitting a registration to volunteer for our Florida week of Camp Veritas **at Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center**, located at 2665 Placid View Drive in Lake Placid, Florida.

Here is some important information. Please read CAREFULLY:

ARRIVAL: We are planning an in-depth orientation, training and community-building for all volunteers starting ***Saturday afternoon***, we will provide Sunday Mass the following morning. Please plan on arriving on **Saturday, June 10th, at 1pm**. Ideally, we want all volunteers to arrive at this time to allow the Spirit to strengthen all you fantastic disciples and bring you all closer together before Camp begins. However, if you are a veteran who cannot come earlier, please arrive by 9:30am on Sunday, June 11th (having already been to Mass or joining us for Mass at 9:00am (tentative).

It is important we arrive on time as there is a lot to do prior to the campers' arrival at 3:30pm. If for some reason you cannot arrive on time, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are a veteran coming Sunday, please note that there will not be official supervision for kids (if you are bringing campers with you) until after 3:30pm.

Camp ends on **Friday, June 16th, after the 10:00am Mass**, closing remarks, and bunk checks.

WHAT TO EXPECT: For those of you joining us for the first time, we made a website tab just for you! Check out the volunteer tab of the website www.campveritas.org, and it will give insight into what you are getting yourself into! If you still have questions or concerns, you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Catherine Schembri at volunteer@campveritas.com. Please read the Volunteer Survival Guide ahead of time to be prepared for what lies ahead (note that our schedule differs slightly from what is in the guide)! Whether you are new or have been with us many years already, we will be asking for you to **sign the last page** that you have read the material and are familiar with the contents as this serves as our official policy manual.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: **You need to have completed the Safer Spaces Training ahead of time**. If you have not done so, the instructions are on the volunteer registration page of our website (if you have trouble, there is technical support on the Safer Spaces webpage). If you are a new volunteer and have not turned in your signed background check form, please do so immediately to allow time for the Archdiocese to approve your application. If there are any questions about the background check form, you can contact Christie directly at veritasvolunteer@gmail.com.

DETAILS: Please refer to the packing list and the camper rules below. The facility address and directions can also be found on the Facilities page or the Registration tab. Please bring your cell

phone and if you have a counselor shirt from prior years, bring that as well. If you are new, we hope to have enough counselor shirts for all, but bring a couple of navy-blue shirts just in case, especially for registration day.

SUNDAY MASS: We hope to have a morning Mass offered, but this is still pending. Or, you can make arrangements to go to the Saturday vigil Mass at home or alternatively there is a Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm at St. James Church located at 3380 Placid View Dr. Lake Placid, FL.

REMINDERS AND LINKS:

- **Submit your Background Check**
- **Submit your Safe Environment Certificate** (instructions to complete the online course here.)
- **Camp-In-Touch Account Login** (in case you haven't completed your application yet)
- **Camper Packing List-All Camps**
- **Camp Rules** Please note our dress code noted on the camp rules!
- **Camp Policies**
- **Volunteer Survival Guide** (please print, sign, and bring the last page if you are new)
- Florida Camp Parent/Camper Arrival Information Letter

Praying for your safe travels!

The Camp Veritas Team