

TO THE EXCITED, CONFUSED, AND
SOMETIMES FRUSTRATED ADULTS
WHO WORK WITH HIGH-SCHOOL AGED YOUTH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO,

Hey you. Yeah, you!

So we hear you're looking for ways to continue to get your Senior High youth together and excited.

You're even looking for ways to get the kids pumped up about their faith and the Episcopal Church in general?

Have we got the thing for all of you.

We want you and your youth group to join us this spring for Faith X-pplorers.



Faith X-pplorers is a weekend event designed to allow Senior High youth the space and opportunity to grow as a Christian in a fun-filled outdoor setting.

Formerly known as "Confirmation Camp," you may have already heard about the program. It's all about forming a relationship with oneself, others, and Jesus Christ, all as the participants prepare to accept the radical claim that they are Christ's body on earth; in other words, that they *are* the church.

That our youth will claim for themselves the life-giving message of Jesus and the rich tradition of the Episcopal Church is our hope and goal; but that's not what the program is entirely about.

So you're intrigued?

Excited enough to start calling the kids?
Awesome. Before you take the plunge, try a few tips.

If you get *typical Senior High Question #1*,
"Well, what will we do all weekend?"

you can reply using *option A*: "Have fun," or *option B*: "Stay up late, build a campfire, make s'mores, play games, sing, do ropes course, pray, and eat junk food."

If you get *typical Senior High Question #2*,
"Is this gonna be, like, church and stuff?"

your first instinct may be, "Yes, kid, this *is* church, and church is cool, and I hope you figure that out sometime soon." (Hint: resist that instinct.)

Instead, respond, "If by church you mean a group of people who get together to share their stories and enjoy each other as a gift of God, then, yes, this is church, and I hope you'll come along."

In our experience, these will be your most common questions. If you get others, use your expertise ~ and write them down for us so we can include those next year!

And now for the nitty, gritty details.

The expedition will take place the weekend of
April 4 - 6, 2008 on the rolling hills and sprawling prairie of Camp Algonquin, in Algonquin, IL.



The Faith X-pplorers experience is open to high-school aged youth and adult mentors.

Baptized, confirmed or just exploring ~ everyone is welcome!

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