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The 2014 Camping Program is about to begin at Saint Andrew's Camp, Jewell NY

There are *opportunities* ... and *needs* ... essential to fulfilling the camp mission of welcoming children, teens, staff & volunteers from all geographies and jurisdictions



for a pan-Orthodox sleep-over camping experience offered in 4 sessions, each 1 week in duration. Camp is the place where Orthodox youth ages 7 and older meet, make friends, and live in a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Camp also provides the opportunity for Orthodox adults of all ages to come together as staff, volunteers, clergy and parents.



As the program is about to "kick-off" on 6 July 2014, adults interested in offering their support as staff members (counselors) or volunteers are fervently encouraged to contact the camp to discuss how they can participate. Clergy and parish councils are encouraged to publicize and promote opportunities for involvement at the camp ... for campers and adults.

Complete information about the camp and the 2014 Summer Programs:

SaintAndrewsCamp.org

email: info@saintandrewscamp.org phone: 315-675-9771

There are various ways for children, adults, and clergy to participate in the ministry of this unique diocesan resource. "With us everything should be secondary compared to our concern with children, and their upbringing in the instruction and teaching of the Lord." ~ Saint John Chrysostom

ROCHESTER NY: "Kids-to-Camp" Annual 5K WALKATHON

On the feast-day of Pentecost, 8 June 2014, Saint John the Baptist Church in Rochester NY held its annual 5K WALKATHON in support of providing scholarships to campers attending Saint Andrew's



Camp this summer. The walkers had a beautiful day and enjoyed the scenery of Highland Park (home of the famous "Lilac Festival") on route to Mount Hope Cemetery where prayers were offered at the graves of Father Cyril and Matushka Gretel Stavrevsky (parish rector, 1979-2003) and on behalf of all departed parishioners and loved ones. Upon return to the church, ice cream and fellowship were a delightful reward.

"Saint Andrew's Camp provides a distinctively valuable opportunity for our youth, as campers, and adults, as staff/volunteers, to experience a truly Orthodox community living each day in the context of worship, fun, fellowship, and education," said Father Ken James Stavrevsky (parish rector). "Newcomers will be pleasantly surprised by the camp and all that it offers; those returning will find a program and facilities that have been expanded and improved, with some pleasant surprises."

As a resource of our diocese, participation at Saint Andrew's Camp by parishes not only provides our children with a church experience that cannot be found anywhere else, it helps to support the on-going development of the camp for future programs and events.

"Given our experience," Father Stavrevsky continued, "I would recommend other parishes consider similar events or programs that encourage their youth to take advantage of the programs at Saint Andrew's Camp. Offering scholarships, through fundraising or donations, can be an incentive. Sending a group of kids to camp during a given week of the camping program will build their friendships and expose them to a living experience of their faith."



This was the 5th year for the WALKATHON and each year the proceeds received from "walker sponsorships" have provided scholarships for children of the parish (and others) to participate in the camping programs at Saint Andrew's Camp in Jewell NY.

Saint Andrew's Camp offers weekly sleep-over camping programs beginning on 6 July and ending on 2 August. For more information and an on-line application to attend a camping program, visit the camp website: SaintAndrewsCamp.org