



***LEGENDARY LODGE
SUMMER CAMPS 2016***

***INFORMATION
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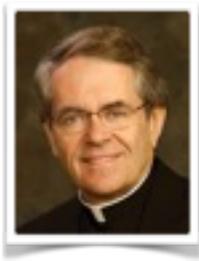


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A Letter from Bishop George Leo Thomas

Greetings in Christ,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the Legendary Lodge camp experience. The beauty of the camp and its ministry environment are extraordinary. For over forty years, young people from all over Western Montana have come to the Lodge to encounter a week of prayer and fellowship, of adventure and joy! Legendary Lodge is an incredible experience for adolescent faith formation.

For a week, I invite you to leave behind the technological world to slow down and recognize God’s presence in yourself, in nature and in everyone around you. I invite you to join with other participants in teamwork and problem-solving activities, adventurous games, and quiet times for reflection to help deepen your appreciation of your Catholic faith. The well-formed and generous young adult staff at Legendary Lodge creates an environment fostering the growth of faith through Scripture, prayers and Sacraments which are moving and age appropriate.

In, *A Message for the Jubilee of Mercy for Young Boys and Girls*, Pope Francis teaches; “To be merciful means to grow in a love which is courageous, generous and real.” As they explore this year’s theme, “*Merciful Like the Father*,” young people will encounter the transforming and empowering love of God. Campers will be immersed in fun, prayer and service as we sow the seeds of discipleship in our diocese.

So this summer, come to Salmon Lake and be amazed at the growth you’ll see in your life. Experience the call to encounter Christ in your journey of discipleship and be commissioned to return to your home faith community as a witness and messenger of the Gospel.

With warm personal regards, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend George Leo Thomas

Bishop of Helena



Our Vision

Legendary Lodge summer camps provide a uniquely enriching faith formation experience by engaging, equipping, and serving the young disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Camps reflect our diocesan commitment to the development of the every child's God-given six potentials: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, aesthetic, physical, and social.

Our Summer Theme

This summer at Legendary Lodge campers will engage the words of Christ in Luke 6: 36, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Our theme is *Merciful like the Father*.

To be merciful we must explore the very nature of God's love for us and the limits of our own ability to love one another. In Scripture, mercy is poured out upon the undeserving and we see the Father's unconditional love. Our challenge is clear: how do we become a people of mercy?

In addition to Lodge traditions such as daily Mass and youth led prayer experiences, the counselors will focus on Scripture reflections centered around God's great mercy. The workshops and sessions always include plenty of activity, small group interaction and outdoor elements.

Our Mission

Camps reflect the vision and leadership of both Catholic Formation Services and Legendary Lodge year-round staff. This collaboration ensures that Legendary Lodge is a facet of the dynamic faith formation that takes place in our parishes and schools as well as diocesan youth events. Collaboration between Catholic Formation Services and Legendary Lodge year-round staff includes hiring of summer staff and developing camp mission and curriculum with a special focus on connecting the camp experience to parish life.

2115 Highway 83 North

Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Camp Phone: 406-677-2211

Dan Bartleson

Camp Director

Doug Tooke

Diocesan Youth
Events Coordinator

Fr. Marc Lenneman

Camp Chaplain

Rachel Schwaller

Camp Manager

Derek Wherley

Camp Programs
Manager

A Typical Day at Legendary...

Legendary Lodge is like no other Catholic summer camp. It is full of its own unique characteristics and legends that make it a priceless treasure in our diocese. The following is a typical schedule for a day at camp. The daily schedule is always subject to change because of weather and various programming circumstances.

- 8:00 a.m. Wake up**
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer**
- 10:00 a.m. Workshops**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Camp Activities (swimming, canoeing, crafts, games, etc.)**
- 2:30 p.m. Outdoor Activity**
- 3:30 p.m. Break**
- 4:00 p.m. Mass**
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:00 p.m. Small Group Discussion**
- 6:45 p.m. Session**
- 9:00 p.m. Cabin Chat (Gender Sessions)**
- 10:00 p.m. Lights out**

All camps include some special activities (i.e. Skit/ Talent night, dancing, interactive outdoor games, bonfire, reconciliation service, hike up and Mass on the mountain, etc.). These activities are woven into the weekly schedule to make a unique experience for each of the different age groups.



Drop off for camp sessions: Sunday between 2-3 p.m.

Pick-up: Friday at 12 noon.

CAMPER MAIL CAN BE SENT TO:

Camper's Name
2115 Highway 83 North
Seeley Lake, MT 59868

EMAIL CAMPERS AT:

legendarylodge@diocesehelena.org

CAMP DETAILS

Junior High School Camps

Entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade

#1: June 19-24

#2: June 26 - July 1

Middle School camps at Legendary Lodge are about nourishing the adolescent faith and challenging personal ownership of a spiritual life. Youth are invited into practical discussions that look to challenge them towards a life of daily interaction with their faith. It is a week of fun, adventure and dynamic discipleship formation.



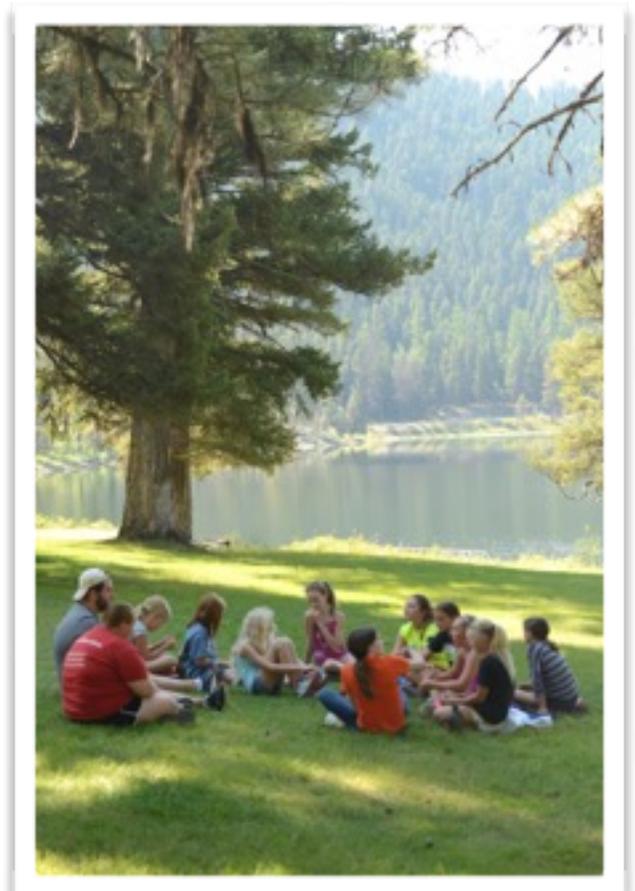
High School Camps

Entering 9th - 12th grade

#1: July 10-15

#2: July 17-22

High School camps at Legendary Lodge are about establishing the seeds of a life of Catholic spirituality and faith advocacy. Youth are challenged in mature discussion to articulate their faith daily. It is a week of fun, adventure and dynamic discipleship formation.



Leadership Camp - July 24-29

See next page for details!

5th & 6th Grade Camps

Entering 5th, 6th or 7th grade

Boys Camp: July 31 - August 5

Girls Camp: August 7-12

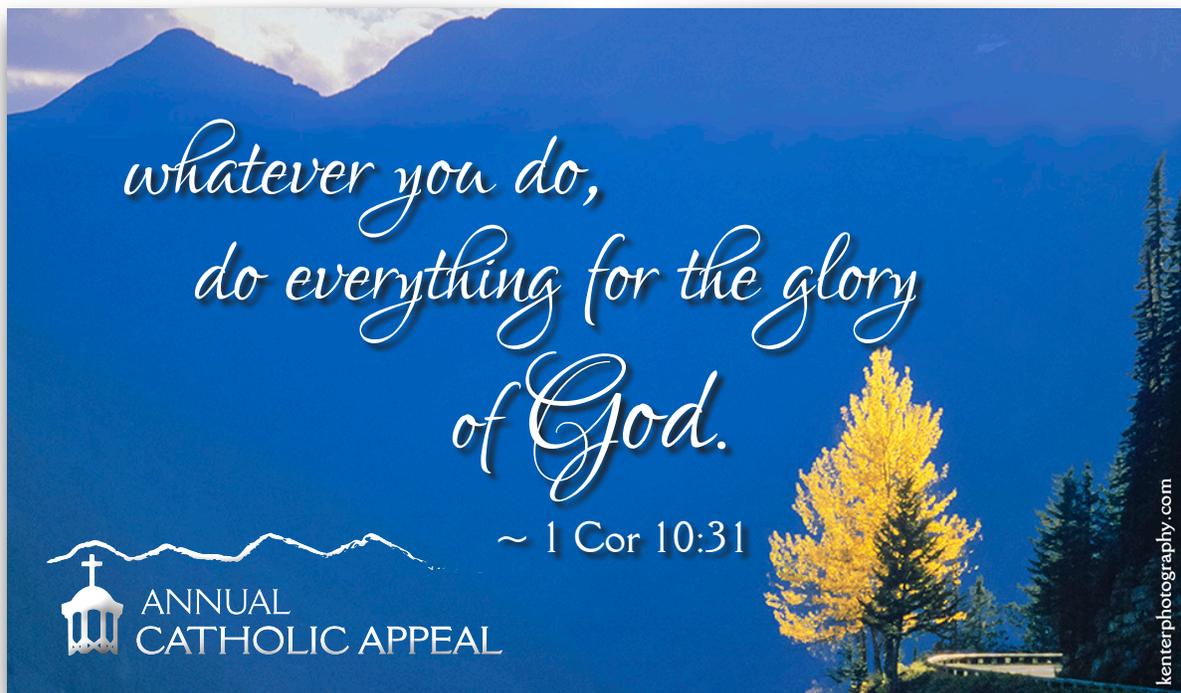
5th and 6th grade camps at Legendary Lodge are about affirming the basics of the faith and introducing personal ownership of one's beliefs. Youth are invited into action-packed community activities and hands on experiences. It is a week of fun, adventure and dynamic discipleship.



LEADERSHIP CAMP

Leadership Camp is a High School camp at Legendary Lodge with all the same traditions and dynamic programming. It is also part of a greater journey. Youth engage each other in formative discussion and theme-based activity. Teens learn healthy discipleship practices and are commissioned as witnesses in their home communities. There are no “goodbyes” at the conclusion of the camp because it is really just the beginning. The camp initiates a year-long diocesan leadership development program called “Catholic Youth Coalition Board” which invites participants to gather five times throughout the year and continue their formation. Leadership Camp participants discern the Catholic Youth Coalition officers for the CYC Board in the coming year. Both CYC Board and Leadership Camp are separate opportunities and youth do not need to participate in one to engage the other. However, who would want to miss the excitement and joy of a Legendary Lodge experience that lasts all year long? All youth are welcome to participate in this extraordinary week-long experience.

Leadership Camp participants are traditionally identified by their faith communities as being examples of young disciples in search of intentional formation. Parishes in the Diocese of Helena have varying policies for nominating Leadership Camp participants. Contact your pastor or youth minister for more details or call Doug Tooke at 1-800-584-8914 (dtooke@diocesehelena.org).



The Annual Catholic Appeal makes Legendary Lodge possible

The actual cost of operating Legendary Lodge exceeds the fee we charge for attendance. The giving people of the Diocese of Helena through the Annual Catholic Appeal and major gifts make the Legendary Lodge Summer camp experience possible.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Contact Glenda Seipp for more details. Call 1-800-584-8914 (gseipp@diocesehelena.org).



The Sonlight Youth Ministry Celebration held annually in October raises nearly \$20,000 for Legendary Lodge operations and returns nearly \$15,000 to parish youth ministry programs. Please pray for and continue to support the success of Sonlight. For more information visit www.diocesehelena.org/offices-and-ministries/stewardship-services-2/ today!

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena as host of the Legendary Lodge endowment preserves the long term planning for the camp's future growth and expansion of services. For more information visit www.fdoh.org today!



Talk about camp with your kids!

Here are some points of discussion for youth ministers, pastors and parents to have before and after the Legendary Lodge camp experience.

- **What are you most looking forward to during your week at Legendary Lodge this Summer?**
- **Where did you grow in your relationship with Christ this week?**
- **What were your favorite activities at camp this year? Did you encounter something new in your faith during any of these activities?**
- **How can your week at Legendary Lodge be celebrated and reflected upon in our family and our parish?**





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When can I register?

January 1, 2016 — Registration begins for families residing within the Diocese of Helena.

March 1, 2016 — General registration begins, and is conducted on a “first come, first served” basis, until camps are full. This includes families residing outside the Diocese of Helena.

How do I register?

Registration is done exclusively online at www.showmyevent.com.

Links can also be found at www.diocesehelena.org and www.dohyouth.org.

The registration fee for a camp season is \$345.00 due upon registration.

What if a camp is full?

Up to 10 campers will be listed as waiting for an opening for any full camp. Waiting campers cannot register unless a space becomes available.

If another camper cancels his or her registration, waiting campers will be contacted on a “first come, first served” manner. We will then invite the waiting camper to register in the newly vacated spot.

Campers can only be on a waiting list for one camp at a time.

What if I need to cancel my registration?

There will be a \$50 non-refundable fee for all registrations. In order to be refunded the remainder of your registration fee, you must let us know by the Wednesday prior to your camp start date. This allows us time to move a camper in from the waiting list as well as grant you a partial refund.

What about financial assistance?

For information about financial assistance, please contact your local parish first. If nothing is available, please contact Dan Bartleson at the Diocese of Helena by calling 406-442-5820 (local), 1-800-584-8914 (toll free), or emailing him at dbartleson@diocesehelena.org

A large, weathered wooden cross stands on a rocky outcrop. A priest in white vestments is touching the cross, surrounded by several people. The background shows a vast, forested mountain range under a blue sky with light clouds.

LEGENDARY LODGE IS LOCATED ON MT
HIGHWAY 83 ON SALMON LAKE,
5 MILES NORTH OF THE CLEARWATER
JUNCTION WITH MT HIGHWAY 200.

THE MINISTRY AND OPERATION OF
LEGENDARY LODGE IS MADE POSSIBLE IN
PART BY THE GENEROSITY OF
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**A special thanks to Bishop George Leo Thomas
for his vision of youth ministry and unending
advocacy for the Young Catholic Faithful**