

APRIL NEWSLETTER ST. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN FISHER COUNCIL

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

April 2 Blood Drive St Thomas More Parish

Rosary at Planned Parenthood

Assist Veterans at Veterans' Home

April 3 Council Business Meeting

April 7 Fish Fry St James Parish

April 14 Fish Fry St James

April 16 Easter Mass Parking

April 18 Council Officers Meeting

April 22 PSA dinner

April 26 4th Degree Assembly business Meeting

April 29 Market on the Move St. James Parish

St James Neighborhood Fair

April 30 Organ Donor Sunday

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH CAMP

Since 1949 the Knights have supported the St. Joseph's Youth Camp providing fun and adventure for hundreds of kids each summer. We took over the camp which was a former CCC (Civil Conservation Corps) camp. Our past campers are now sending their children and grandchildren so they can experience the same joy and fun they had as kids. The camp is located just 23 miles southeast of Flagstaff in the Coconino National Forest at Mormon Lake.

It offers a refreshing change from Arizona's hot summers and gives many of the children their first opportunity to experience the beauty and wonders of the great outdoors.

The camp is a traditional summer camp for kids age 8 thru 15. There are three weeks of camp for kids 8 thru 12 and 1 week for teens ages 13 thru 15. For more information on what is offered check out their WEB site at www.sjycaz.com. Programs include 6 days and night lodging increments of camping with activities such as horseback riding, kayaking, hiking, archery Games, Telescope and Campfire Nights. They provide a camp T shirt, DVDs of the week and much more.

2017 Opening Schedule Counselor Candidate Training June 18-24

Week 1 Campers age 8-12 June 25- July 1

Week 2 Campers age 8-12 July 2-8

Week 3 Campers age 13-17 July 9-15

Week 3 campers age 8-12 To Be Announced

Camp Fees

2017 Campers age 8-15 reg \$598 early bird discount fee \$548

2017 Counselor Candidates ages 15-17 \$198

Volunteer services needed

We will need help around the Memorial Day Weekend to open the camp and then again over the Labor Day weekend to close it. This help involves doing routine maintenance such as painting and minor repairs, cleaning and set up. Volunteers will have use of the cabins while there along with meals for them and their families.

Long Term help needed.

Our lease with the Forest Service requires we maintain the facility and we will have to replace the outdated septic tank system and the cost for that will be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. A committee is working on plans for contributions and donations to help defray the cost of this replacement. More info will be provided as plans are developed.

Funding

Besides the money from fees, the Knights Golf Tournament provides funds to support the camp. In addition our council provides scholarship funds for 10 kids from Phoenix Children's Project and is discussing providing scholarships for kids from both our parishes. This will be discussed at our April Council Business Meeting. Other councils provide scholarships as well. We also get help from the State Raffle, PID monies, councils renting the camp and the State Christopher Fund.

MARKET ON THE MOVE UPDATE

This program is going well. Produce offered in March included 4 types of squash, yellow zucchini, roma tomatoes, cherry tomatoes and potatoes.

PSA DINNER

The annual PSA dinner is on April 22. Pick up your tickets ASAP.