

# Confirmation Conference

## Fired Up!

### Chaperone Guidelines



- Please say a prayer for the success of this day and for the safety of all involved.
- Please follow all rules that we ask the youth to follow. As with all youth ministry events, there is to be no use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Model the behavior we wish to see in the students (i.e. showing respect to everyone, active participation, staying in designated areas, being on time, using respectful language, etc.)
- During the conference please continually encourage and ensure that students to not only behave appropriately and follow rules, but also actively participate throughout the day.
- During the break period, it's important that all the areas have chaperones. Please be open to helping out. Be mindful of where youth are and help out by filling in where needed.
- During the celebration of the Mass, it's important that chaperones are sitting mixed among the teens, this will help keep order during the celebration. Please take a moment before attending to remind all people participating from your parish that although we are not in a Church we will be participating in Mass and silence is expected. Also, please remind the teens and chaperones what is the proper way to receive communion and that if they have not made their First Communion or are not in a proper disposition to receive, to please abstain from receiving communion and please ask for a blessing with their arms cross.
- Your example is CRITICAL. It's very important that you lead by example. Be a good listener. Fully participate in the day. Keep a positive attitude, no matter what happens. Sometimes it helps to remind students that they will get out of the day what they put into it and if they are open and actively participate, it can be not only a fun, but meaningful experience for them.
- Be gracious to our hosts and help out wherever possible. Make sure that our youth are supportive of their efforts. Make sure that our youth clean up after themselves. Know where your teens are at all times and make sure they stay on the property & follow the schedule. No youth or young adult should leave the grounds during the day or leave the designated areas for the conference.
- **Please do not hesitate to talk to a young person about their language, attitude, or behavior during the day whether or not they are in your group.** We are one Catholic community - let's work together to make sure EVERYONE has a good experience.