

# Q&A with Noah Gilchrist

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## Damascus

Catholic Youth Summer Camp

## Questions

### **What is the day-to-day like at Damascus?**

We arrive Sunday. From 12-2 there is an opening session. During this time, the teens are running around doing fun things. Then we have Sunday mass, dinner, and the club experience where there are fun skits and songs. Then they'll have a snack break, come back and have dramas, a talk, talk about the theme (there are 6 different themes).

Three out of the five nights include Adoration, there is Mass every day. Monday through Thursday in the morning there are two camps operating at the same time. Middle school teens and high school teens will have breakfast (though they never see each other), followed by a session on learning how to pray. They are at the lake in the morning, all morning up until lunch doing a lot of fun things and water sports and always in the evening there is dinner and the club experience. On Friday the parents come to pick them up, (or in our case, the bus will take us home). At our closing Mass, a bishop presides.

### **What is the difference between Catholic Youth Summer Camp and Damascus?**

Damascus is the umbrella in which everything falls. Catholic Youth Summer Camp has been around 20 years but Damascus is the corporation and has been around for 5 years.

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### **What are the dates?**

Sunday, July 9th - Friday, July 14th 2023

### **When do we need to know by? When do we need to have final counts?**

TBD the OMY office will finalize this information soon!

### **What is the cost for teens?**

\$570 per teen

### **Can ministers attend?**

Yes, for the same cost. There are 220 missionaries in Ohio. The ministers are there working, but the chaperone/missionary to student ratio is well-covered.

### **Can a parent attend?**

Parents can go if they are ministers.

### **Would our deacon be able to attend to assist in Liturgy?**

We can make it happen!

### **I have a pupil in college who may be interested in being a missionary. Where should I send them?**

<https://damascus.net/get-involved/missionary-program/>

### **Are ministers included in our 100 reserved spots?**

They are not. We can have 100 teens and up to 25 ministers attend.

## **Notes**

- **More information forthcoming!** We appreciate all of your patience while we iron out the last of the details for our July adventure to Damascus!
- Reach out to us at [phillyomy@archphila.org](mailto:phillyomy@archphila.org) with any questions.