

APPLICATION FOR HAPPENING

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____

Grade: _____ M _____ F _____

Birthday: _____

Church: _____

Priest Signature

Sponsor Signature

Youth Minister Signature

Baptized: Yes ___ No ___

Confirmed: Yes ___ No ___

I understand there is no use of alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, firearms, tobacco products, or cell phones at this event. If I choose to violate this standard I will be sent home immediately at my own expense.

Participants' Signature Date

If my child should require emergency medical care, I hereby authorize the adult staff to seek necessary treatment.

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

Policy # _____

Allergies: _____

Parent Signature Date

The Episcopal Church strictly prohibits sexual misconduct of any type by any ordained person or church worker (including volunteers). If you believe you have cause for complaint against any adult regarding sexual misconduct at this event, you are to notify Sarah Sartain at 205-715-2060, ext. 314 or Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley at 205-715-2060, ext. 303 at once.

Happening you prefer to attend:

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Make a check for \$20 payment to:

Happening In Alabama

c/o Lisa Beatty

PO Box 43677

Birmingham, AL 35243

A balance of \$20 is due at event.
Scholarship money is available. Please indicate your need on the form.

All applications must be received 3 weeks prior to the weekend!



HAPPENER APPLICATION

Happening # 51

November 2-4, 2007
St. Mary's, Birmingham

Happening # 52

March 7-9, 2008
St. Stephen's, Huntsville



WHY HAPPENING?

WHAT HAS CHRISTIANITY GOT TO DO WITH A TEENAGER'S WORLD TODAY?

HOW CAN THE CHURCH SPEAK TO TODAY'S YOUTH?

HAPPENING POINTS TO AN ANSWER....

HAPPENING is one of those things that must be experienced to be fully understood. During the three-day weekend, the participants spend time seriously considering the person and teaching of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding.

HAPPENING is not a new form of spirituality, nor is it just another weekend retreat. It is a personal encounter with the living Christ as expressed in the traditions of the Episcopal Church. Hopefully, those who attend a Happening will join those who have gone before them in their desire to serve the Church, to continue in their commitment to Christ and to look for further opportunities to share with others what they have lived and learned.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A Happening weekend begins on Friday afternoon with registration, dinner and orientation. That evening the theme of the weekend is developed through a series of keynote addresses presented by both youth on staff and priests for the weekend.

Please Listen to What I'm Not Saying and Reality are the first two talks. They invite the Happeners to begin to take off their "masks" and to open themselves to the Spiritual Reality of Christ, a reality that is permanent, reliable and sure, a firm foundation on which to build a secure life.

Spiritual Reality is found through ***Faith in Jesus Christ***, lived in a relationship of Prayer and nourished by the ***Church..*** The theme closes with the ***Apostolate*** talk, a call to act as Christian in the ***World***.

Throughout the weekend, Happeners work and play, sing, share, pray and worship. They are introduced to the sacramental life of the Episcopal Church. The weekend ends with Eucharist on Sunday afternoon.

PARTICIPANTS ARE NEVER ASKED TO SAY OR DO ANYTHING THAT WILL EMBARRASS THEM OR COMPROMISE THEIR PRINCIPLES.

This application will be maintained for two weekend dates if you fail to attend. After that, a new application must be submitted.

WHO ATTENDS?

The staff of a Happening is made up primarily of teenagers who lead the weekend and take care of the Happeners. The adults are logistical support; acting as cook, chaperones, or they may be attending as Happeners themselves. Priests are present on the weekend as Spiritual Directors, giving some of the addresses and serving as chaplains.

All meals and housing are provided by the host parish. Showers are arranged for the Happeners elsewhere during the weekend.

Any high school student in the 10th through 12th grade may attend Happening. A small number of adults are also allowed to attend as participants in the weekend. Adults who attend must be at least 21 and working in youth ministry.

Happening is not limited to Episcopalians, but the number of non-Episcopalians is restricted.

Each application must be signed by your **priest/minister and a sponsor** (someone who has attended either a Happening or Cursillo weekend).

The cost of **Happening is \$40**, half due with the application, the balance due on the weekend.