

TEEN

SEEDBEARERS 2024

WHERE: Montgomery City Middle School: Montgomery City, MO

COST: \$400.00 - \$200 Registration fee & \$200 Fundraised* **

DATES: Online Registration, release information, compliance form, 2 references for new applicants and payment: by *June 03, 2024*
Seedbearer Prep Day: *June 22*
Seedbearer Week: *July 21-27, 2024*

CHECKS: Made out to: *IMPACT YM*
Mailed to: Seedbearers
2 Seton Court
St. Charles, MO 63303

Online Registration can be found by going to <http://impactym.org>

** If you raise \$600 or more, we will refund your \$200 Registration Fee.*

*** Registration fees are not tax deductible, but fundraisers are tax deductible.*

CHECK LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application (Online) | <input type="checkbox"/> Money | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Reference Forms if you have never attended an IMPACT event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Release Form | <input type="checkbox"/> '18 and older' or 'under 18' form | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Insurance Card | | <input type="checkbox"/> PGC for 18 and older ONLY |



About Us:

Seedbearers is a week-long spiritual/work retreat, where we work on homes of people that cannot afford repairs. Seedbearers is made up of teens and adults primarily from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and partner parishes who volunteer their time. The goal is to reach out to others and minister to their needs, while spreading the Good News. There is no cost to the homeowner, and all the work, materials, and money to do this comes from donations.

Seedbearers is also a place where teens can grow spiritually and learn valuable life lessons. Teens are given the opportunity to be creative, to use their gifts and talents, lead prayer services, make decisions, work as a team, have fun, and be a part of a lifestyle that is different from their own.

Mission Statement:

Seedbearers has 3 main focus points. First, and foremost, our focus is on God; He is the reason for everything and obviously, the main reason for spreading the Good News. Second, our focus is on the teens; it is about empowering teens and getting them to know who Christ is. Our third focus is on community; the building up of community within the Seedbearer organization, as well as the build up in the community that we will be working within. Prayerful thought should be given before decisions are enacted.

Goals for Seedbearers:

- To grow and develop in the Catholic faith and in relationship to the Trinity through service, prayer and community
- To learn how to live as a community by sharing in domestic responsibilities, praying and playing together solving problems and making decisions as a group, and working as a team.
- To learn how to plan prayer services, to experience community prayer and sharing, and to learn how to develop liturgies for Mass
- To share one's life and talents with others, and to allow those being served to do likewise.
- To develop skills necessary to perform a variety of home repairs.



Guidelines for being a Seedbearer

- Returning Seedbearers must have previously demonstrated good responsibility, dependability, and judgment throughout the week
- Applicants must demonstrate behavior consistent with the Catholic faith and lifestyle
- Parents/Guardians and Applicants MUST attend a Parent/Teen Meeting
- Applicants must participate in fundraisers and service projects
- Applicants must attend the Overnighter and work site visit.
- Applicants must be at least incoming high school freshmen and no older than a recent high school graduate.
- Applications (Online Registration, release information, compliance form, 2 references for those new to IMPACT and payment) must be in by scheduled date

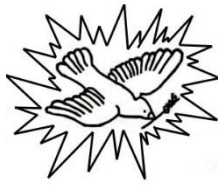
NOTE: Should special circumstances exist that prevent a prospective Seedbearer from meeting any of the above guidelines, the Seedbearer Core will review the situation and render a decision regarding the individual's participation in this year's Seedbearer Program

Selection of Seedbearers

- Complete 100% of the Application: Online Registration, release information, compliance form, 2 references (New applicants ONLY) and payment.
- Maximum Number of youth will be identified annually
- Youth Selection Priorities
 - Participation in IMPACT/ROCK
 - Church Ministries
 - New Members
 - First Come, First Served Basis

Waiting List Criteria

- The Applicant does not fit the criteria above
- The number of Applicants exceeds the number of attendees allowed
- The application submitted was not completed (including forms and payment)
- The application was not submitted before the cut-off dated



Rules for Seedbearers

- **Follow direction of the Core Team and Adult Leaders**
- **No Electronics:** Cell phones, CD players, iPods, radios, computers; electronic devices brought by teens will be collected initially and returned at the end of the week
- **No PDA:** Community is encouraged; cliques and couples are not
- **No ATF:** Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, Weapons, and Fireworks are not permitted
- **No forms of transportation:** Scooters, bikes, roller blades, skateboards, and vehicles are not permitted; Teens are not permitted to drive
- **Assigned Sleeping Arrangements:** No males in female areas and no females in male areas
- **Be respectful to one another:** Towards other teens, core members, adult leaders, board members, priests, homeowners, and everyone else
 - **Communicate:** Let adult leaders know where you are, including morning runs/walks
 - **Stay in Permitted Areas:** Leaving campus is not permitted, unless supervised
- **Have 100% Participation:** Being present and interactive in all activities
- **Be in compliance with Archdiocese Standards:**
 - **18 and older:** Have taken Protecting God's Children and have completed the background check
 - **Under 18:** Have completed the Minor Volunteer Form
- **Follow Moral and Ethical Standards:** in ways of dress code, language, attitude, expression, imagery, and communications
 - **WWJD:** A Christ-like attitude at all times is encouraged
 - **Obey the Dress Code:** Certain attire (including girl's short shorts, sports bras, bikini tops, halter tops, tube tops, and spaghetti strap tops, as well as, no shirts for the boys) is inappropriate during Seedbearers week, with the exception of swimming. Full-length tee shirts should be worn at all times.