



FAQ's about Love Begins Here 2021

- What is the schedule like?
In the face of a pandemic our overnight camps will now be day camps.
 - The day in the life of an LBH Missionary goes as follows:
 - Breakfast will be eaten at home.
 - Arrive to the host parish around 7:30-8:00am depending on the host parish Mass schedule.
 - Students may be in clean, conservative work clothes so they don't have to change clothes after Mass.
 - Participate in Mass and in the prayers lead by the Core Team after Mass.
 - Missionaries and their car groups will go out and serve from about 9:00am until 3:00 pm.
 - Box lunches will be provided each day.
 - Return to the host parish for a snack, praying the rosary, collatio and parish time.
 - One day of the week will be Adoration and Confession.
 - Students will leave to go home around 5:30 pm. Dinner will not be served.

- Are chaperones free?
 - Chaperones are free. We understand that they are giving up their time from work and their families. All that we ask is that the parishes reimburse them in some way for gas.

- Does our parish have to send an adult chaperone?
 - We will depend on our chaperones more than ever this year! If you have more than four students, we ask that the parish send a VIRTUS trained adult whether that be the youth minister, parent, or adult volunteer that can serve the entire time with the students.

- Can the students or adults leave throughout the week if they have commitments?
 - Love Begins Here is a mission experience. Just like you would not be able to leave if you went to an out of state mission, Love begins Here wants to emphasize how important it is to detach from the normal chaotic daily activity. We ask that all students and chaperones stay for each day of the experience.

- How do the groups get to the service sites?
 - A chaperone drives them in their car or van, so each student is paired with one chaperone and 2-3 other students in their car group. The car groups are encouraged to be family members or close friends. We will not be mixing the car groups due to COVID 19 guidelines.

- What age groups are able to attend?
 - Middle School Weeks are for those entering 7th, 8th, or 9th. In essence, middle school weeks are geared toward those who have experienced middle school for a year or more but have not entered high school.
 - High School weeks are for those entering 10th, 11th, 12th, or freshman year in college. In essence, high school weeks are geared toward those who have experienced high school before and have yet to experience college.

- What sort of work do the students do?
 - LBH emphasizes that students do small things with great love. Mother Teresa said that the world longs for love more than it longs for bread, so the emphasis is placed on the work, but also the time “visiting” with the people they serve. Students serve at a different service site each day, sometimes two in one day. Jobs include weeding, painting, lifting items, cleaning lawn furniture, raking, spreading mulch, trimming bushes, cleaning windows, and simple acts with great love for those in the community.

- Will students see the people they serve?
 - We put a large emphasis on students meeting with the people they serve so that they can make the connection between the small actions and the people who benefit. This year, however, we will need to do this with social distancing in mind and be creative in connecting with people while they are indoors and we are outdoors. We try our best to pair groups with different types of service such as individuals’ homes or community organizations so that they are able to experience different types of people and service.

- Where do we stay?
 - Students will be going home each night.

- What does LBH programming look like?
 - Each year, Love Begins Here focuses on a theme. Short talks given by the LBH young adult Core Team are based on this theme. Each day there will be a talk, parish discussion time, and collatio.
 - One day there is adoration and confession with alternating praise and worship and silent time.

- How much does it cost?
 - The middle school mission trips cost \$150/week.
 - The high school mission trips cost \$175/week

- What if one of my students can’t make the week I am promoting, but wants to go on a different week?
 - We are limiting travel to the host parish to 15 minutes due to COVID 19 guidelines.
 - If there is another host parish within 15 minutes, students are welcome to join them. We call those missionaries “lost sheep”.
 - We encourage that parents of these students reach out to the LBH Coordinator due to this special circumstance to see what the Coordinator advises. We want to encourage a communal mission experience that can be built upon after the summer, so we do encourage individual missionaries to partner with a group already scheduled to attend. **If that is not possible, we encourage these students to secure their own chaperone.** We want to make sure we have enough transportation for everyone and unfortunately, our LBH staff is not extensive enough to transport students to and from work sites.

- Can I be a host site for next year?
 - If you are interested in being a host site for Summer 2022 (We have sites already secured for 2021), please email our Love Begins Here team at lterrien@qbdioc.org Be sure to include your parish and if you are interested in a high school or middle school week.