THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA
Application for 2017 5th Grade Bridge Retreat Design Team

Application Deadline: Feb. 24, 2017

As someone who has attended youth retreats at Gravatt, have you ever wanted to be part of the leadership team who puts together those events?

If so, we invite you to apply to be on the design team for our 5th Grade Retreat. The retreat will be Saturday, May 20 – Sunday, May 21. Design team members must be able to attend the full weekend as well as two design team meetings at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Clinton, SC. The first meeting is Sunday, March 26, 2- 4 pm. The second meeting is Saturday, April 22, 10 am - noon.

The design team will be made up of young people and adults from throughout the diocese. It is a great stepping stone for those who are interested in serving on DYLC in the future. Design Team members will design all aspects of the weekend from the schedule, worship, talks, games, free time, etc. Design Team members will be expected to work between meetings by preparing talks, small group questions, small group assignments, cruising schedule, cabin assignments, etc. Design Team members also agree to be role models throughout the weekend and to abide by the Community Covenant.

The objective of the 5th Grade Bridge Retreat is to give 5th graders a Gravatt experience before they enter youth group. The retreat will allow them to experience a shorter version of a youth retreat with children their own age. The transition from 5th to 6th grade is often a time filled with excitement and anxiety. The trait that most accurately zeros in on fifth-graders' identity is that they're "inbetweeners." Even at church, fifth-graders often feel as if they don't belong. Many think they're too old for Sunday school but are intimidated by junior high kids. This retreat provides a safe environment to meet others who are experiencing the same feelings while experiencing Christ's presence in the community and opening their eyes to Christ's presence in and around them.

To apply to be on staff, complete the 2-page application and return to:

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Please Print

Name _____
Last First Middle

Gender _____ Grade (2016-2017 School Yr.) _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (H) _____ Phone (cell)_____

Congregation _____ City _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____ Parent/Guardian Cell _____

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Name _____
Last First Middle

Questions to be answered by the applicant (*Please use the back of this paper if you need more space.)*

1. How are you serving in your local congregation?

2. If another youth asked, "Who is Jesus and why does he matter?" how would you respond?

3. What do you remember most about making the move from 5th to 6th grade?

4. How will you be able to serve those who are planning to attend this retreat?

5. What do you know now that you wish you knew in 5th grade?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____
(Signifies your understanding of the above commitments in time and responsibility)

Signature of Parent(s) _____ Date _____
(Signifies that they understand your commitment and theirs – time, transportation, etc.)

Signature of Youth Minister / Priest / Sr. Warden _____ Date _____
(Signifies that you recommend the applicant as a design team member.)