



NEW ORLEANS
June 2-8 (Young Adults) | June 5-9 (Teens)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(1) Why do young adults arrive to ECHO first and teens later?

Young adults first take time diving into community together, getting to know each other, unpacking the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body together, and relating it to their lives prior to the teens' arrival. It's a time for them to simply receive together. On Monday when the teens arrive, young adults then begin to give away what they have received by serving on various teams throughout the rest of the retreat. It's an awesome experience where they learn more deeply that we find ourselves in making a sincere gift of ourselves!

(2) How old do you have to be to attend the young adult part of the camp?

To attend the camp as a young adult, you must be at least one year out of high school.

(3) How old do you have to be to attend the teen part of the camp?

This camp is open to teenagers who will be entering their junior year of high school in Fall 2017 through graduating high school seniors.

(4) If I am a young adult, can I just come for the weekend?

While we certainly encourage you to stay the whole time, we know that previous commitments like work, school, and family are very important. Therefore, we do allow young adults to attend only the young adult portion Friday through Sunday night. However, we are unable to offer a discount for only attending the weekend. If you desire the weekend option, please select the Young Adult (Weekend) option when you enroll.

(5) How do I register for Echo?

You can apply for ECHO by clicking on the "Apply for ECHO" button under the information for ECHO New Orleans on our website. This will lead you to our Camp Registration system called "Campsite."

(6) What is Campsite?

Campsite is our online registration program. It will give you step-by-step directions on the application process, a way to upload and complete forms, and even allows you to pay online and enroll in a payment plan. Plus, you can even add a photo of yourself so we can put a face to a name before you even arrive to ECHO!

(7) What are the different payment options and how much is due when I register?

During the initial application, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required. This is to hold your spot at Echo New Orleans. You may pay this deposit via credit card or by mailing in cash or check payment to the Dumb Ox Office.

Credit Card payments can be made directly through Campsite during registration. You may elect to pay the full amount or only the deposit at this time. **You may also elect to enroll in auto-draft!** With this option, your remaining balance will be automatically processed on **Friday, May 20th, 2016.**

Cash/Check payments can be mailed to the Dumb Ox Office at any time. On the Payment page during registration, please select "Cash/Check" as your payment option. **If mailing in your deposit,**

your registration will not be approved through Campsite and your space will not be held until we have received your deposit. Deposits are to be received to the Dumb Ox Office no later than one week after registration. Please make checks payable to "Dumb Ox Ministries" and include the participant's name in the memo line and mail to:

Dumb Ox Ministries
c/o Cortney Robert
1000 Howard Ave, Ninth Floor
New Orleans, LA 70113

The remaining balance due Friday, May 19th, 2017 (for those not enrolled in Payment Plan). If you only pay the deposit (via Credit card, cash, or check) during registration, you will be **invoiced** with your remaining balance on **Monday, May 15th**. You may pay via Credit Card toward your balance at anytime before **Friday, May 19th** by logging in to Campsite and selecting the "Financial" tab.

Payment Plan: During your registration on Campsite, you can elect to enroll in our Monthly Payment Plan by selecting the "Echo Payment Plan" payment schedule. By enrolling in this payment plan you **must pay using a credit card and enroll in auto payments**. Your credit card will be automatically charged on the 15th of every month (unless it falls on a weekend in which case, the next business day) until the **final payment on Monday, October 16th, 2017**.

(8) What kind of financial aid is available?

Financial Aid is available in 3 ways for ECHO New Orleans.

1. Monthly Payment Plan. During your registration on Campsite, you can elect to enroll in our monthly Payment Plan.

By enrolling in this payment plan you agree to pay using a credit card and auto draft payments. Your credit card will be automatically charged on the 15th of every month (unless it falls on a weekend in which case, the next business day) until the **final payment on Monday, October 16th, 2017**.

2. Sponsorship and donations. Once you have been accepted to Echo, you will receive a welcome packet which will include a pre-written sponsor letter (pg. 3) for you to personalize and send out to family and friends that explains Echo. They can then send in a donation (via Credit Card, cash, or check) to the Dumb Ox office that will go toward your registration balance.

3. Scholarships. Typical Echo scholarships range normally from \$50-100 if granted and are considered in the order in which they are received. To apply for a scholarship, please email echocamp@dumboxministries.com **after** you have been accepted to Echo New Orleans. Please know that we wish we could help everyone, but our scholarship fund is limited. Therefore we encourage you to also take advantage of our Monthly Payment Plan as well as our Sponsorship Letter.

For those who are international who desire to attend ECHO, please consider applying for a special scholarship called the ECHO International Scholarship Fund. All of the information for this can be found on our website at www.dumboxministries.com/echo.

(9) What if I need to cancel my registration?

A non-refundable deposit of 1/4 the total registration fee (\$100) is to be paid at the time of registration via credit card or by cash/check, which is to be received into the Dumb Ox office by mail within **one week after enrollment**. Your registration will not be processed and your space will not be held until we have received this deposit.

If an event arises that the participant is no longer able to come to Echo New Orleans, they must inform the Dumb Ox staff by phone call (504-304-1280) or email (echocamp@dumboxministries.com) as soon as possible.

If a cancellation occurs **more than 10 business days before the retreat/event (before Friday, May 19th)**, any amount that has been paid (excluding completed background check fee) above the deposit will be refunded.

Any cancellations occurring less than 10 business days before the retreat/event date (after Friday, May 19th), the full registration balance is still due.

(10) If I am a 18 years of age when I attend Echo, do I need Safe Environment Training?

Yes! If you will be 18 years old or older at the time of Echo New Orleans (June 2nd-8th) you will need to provide proof of Safe Environment and proof of background check. **Please do this as soon as possible!**

As per the Archdiocese of New Orleans policy, any person, 18 years or older who will be attending an event with minors present for any period of time, you must be Safe Environment Certified. You either need to attend a course or provide proof of completion and background check which shows that you are in compliance to your own Diocese's standard. Certification and background checks are to be renewed every three (3) years.

Proof of Safe Environment Training and completed background check is to be uploaded to Campsite no later than Friday, May 19th, 2017.

An informational PDF explaining Safe Environment and the procedure to upload proof of Safe Environment to Campsite is available on the "Forms" tab of Campsite which can be accessed after enrollment.

(11) I would like to serve as a Young Adult, do I need any letters of recommendations?

Yes! In order to serve at Echo New Orleans as a young adult when the teens arrive, you will need one (1) Recommendation. This **will not** be an actual letter; it is an online form.

The form can be completed online in less than 10 minutes by clicking the "Young Adult Recommendation" button under Echo New Orleans on our Echo website <http://www.dumboxministries.com/echo>

This is one of our staff's favorite elements of the registration process. This allows us to get to know our Young adults better in order to put them in the best place of service during the week.

(12) What if I am coming from out of state? Is an airport shuttle provided?

Yes! Once you register for ECHO on Campsite, you will see a travel form that gives you all the information you need to book your flights accordingly to get access to our shuttle. We will be running shuttles to and from Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY). We are unable to provide overnight accommodations before or after the camp, so please make your travel plans accordingly.

If you are flying and want to utilize the shuttle, please book your flights in and out of (MSY) within the following times:

For Young Adults who are coming only for the weekend (June 2-5):

Arrive at MSY *no later* than 1:00 pm on Friday, June 2nd
Depart MSY *no earlier* than 12:00 pm (NOON) on Monday, June 5th

For Young Adults who are attending the entire camp (June 2-8):

Arrive at MSY *no later* than 1:00 pm on Friday, June 2nd
Depart MSY *no earlier* than 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 8th

For Teens attending the camp (June 5-8):

Arrive at MSY *no later* than 1:00 pm on Monday, June 5th

Depart MSY *no earlier* than 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 8th

All of this information will be found on your TRAVEL FORM on Campsite once you are registered. Here you can opt in to the shuttle and enter your flight information.

(13) What if I want to bring a group?

We do not offer a typical group registration or group rate like you might see at other conferences or retreats. However, we do encourage individual teens or young adults from a parish or group to sign up if they would like to experience ECHO together. We do our best to create a cohesive unity among all the participants, so we cannot guarantee that individuals from the same parish or group will be in the same family group (small group). However, during the camp there is free time to meet in a group and talk about your experiences!

(14) Who do I contact if I have more questions?

You can contact Adam Fuselier, the Director of ECHO, at echocamp@dumboxministries.com with any questions or concerns. For questions about Campsite or the registration process, you can contact Cortney Robert at cortney@dumboxministries.com. You can also chat with anyone in our office during normal business hours at (504) 304-1280.