

Young Adult's Pilgrimage to Taizé 2009

If you are interested in coming on the trip to Taizé from **25th -3rd August 2009** here is some practical information:

The Daily Programme

8.30am	Morning prayer, then breakfast
10.00am	Introduction to the day with a brother of the community
11.00am	International Groups
12.20pm	Midday prayer, then lunch
2.00pm	Optional music practice
3.30pm	Practical work / small group discussion
5.15pm	Snack followed by meetings by country or theme
7.00pm	Supper
8.30pm	Evening prayer, then vigil in church or free time

Accommodation & Food

Accommodation is simple. We usually take our own tents and pitch them together. The food is basic, although we can buy extra stuff like burgers, crepes, hot dogs, biscuits, drinks etc at 'Oyak' a non-profit making shop open at limited times each day (Vegetarian options are very limited).

There are washing blocks which are pretty basic but sufficient. There is usually enough warm water for showers.

The community at Taizé is dependent upon the visitors helping with the day to day running of the place. For this reason each group, on arrival, is given a responsibility to carry out throughout the week. This may involve things like helping preparing or serving meals, washing up, cleaning the church etc. *It is important that we are committed to this.*

Getting There

We will be travelling with the Skyliners Coach Company (Tel. 02476 325 682) who have been doing these trips for many years. We will leave from near the Rotunda in Birmingham City Centre at 1.45pm on Saturday 22nd July and return at about 8.30am on Monday 31st July. The journey will take about 19 hours.

Costs – including travel and a contribution towards food and accomodation

16 – 24yrs £160

Insurance (approx) £16

What to bring, what not to bring!

- Clothes: It's important to bear in mind that the weather can be varied and the nights cold. It can also be very hot so bring sun cream. T-shirts and shorts are OK but not beach wear!
- Sleeping bag and mat. A pillow is also useful!
- Valuables: can be kept locked in a safe. Things do go 'missing' occasionally, and so care must be taken. Alcohol: is not allowed in Taize (except in Oyak, where small amounts can be bought) and will be confiscated until the end of the week if found .

- Gas Lamps: campers are not permitted to use anything with gas or liquid fuel. They are very strict about this.
- It would be wise to bring some extra cash, as there is an excellent, although dangerously tempting shop. Pottery (made by the Community), cards, music, posters, books, videos, etc may be bought.
- Compulsory-Documents needed for medical insurance (E111 for EU residents) and don't forget your passport. (E111 can be obtained from your post office)
- Musicians: bring wind instruments, 'cellos, classical guitars for the weekly music workshop and (for some) to play during weekend services.
- Your Bible, some paper and a pen.

Preparation

There will be an opportunity to meet other young adults in our group on Thursday 6th July at Our Lady & All Saints Church, Stourbridge at 7pm

Booking

If you would like to be in the group going to Taizé this year, then please complete the enclosed forms and return them to me together with a **£50 deposit** by **30th April to Claire Swaffield, BCYS, 13 New Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1PQ**. The remainder must be paid by **30th June 2009**. Cheques should be made payable to BCYS (Birmingham Catholic Youth Service)

A Parents' Consent Form will also be required for all Young Adults under 18 years of age.

Please feel free to contact either me on 01384 444788/07854826716 or claire.Swaffield@bcys.co.uk if you want any more information.

Thank you very much.

Booking Form - YOUNG ADULTS' PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ 2009

Name

Address

Phone No:

Date of birth:

Your Church:

(optional)

Special dietary requirements

Special medical requirements

Name and Address of a person who could be contacted if necessary while away:

Name
Address
Phone Number

Amount enclosed: £
Balance to be paid: £

Signed.....

Printed name Date

Consent

I am happy for photographs of my child to be used in displays publicising the Pilgrimage.
Yes No

Name of Parent/ Guardian

Contact Details
(if different from above)

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE WWW.BCYS.CO.UK
For further information please contact Claire Swaffield 01384 444788/ 07854826716
Return completed forms with deposits to BCYS Youth Office, Our Lady & All Saints, 13
New Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1PQ by 30th April 2009

