

# Sample Summer Season

*Here's how the summer season might look:*

Nongathered and Connections	Youth Gatherings
<p><b>What the Church is celebrating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pentecost</li> </ul> <p><b>Holiday connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independence Day (July 4)</li> </ul> <p><b>School connections:</b></p> <p><b>Family connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send season-at-a-glance youth ministry schedule to parents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post bulletin updates and announcements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth outreach:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host graduation party for eighth graders; invite them to summer youth ministry programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Service opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take service-learning trip to Mexico.</li> </ul>	<p><b>June</b></p> <p><b>Weekly meetings (Wednesday)</b></p> <p>Week 1: "Music and Me" (<i>Community Life</i>)</p> <p>Week 2: Open-gym night: volleyball</p> <p>Week 3: A day at the lake or beach</p> <p>Week 4: Service project: Community cleanup day</p> <p>Week 5: Movie night (theme: friendship): <i>Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring</i> (PG-13)</p> <p><b>Special gatherings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Softball game and picnic with incoming ninth graders</li> <li>• Leadership development: "Jesus on Leadership" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>July</b></p> <p><b>Weekly meetings (Wednesday)</b></p> <p>Week 1: "Catholic and American" (<i>Community Life</i>)</p> <p>Week 2: Open-gym night: Night games outdoors</p> <p>Week 3: Night hike and star-gazing</p> <p>Week 4: Service project: Yard cleanup for older parish-ioners</p> <p>Week 5: Movie night (theme: family relationships): <i>Finding Nemo</i> (G)</p> <p><b>Special gatherings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping trip</li> <li>• Leadership development: "Unexpected Leaders of the Bible" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>August</b></p> <p><b>Weekly meetings (Wednesday)</b></p> <p>Week 1: "Peer Mentors for New Members: Guardian Angel Program (GAP)" (<i>Community Life</i>)</p> <p>Week 2: Open-gym night: Relay games</p> <p>Week 3: Cook-out at the lake or the beach</p> <p>Week 4: Service project: Help out at food pantry</p> <p>Week 5: Movie night (theme: serving others): <i>Men in Black 2</i> (PG-13) or <i>Maid in Manhattan</i> (PG-13)</p> <p><b>Special gatherings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach trip</li> <li>• Leadership development: "Skills—Attentive Listening, Reflective Listening, Effective Meeting, and Planning" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)</li> </ul>