

**SCCYM**  
**The A-Team (Adult Core Team)**

Thank you for choosing to be a part of Santa Clara Chapel's Youth Ministry Adult Core Team 2016-2017!  
I am honored that you would consider being on the A-Team. I pray that God will continue to bless you  
and keep your heart and mind fixed on Christ!

**What is the A-Team?**

Besides being the Best of the Best! the A-Team is an adult ministry here at Santa Clara Chapel focused on leading teens closer to Christ. It is in response to your Baptism, that all are called to serve Christ in one way or another. Adult Core Team is one of the ways you can serve Him here at our parish. The Adult Core Team oversees the Teens For Christ Team (TFC) that plans and leads the many apostolates we have for Middle and High School youth in our parish. As an Adult Core Team member, you are my eyes and ears where I cannot always be as youth director. I do my best to help minister to the teens, but frankly I'm just the Director. I need field agents who can be on the ground with the teens helping to form them, guide them, and be the...well, adult in the room. By joining the A-Team you are agreeing to all the expectations we have for Adult Core Team members, which will be outlined below.

Next step: fill out the application below and submit to [deanna@santaclaraparish.org](mailto:deanna@santaclaraparish.org) or by dropping off in person to the Chapel main office or San Jose building between 11:30a.m.-5:30p.m. M-F.

After that: please plan on attending the Core Team Training Sessions beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Each training session we will address issues that may be occurring with the youth, as well as educate you on how to lead so you can be at your level best each Edge/Life Night! Therefore, it is extremely important that you are present! Please note: you will be attending the same trainings as our TFC members, so please come prepared and ready to serve (and help guide the TFC if necessary)!

Trainings: August 20, 9a.m.-12noon in Santa Maria 2

August 27, 9a.m.-12noon in Santa Maria 2 (alt. - come if you cannot attend Aug. 20th)

Oct. 22, 1-4 p.m. - San Jose 2 and Chapel (no alternate training)

Jan 14, 1-4 p.m. - San Jose 2 and Chapel (no alternate training)

In Christ,

DeAnna Parks

## A-Team Application

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a Teen who will be participating in Edge or Life Teen? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who? What grade? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you VIRTUS trained? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

As being a member of the A-Team, I certify that I am over the age of 18 and I am in right sound mind and overall health to participate in all SCC Youth Ministry events. I also certify that I am a practicing Catholic and I am in good standing with the Catholic Church. In consideration of my participation, I agree to indemnify Santa Clara Chapel and/or other participating parishes, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, CA from any claims or law suits brought by myself, my child (if applicable), or others, that arise out of any behavior by me at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by Santa Clara Chapel, other participating parishes, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in defense of such a claim/suit. I agree to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to any event I have agreed to attend and stay until all work is done. I agree that I am responsible for my own conduct and actions. The event sponsor is not responsible for any injury or damage incurred or caused by me. I understand that I am required to comply with all VIRTUS Child Safety requirements as well as the Code of Conduct provided by Santa Clara Chapel, other participating parishes, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles while participating in the event. I understand that if I violate the Code of Conduct or the VIRTUS child safety requirements I may be required to leave the premises at my own expense, as well as proper authorities to be alerted, depending on the severity of the circumstances. I also give permission for video, pictures, or other images of me to be used for promotional videos, flyers or other materials related to Santa Clara Chapel and other participating parishes youth programs.

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A-Team Member Signature

Date

## CODE OF CONDUCT

**The following are a few rules that all members of the A-Team are expected to follow while participating with and representing Santa Clara Chapel and other participating parishes.**

☒ Treat all other persons with respect and not cause any intentional harm (physically, emotionally, or spiritually) to any person in any way.

☒ Respect the property of others, including all program facilities and property.

☒ Follow all appropriate instructions given by the Youth Director, Pastor, or other support staff and church administration.

☒ Be on time for all A-Team meetings and events you are leading.

☒ Not have in my possession any tobacco, alcohol or any controlled illegal substance while in the presence of youth and/or while on the premises of Santa Clara Chapel.

☒ Does not participate in, nor allow for, Bullying as defined below:

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, talking behind the victims back, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, intentionally ignoring and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

I agree that if any of these terms are violated at Santa Clara Chapel and other participating parishes, SCC Youth Ministry will remove me from the A-Team.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read the above statement and agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

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A-Team Member Signature

Date

## COMMUNICATION

Communication is essential for the success of our Adult Core Ministry team. As you know, schedules can change, and it is important to be able to get in touch with all of our A-Team members as quickly and conveniently as possible. In order to do this, we use a variety of tools for communication: Remind texts, Cell Phone, Email, and Home phone. The primary means of communicating to the entire A-Team and TFC Leadership team as a group is through Remind Texts. All A-Team members are invited to join this group. I will send out instructions for registering with Remind via email after the first Core Team Training Meeting on Saturday, August 20th. The secondary means is through email. Please ensure you have given us the correct contact information so that we can have the best communication with you.

- I grant permission for SCC Youth Ministry to communicate with me via my Cell Phone, either Calling or Texting.
  
- I grant permission for SCC Youth Ministry to communicate with me through E-mail.

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A-Team Member Signature

Date

## **A-Team Questionnaire**

Please answer in detail these questions: It is best to say a prayer to the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother asking to be with you before you answer the questions.

**1. Please share with us some ways you have shared your faith or served the Church over the past year here at Santa Clara Chapel? \***

**2. Describe how your prayer life is. Include when and how you pray and what spiritual resources you may be using to deepen your faith. \***

**3. At this time, what are some areas of your life that the Lord is still working on?  
(I.E. WHAT DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH) \***

**4. Describe 2 strengths/gifts you possess in relating positively with others. Please give examples of how you can use these strengths this year on The A-Team? \***

**5. Why do you want to be a part of the A-Team 2016-2017? \***

**6. Please describe how you have brought/ and can bring Christ more into your daily life, evening classes, work, family, friends, sports, and extracurricular activities? \***

**7. What are some goals you have for yourself on The A-Team this year? \***

**8. If applicable, how do your kids feel about you being on the Adult Core Ministry Team? How does your spouse/significant other feel?**

**9. Please describe how the A-Team will fit into your busy life?**

**10. In what ways do you see God using you to minister to our parish? \***

## Ministry Preferences

During the year there are many ways that the TFC Leadership team goes above and beyond their regular duties and steps out to bring the Gospel message to the Santa Clara Chapel youth in a more profound way. As being a member of the A-team, you may be asked to help supervise TFC members as they serve in these capacities.

**Please check the box of areas you would be interested in helping to supervise and/or lead:**

- Donuts after Sunday mass
- Extreme Faith Camp (Summer 2016)
- Teaching Confirmation Classes (on Wednesdays)
- Confirmation Retreats
- Youth Ministry Retreats

**Please check the box of the areas that you are interested in sharing your gifts for normal youth events:**

- Writing dramas or skits and/or acting in them
- Praise and Worship band
- Emcee
- Talks or Testimony
- Technology/ Sound
- Organization and planning

For every Life or Edge Night, we will meet at least 30 minutes prior to starting to discuss the night in brief and make sure all is set to go. We also meet after each Life/Edge night to discuss how the evening went, what we can work on for next time, and who will be leading what for the following Life/Edge night. Your regular time commitment would be from 5:30-8:30p.m. on each given Life/Edge night. To prevent having to meet for any longer than that, we ask that you come prepared each and every Life/Edge night.

I agree to the above statement.

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A-Team Member Signature

Date