

Girls and Moms, Have you heard about Challenge Club?

Our group will be starting its eighth year at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and we would love for you to join us! My name is Elizabeth Boatner, and I am the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Challenge Club Coordinator this year. I have two beautiful and faith-filled ladies also helping me out this year. Laura DelSignore will handle the finances for Challenge and Dawn Johnston will be the “apostolic” mom, who will be in charge of service project ideas. We are excited to start another year at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

What is Challenge Club?

Challenge Club is an International Catholic girls club for girls in 4th-8th grade. In Challenge Club, girls will grow in virtue, friendship, and their Catholic faith. It’s a place for girls to learn about themselves by doing Apostolic projects and creating a positive impact on family, friends, their parish, and the world.

Challenge Jr. is new this year and is for 2nd and 3rd grade girls. It is centered on 5 virtues and saints each year. Each virtue has its own curriculum series. Girls will complete each virtue series through a combination of games, crafts, prayer, talks and much more.

Who leads Challenge Club?

The program’s important Catholic formation is overseen by the consecrated women of Regnum Christi, who have dedicated their lives to Christ through promises of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The mission of the consecrated is focused on forming the youth of today to be convicted Catholics who can make a difference in the world, and the Challenge Club is one way of doing this. The meetings are led by Catholic, high school aged Team Leaders along with a Team Mom who is there as a mentor. Our Team Leaders receive monthly training and formation from the Consecrated to carry out their role as a leader and role model for the Challenge girls.

What kind of activities will the girls do in Challenge Club?

There are so many fun, inspiring and faith building activities that our girls will get to do in Challenge. The meetings consist of team time, a Gospel reflection, training in a particular aspect of our Catholic faith, and time to put everything into practice through a monthly service project in our community. Challenge also offers other activities throughout the year, such as a weekend retreat for the girls, a mother-daughter retreat, and a daddy-daughter game day. The girls also have the chance to receive spiritual guidance with the Consecrated, an opportunity for one on one mentoring for personal growth in virtue. Overall, they will continually be learning how to be a good friend of Christ and others, and how to be a strong Catholic girl in today’s world.

What can I do as a parent?

As parents of the Challenge girls, we play a key role in the functioning of the club. We have a team of volunteer parents that help to facilitate the activities and service projects, organize the finances, work with our Team Leaders and keep the club running smoothly. The moms play a huge part in this great club, in fact, we want everyone involved to the best of their ability. Please let us know if you are being called to be a Team Mom. What a great and special way to be helping your daughter be the best Catholic Christian that she can be!! There are many ways that parents can be involved; just don't hesitate to ask. Any mom who is willing and able is more than welcome to help.

When does Challenge Club meet?

Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 in the PCC Building (Faith and Formation Building).

Would you like to join?

There will be an envelope at the school front desk until Friday, September 8th, for collection of forms and payment. The payment is \$150. Please make checks payable to "RC Activities, INC." . The complete registration form is attached. During this registration period we will be arranging team assignments based on your daughter's grade level.

Our annual Challenge Club kick-off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, at 4:30-5:30 in the PCC Building. This is an informal meeting when our returning and new Challenge girls can meet our Consecrated and their Team Leaders/Team Mom. They will also get to meet the other girls on their team and hear an overview of the fun and rewarding projects they will complete for the year!



Challenge Girl Code of Conduct

As a Challenge girl I know I am becoming a Catholic Role Model for other girls and my goal is to have an Apostolic heart for others and grow my love for Jesus. In order to do so, I will focus on being the best I can be by following the Challenge

Girl Code of Conduct.

- I will speak respectfully to my Team Leaders and Team Mom
- I will listen when others are speaking and give them my full attention
- I will be compassionate for my fellow Challenge team mates and include everyone as a friend as Jesus would do
- I will not engage in gossip, mean spirited talk or exclude my fellow Challenge friends during meetings
- I will not bring food or drinks into the club meeting unless it is a designated snack day by my Team Leader/Team Mom
- I will not bring electronic devices (such as ITouches/Phones/Nintendo DS) into club meetings or on Apostolic Project or trips as I know it is distracting to the meeting and others
- I will not leave the meeting area unless accompanied by my Team Leader or Team Mom

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES
2017-2018
MISSION NETWORK ACTIVITIES USA, INC.**

1. **CHILD'S NAME:** _____ **CHILD'S BIRTHDATE:** _____ **GRADE IN SCHOOL:** _____
2. **NATURE AND DURATION OF ACTIVITIES:** Challenge Club Meetings at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and Apostolic Projects off campus.
3. **ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR(S):** Elizabeth Boatner, Dawn Johnston, Laura delSignore
4. **TRANSPORTATION:** Not Applicable. Participants are responsible for securing their own transportation to and from activities, as the company does not provide transportation.
5. **MENTORING:** Participants may be offered mentoring, which is intended to help young people personalize the principles of Christian living that they receive at home and in club activities. Mentoring involves a private conversation with an adult conducted in plain view of others. When dealing with adolescents, confidentiality will be maintained to foster openness of dialogue, but situations involving sexual abuse of a minor or threats to life or physical health will be reported to the appropriate authority and to the parents (except in those cases where the parent may be the alleged abuser).
6. **REQUIREMENTS:** The child named above is in good health and has no physical or medical limitations that would cause the activities as described above to be detrimental or dangerous to the child. Parents/guardians should specify allergies and medical problems in section 9 below.
7. **CONSENT:** I/We hereby consent to the above-named child's participation in the activities described above including mentoring, and specifically request that she be allowed to participate in those activities. I/We warrant that I/We have full authority to legally consent to her participation in the activities described on this form, and all provisions contained herein.
8. **AUTHORIZATION:** I/We hereby authorize Mission Network Activities USA, Inc. to use the image and likeness of my/our child in photograph or video form whether taken by or commissioned by Mission Network Activities USA, Inc. in its promotional materials and for its promotional purposes associated with its nonprofit activities. This authorization shall extend to use of my/our child's image and likeness on the website of Mission Network Activities USA, Inc., or its successor in operation or affiliated organization(s) upon written consent of Mission Network Activities USA, Inc. I/We understand that this authorization shall survive the end of my/our child's participation in the activities referenced on this form.
9. **INSURANCE:** I/We understand that Mission Network Activities USA, Inc.(RC Activities,Inc.) does not carry any health insurance relative to the activities or for any injury that may occur to the above-named child. I/We represent that the child is (a) covered by insurance through my/our own

insurance carrier; or (b) that I/We am/are personally financially responsible for any and all medical costs incurred as a result of the child's injury.

10. **EMERGENCIES:** If the above-named child requires any emergency medical procedures or treatments during the activities, I/We consent to the activity supervisor(s) taking, arranging for or consenting to such procedures or treatments in the discretion of the activity supervisor(s). For purposes of such procedures and treatments, my/our child's blood type allergies or other medical problems (if any) are listed below:

Blood Type: _____ Allergies / Medical Problems: _____

11. **EMERGENCY CONTACTS:** If, in the event of a medical or other emergency, I/We am/are unable to be reached by telephone at the numbers listed below, I/We authorize the activity supervisor(s) to attempt to contact me/us through the alternative emergency contacts listed below.

Parents/ Guardians Contact Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Alternative Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

12. **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** I/We release and waive, and further agree to indemnify, hold harmless or reimburse Mission Network Activities USA, Inc. and Consolidated Catholic Administrative Services, Inc., the individual members, agents, directors, officers, employees, volunteers and representatives thereof, as well as activity supervisors, from and against, any claim which I, any other parent or guardian, any sibling, the above-named child, or any other person, firm or corporation may have or claim to have, known or unknown, directly or indirectly, for any losses (including attorneys' fees incurred by Mission Network Activities USA, Inc. and Consolidated Catholic Administrative Services, Inc., or any of its individual employees, agents, volunteers, etc. in enforcing this indemnity provision) without limitation in time or amount, damages or injuries arising out of, during, or in connection with my/our child's participation in the activities, the travel to and there from, and the rendering of emergency medical procedures or treatment, if any. I/We understand that this release and indemnification shall survive the end of my/our child's participation in the activities referenced on this form and shall have no limitation in time or amount.

I/We have read and understand the above and agree to all terms and conditions contained therein.

DATE: _____

_____ Parent / Guardian Name Parent

/ Guardian Name

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