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**ACT SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS  
RETURN FOR SUMMER FUN AT THE CATHEDRAL**



(March X, 2023 – New York, NY) – For more than 50 years, **Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT)**, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine’s preschool, afterschool, school break camp, and summer program for youths ranging from toddlers to teens, has kept kids engaged, active and socially connected. ACT provides thousands of children from diverse backgrounds with a unique experience that sets them on a path of success. With the warmer months and school vacations quickly approaching, ACT is proud to offer families a wide variety of nurturing, creative, and educational summer camp options, all held on the expansive grounds of **the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street)** from June 26 through August 25, 2023.

Over the past five decades, families around New York City have relied on ACT for trustworthy, safe, age-appropriate childcare and adventurous summer fun. For 2023,



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ACT offers a wide variety of arts, environmental science, sports, and collaborative activities through the 9 weeks of summer camp sessions. The activities include creative crafts, water rides, outdoor games, and much more. All the camp sessions make full use of the Cathedral's expansive grounds, comprising lush green gardens and playgrounds perfect for spurring kids' imaginations.

Social Emotional, team-building fun activities and safety are primary focuses for ACT's current season, particularly as the city continues to recover from the COVID pandemic. Families can rest assured that their children will remain safe and protected while having access to all of the ACT-ivities. With affordable fees and outreach to underserved communities, ACT is able to make safe summer adventures available to kids and families throughout New York City.

For more information on all of ACT's summer camp opportunities and year-round programs, visit [stjohndivine.org/education/act](http://stjohndivine.org/education/act).

**About Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT)**

Founded in 1971, ACT provides a safe haven where toddlers to teens from many faiths, cultures and economic backgrounds gather to learn, play and grow, as they participate in a broad range of programs among highly trained and caring adults. ACT consistently provides children and their families with high quality services that sustain, support, and enhance their ability to thrive in diverse communities. ACT offers year-round, affordable, reliable, nonsectarian, and socially enriching educational programs and special events for families in and around the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the world's largest Gothic cathedral.

**About The Cathedral**

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources, aid, and COVID testing to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and



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civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.