

SWITEC Core Group Update

From the July and September Core Group Meetings

IMPORTANT NOTICES/CHANGES

- **November TEC is planned for November 6-8, 2021** and will be held at St. Mary in Ireland. Please encourage your friends to get an application in!!! www.switec.org/make-a-tec
- **It is no longer a requirement to attend a reunion before working a TEC weekend!** Apply to work today!!! www.switec.org/work-a-tec
- There will be new roles for working the TEC weekends. **Adults** can now be **Wheaties** without all the responsibilities of being the director. Anyone over 18 can apply to be an **assistant** to the **sacristan**.
- Several positions are open on the Core Group including **Website** (who updates the website, no programming experience required), **Follow-up Leader** to work with Jessica Welage, Dan Barnes, and Mark Durchholz (Plan gatherings in between TEC weekends), **State Rep** (who interacts with other TEC communities) and the **Outreach/Fun Committee** (See Below). If anyone would like more info about any of these roles, please contact Julie at 812-630-0174.
- The **Outreach/Fun Committee** will be a new committee within Core Group whose purpose will be to try to spread awareness about TEC. Colleen Hopf has agreed to lead this committee and Celia Luebbehusen has agreed to help her, but we will need many, many more people to help introduce youth and adults throughout the diocese to TEC. Their activities may include playing Ultimate Frisbee or Human Foosball with youth, speaking at Masses, etc. The possibilities are endless. If anyone else would like to help, please contact Colleen Hopf at colleenhopf@gmail.com.
- Some updates and changes are being made to TEC participant applications to allow participants to **register online** soon.

COMMUNICATIONS/DATABASES

- Please email tec@evdio.org to notify our communications committee of your **email address changes**.
- TEC is trying to find better ways to keep the fourth day community updated on events. We now have an **Instagram** account. Check it out at [switecevdio](https://www.instagram.com/switecevdio). If anyone has any other suggestions for improved communications, please let us know!
- Resources and youth on weekends are encouraged to create **snapchat groups** to help them communicate about upcoming events and stay connected.
- The Core Team is trying to create a **master list of fourth day members** and the TECs they have worked/participated in. If you have a team or tecite list for any of the first 47 TECs, or for TEC# 49, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 65, 68, 70-78, 86 or TECite Lists for 51, 55, 69, 87, 88, 89, 91, 105, or 106, please contact Julie Lagree at julielagree@gmail.com.

LAY DIRECTORS

- TEC 107 had a successful and fruitful follow-up gathering led by Scot Harris. In the future, **lay directors** are welcome to have similar events and can talk to Scot about his experience and advice.
- Just a reminder to **Lay directors**: Please let your assistant lay director know they should not ask someone to be their assistant until team selection sends them the list of eligible candidates.

NEW CORE GROUP MEMBERS (In addition to those mentioned above.)

- Alan and Julie Lagree are the **new Core Group Chairs**. Thank you so much Mitch Strange for all that you have done for TEC in the past years! If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to get involved, don't hesitate to contact Julie at julielagree@gmail.com.
- Scot Harris and Joyce Gehlhausen have agreed to step up as the **new Marty/Marthas** whose job is to take care of TEC supplies. Thank you so much to Jeff and Lindsay Verkamp for all their hard work in this role for the past years.
- Joe Keller has agreed to step up as the **new Treasurer** for TEC. Thank you so much to Brad Tretter for his many, many years of service in this role.
- Maci Kreilein has agreed to help Hannah Sitzman with **applications** for TEC. Thank you ladies!!!

- Katherine Hurst has agreed to join the Core Group as its **new secretary**. A huge thank you to Terri Barnes for all she has done in this role for the past several years!!!

NATIONAL TEC

- National TEC will be releasing some **updates to the prayers** used at TEC soon.
- **National TEC Encounter** will be in Champagne, IL in July 2022. If you are interested in going, talk to Michele Kordes or Julie Lagree.
- National TEC is hosting a **Young Leaders Workshop** in December for adults under 30. If you are interested in going, talk to Michele Kordes or Julie Lagree.

CORE GROUP MEETINGS & UPDATES

- We **will begin posting** the next Core Group Meeting date on Facebook and www.switec.org so any fourth day member can attend. After the meetings, updates (like this one) will also be posted.
- The **next Core Group meeting** is scheduled for December 7, 2021 St. John in Daylight at 6 CST/7EST. The TEC community is welcome to attend.

MISC

- A huge **thank you** to Colleen Hopf for packing up the entire TEC closet for TEC 107 and reorganizing the TEC closet after the weekend!!! So many others have stepped up as well to make the TEC in Vincennes happen. Maci Kreilein cleaned the closet. Mark and Larry Durchholz transported TEC supplies. Joel and Daniel Steckler and Sister T help our transporters unload supplies. Gabe Horrall handled logistics with Rivet and Old Cathedral. Scot Harris and Jessica Welage and the cooks went above and beyond with figuring out the logistics of TEC in Vincennes. So many others in the TEC community helped in so many ways that I don't even know about. THANK YOU ALL!!!!
- The next follow-up will be a **Dance at Precious Blood** in Jasper on Jan. 8 with Mass at 4pm.
- Due to COVID and cancelling a year of TEC weekends, there are only 7 high school students who have made a TEC. Having high school students in the fourth day is essential for creating teams as well as recruiting youth participants. Therefore, it is critical that youth and adults of all ages work to **invite youth** to participate in future TEC weekends.
- TEC 108 will have more adults on the service team than normal due to the **shortage of high schoolers**.