

Going Bananas for Jesus XIX

BANANA BUNCH

Application

The Going Bananas for Jesus XIX North Platte team is looking for a fun and energetic group of young adults to help lead the retreat weekend in March 2017! Our Banana Bunch will be divided into 3 teams responsible for acting, singing, and entertaining their peers throughout the weekend. We hope to build our Bunch with youth from across the Grand Island Diocese through an application and audition process. We are auditioning for singers, actors, and/or hosts. This process consists of 4 steps to show us how great you are and why you would make an excellent addition to our Banana Bunch!

Are you the right person for the Banana Bunch? Let's answer these few questions:

- Am I available March 17-19, 2017?
- Am I passionate about bringing the spirit of Christ to my peers?
- Am I willing to perform (dance, sing, or act) in front of a large group of young adults?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, please complete this application process. We need your energy and willing spirit to help us make this a weekend full of faith and fun!

The 4-Step Application Process:

1. Director of Religious Education Recommendation Form
2. Banana Bunch Commitment Form
3. Create your video
4. Submit your video and forms to **gbfjnorthplatte@gmail.com** by **September 30, 2016.**

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Application—DRE Recommendation

Banana Bunch Applicant _____ Applicant's Age _____

Parish Name/Location _____

DRE's Name _____

DRE,

Please complete the following grid, with checkmarks, based on your experience with the applicant. The entire packet of registration materials is due to **gbfnorthplatte@gmail.com** by **September 30, 2016**. Please return to the applicant to scan and return or feel free to scan/send directly to the email address on your own.

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Leadership					
Self-Motivation					
Responsibility					
Integrity					
Maturity					
Singing Talent					
Acting Talent					

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Application—Commitment Form

Banana Bunch Applicant _____ Applicant's Age _____
Applicant's Email _____
Applicant's Parish/School _____

If I am accepted as a member of the Going Bananas for Jesus XIX Banana Bunch, I understand the following:

1. It is the responsibility of the Banana Bunch member and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) to make arrangements and pay for travel to the Banana Bunch rehearsals scheduled at a later date (one Sunday, every other month).
2. The Banana Bunch member must register for Going Bananas for Jesus XIX in North Platte and pay the registration fee.
3. The Banana Bunch member will abstain from drugs, alcohol, and other illegal substances leading up to and during the retreat weekend, March 17-19, 2017.
4. The Banana Bunch member will engage in moral behavior leading up to and during the retreat weekend, March 17-19, 2017.
5. The Banana Bunch member will fulfill all duties and responsibilities assigned by the Going Bananas for Jesus XIX leadership team.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Application—Create Your Video

Brainstorm ideas for your Banana Bunch application video to tell us who you are and why you want to be a part of our Going Bananas for Jesus XIX team. This is your opportunity to showcase your talents and passion for us to see. Our selection for the Banana Bunch team will be weighted heavily on this video while still taking your DRE's recommendation into account.

Please note that you have the choice of your area of interest. Do you like to sing but not act? That's fine! You like to entertain but not sing? We will make it work! Make this video about your strengths as an entertainer or host!

Video Guidelines:

Part 1: Introduction

Introduce yourself to us by telling us your name, age, grade, city/school, interests, hobbies, extra curricular activities, community involvement, etc. Explain your interest in being an emcee and/or performer during the retreat. This portion of your video doesn't need to drag on but we want to know you.

Part 2: Talent

This part will be the bulk of your video submission showcasing your talent. Feel free to edit in a pre-recorded video of you singing, acting, telling jokes, or emceeing an event. We would also love to see you improvise on camera. Read a short monologue, sing a hymn/clean pop song, or dance! The more you show us, the more ways we know we can use you during the weekend.

Note: Please keep all selections and language clean and appropriate; remember the event for which you are auditioning. Going Bananas for Jesus is about growing closer in a relationship with God. The Banana Bunch will help to facilitate this growth with the youth of the Grand Island Diocese.

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Application—Submission

The final deadline for the Banana Bunch audition application (paper materials and video) is **September 30, 2016**.

Upload your video submission to YouTube. The upload process will require a YouTube account. After you upload the video from your computer, tablet, or phone, you will have the opportunity to select the privacy settings for the video. You may choose, “Public”, “Private”, or “Link Only”. You may choose “Link Only” to ensure your privacy. You may upload the video file to your Google Drive and “share” with the email address below, which will also require a Google account. The final link to the video will need to be sent to **gbfnorthplatte@gmail.com** by **September 30, 2016**.

All paper application materials need to be scanned and sent to **gbfnorthplatte@gmail.com**. Please coordinate with your Director of Religious Education (DRE) to fill out and return his/her recommendation form. The DRE also has the opportunity to send the form in separately from your form.

We would appreciate one email with the link and all application materials but will accept multiple emails.

Do you have any questions or concerns? Please contact:

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We look forward to reviewing your application!