

SSPX Crusader Camp 2024

Kit List

Dear Parents,

The venue will be in the same place as last year, Ballycarron House in Golden, Co. Tipperary.

I already thank the teams of generous volunteers who do the most part of the work and without which the camp could not take place.

Summer camps are a wonderful chance for children to grow in devotion and develop necessary life skills. On camp, the children learn to work as a team. Together they grow in virtue and the love for God. Together they face the challenges that arise.

With daily Mass, Rosary, the opportunity for confession and spiritual direction, tender souls can thrive and grow strong. Supported by the friendships that inevitably develop they stand in better stead to return to their schooling and formation with greater energy and zeal.

This year I am happy to inform you that three seminarians, including a deacon, will help with the boys' camp and the two sisters of the Society will also help with the girls' camp.

As usual, I would like to give a few rules for the children concerning what to bring with them on camp (and what not to bring), as well as a few guidelines as to their dress and behaviour:

In General:

- It goes without saying that good behaviour is always expected of the children. There is a lot they can learn from the camp and much God wants to give them, but they must be disposed to receive it. Serious behaviour may result in expulsion from the camp.
- The children must bring and wear appropriate clothes to suit the various indoor and outdoor activities planned. These include nice clothes for Mass and sufficient clothes for the outdoor games. Bring a high-visibility vest if you have one.
- As regards footwear, bring: a pair for Mass; a pair for the games and walks in the great (and potentially wet) outdoors; and a pair for the indoor activities (these can be the same as for Mass if decent).
- Bring your crusader badges and scapulars to wear for the Masses and ceremonies.
- **This year we ask children to come with their own bed sheet and duvet or sleeping bag and pillow slip.**
- **N.B. The changeover between the camps will be in Dun Laoghaire after the 11am Mass. Boys are asked to bring their own picnic and a picnic will not be provided by the camp for the girls. Bus transport between Dun Laoghaire and Ballycarron will be provided on Sunday 28th July only..**

N.B. The children must not bring phones, personal money or food to the camp. Knights, Handmaids and Crusaders may bring their books to help with their meditations. Children can come with good books (Catholic, not just a novel). They have to be approved by the head of the camp or the chaplain. There will be suitable books available for the children to read throughout the week.

In Particular:

- Girls will need appropriate dresses or skirts for the activities and a nicer dress for Mass and prayers.
- Boys will need a collared shirt and long trousers for Mass and prayers.

Please help your child(ren) prepare for the camp, not only what to bring /not bring, but also encourage their eagerness to get from the camp the particular graces that God intends to give them. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at the priority – 01 2842206.

In the Immaculate Heart,
Fr Jules Doutrebente