

# MIDDLE SCHOOL BLAST!

For all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## FALL 2011

- Fri, Sept. 9** **BLAST Meeting** *(always 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)*  
7:00–8:00 PM in the school / room 213  
(This will be the same agenda as offered on Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Tues, Sept. 13** **BLAST Meeting** *(always 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)*  
4:30–5:30 PM in the school / room 213  
(This will be the same agenda as offered on Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Sun, Sept. 18** **PJ Anderson Concert & 30 foot Ice Cream Sundae**  
7:00–9:00 PM in Church / Faith Center for 30 foot sundae
- Sat, Sept. 24** **2nd Annual St. Michael Parish Service Day**  
Watch the church bulletin and at meetings for details.
- Sun, Oct. 9** **Undy Sunday**  
Help with donations of new underwear, t-shirts and socks for those less fortunate.  
Watch for details coming in September. Boxes for your donations will be in the Church Narthex.
- Tues, Oct. 11** **BLAST Meeting** *(always 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)*  
4:30–5:30 PM in the school / room 213  
(This will be the same agenda as offered on Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Fri, Oct. 14** **BLAST Meeting** *(always 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)*  
7:00–8:00 PM in the school / room 213  
(This will be the same agenda as offered on Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Sat, Oct 15** **Field Trip to the Corn Maze**  
2:00–10:00 PM  
See flyer for details and Permission Form
- Sun, Nov. 6** **Raking Leaves for Seniors and Shut-Ins**  
1:30–3:30 PM - Meet in front of the school with your rake and garden gloves
- Tues, Nov. 8** **BLAST Meeting** *(always 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)*  
4:30–5:30 PM in the school / room 213  
(This will be the same agenda as offered on Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>)
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7:00–8:00 PM in the school / room 213  
(This will be the same agenda as offered on Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>)
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Download all flyers with the details and permission slips on our website: [www.stmichaelcommunity.org](http://www.stmichaelcommunity.org) under the Middle School BLAST tab.

Questions? Ask : Mrs. Swanson: [cathyswanson5044@gmail.com](mailto:cathyswanson5044@gmail.com) or 630-462-5044

Miss Kathy Scholz: [kscholz@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:kscholz@stmichaelcommunity.org) or 630-462-5027

Miss Colleen Egan: [colleenegan25@gmail.com](mailto:colleenegan25@gmail.com) or 630-965-8208

# Middle School BLAST You're Invited!

**We met PJ Anderson at Catholic Heart this summer and became instant fans!**

PJ Anderson is a regular on the Catholic Heart Workcamp circuit, touring several cities across America with the staff and bringing his passion for his faith to the crowd through his music and his amazing stories and personality.

Based in Chicago, his band "Jackson Bailey" plays at local clubs and coffee houses. You can find them on Pandora! PJ also recently released his second solo Christian album, "Lead Me to You" which is available on iTunes.

PJ and his wife Rachel have a beautiful baby boy named Trey and a dog, Sadie. PJ loves everything Italian and frozen treats, so he's going to go CRAZY over our 30-FOOT SUNDAE!

## ABOUT PJ ANDERSON



## WHEN:

**Sunday, September 18th  
7:00PM**

## WHERE:

**St Michael Church**

## HOW MUCH ICE CREAM CAN YOU EAT??

**PLEASE** join us afterwards in the Parish Center for a 30-FOOT SUNDAE!

## BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



Sponsored by  
YOUTH UNITED  
630-462-5047

▶ in concert @ ST. MIKE'S



# PJ ANDERSON

# The Richardson Farm

9407 Richardson Road • Spring Grove, IL 60081  
(815) 675-9729

## Middle School BLAST

Second Annual Field trip to:

# Richardson's Corn Maze

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 2-10 PM  
**Who:** Open to any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader  
**Fee:** \$20

### Includes:

- Transportation by bus from St. Michael School parking lot
- Entrance fee at Corn Maze
- Free Food and Drinks including Hot dogs and S'mores, (We'll roast these over a campfire, so bring a roasting stick or fork if you have one.) Chips, Pop, & Water



This is the World's Largest Corn Maze, but don't let the size scare you. The maze is designed in sections of smaller mazes so you can do as much as you want and then get out easily. The smallest part has quiz questions to help guide you through and usually takes under half an hour to complete. The mazes are not one way in and one way out. The trails loop around and connect so it's relatively easy to get out of even our most complex maze. Finding all the checkpoints is the real challenge!

Solving the maze is a wholesome, country adventure that you're sure to enjoy. Every year they strive to improve and expand their entertainment offerings at our corn maze while still keeping that country feel. Our picnic area and free campfires continue to be hugely popular. There is a big top tent by the concession barn where you can eat, visit with friends and stay out of the elements. Some folks say the giant 50' long slide is worth the price of admission alone and there is also a free, huge, 50' tall observation tower so you can see the aerial view of the corn maze and the entire farm. There's nothing quite like finding your way through the mazes with flashlights or the light of the moon under the starry sky and after, cooking hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire. We hope you will come!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP AND \$20 FEE  
IS REQUIRED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

# The World's Largest Corn Maze!

**The Richardson Corn Maze is the largest, most intricate corn maze in the world!  
It's actually 5 separate mazes winding through 33 acres of living corn.**

For example, there is the **Finger Fortune Trail** and a **Farm Tracks Investigation Trail**, for a quick maze that only takes 10 minutes. On another adventure, the **Quiz Maze**, you must answer fun quiz questions to guide you through—and if you have the wrong answers, you'll go the wrong way! Fans of the board game, Clue, will instantly recognize the similarity to our maze game, **FSI—Farm Scene Investigation**. Can you follow the clues? Each maze has several ways to get in or out. Your challenge is to find all of the checkpoints, and just to have a great time!

This year, our main maze theme is a "**Salute to Our Military**", and everyone with a military ID will receive a 50% discount on their general admission ticket!

**Come on out and get lost!**

## **Admission to the farm includes all these great activities:**

- World's Largest Corn Maze
- 3 Wooden Bridges in the Maze (8 feet above the Maze)
- Jumping Pillow
- Finger Fortune Maze Game
- Giant, 50' Long Slide
- Feed the Goats, Corn Cabin Play Area
- Beautiful Wooded Picnic Area
- Free Community Campfires (We will provide the hot dogs and marshmallows)
- Free Wagon Ride to 5 Acre Maze
- Nighttime Maze (bring your flashlight! And be sure to label with your name.)
- Real, clean restrooms!

## **BLAST fee includes all of the above and:**

- **Hot dogs, buns, ketchup, & mustard** (bring a roasting fork or stick if you have one)
- **S'mores** (marshmallows, chocolate bars, & graham crackers)
- **Chips, pop, & water**
- **Bus transportation** to and from St. Michael parking lot

**A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP AND \$20 FEE  
IS REQUIRED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

**PERMISSION FORM - RICHARDSON'S CORN MAZE**

**GENERAL PERMISSION FORM**

I request that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, be allowed to participate in the trip to **Richardson's Corn Maze, (9407 Richardson Road, Spring Grove, IL 60081) on Saturday, October 15, 2011.** I hereby release and indemnify St. Michael Parish, its staff, volunteers, and the Diocese of Joliet from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

**Videotaping and Still Photographs**

Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in the videotape and/or still photographs, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the St. Michael website.

**Code of Behavior**

You are representing St. Michael Parish Youth during this event and we expect you will represent us well. We expect that you will display mature and responsible behavior, which for many years has been the trademark of Catholic youth and adults of our diocese.

**Some Expectations:**

1. All participants are expected to arrive on time and be ready to leave on time from the Dunes and dinner restaurant.
2. All participants are expected to demonstrate common courtesy and respect at all times. Inappropriate language/behavior will not be tolerated.
3. Socializing should always be done in public areas.
4. Dress should reflect the value of modesty. Writing on clothing should reflect Christian values.
5. The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage and/or possession/use of any illegal drug is not permitted.
6. Smoking is not permitted.
7. Weapons and/or drug paraphernalia are not allowed.
8. If under the age of 18, prescription drugs need to be given to an adult from your parish for storage and distribution.
9. Infraction of these rules can mean immediate dismissal with no refund. Participants will be responsible to local authorities as well.

*I understand and agree to this Code of Behavior. I also understand and agree that at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal, I am responsible for my removal from the premises and any costs involved.*

*If under the age of 18, I also understand and agree that my parents or guardian will be notified at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal. My parents or guardian will be responsible for my removal from the premises and any costs involved.*

**MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM**

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid to my child, \_\_\_\_\_, by the people in charge of the **field trip**, and those transporting my child to and from the event as their judgment deems advisable, and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for the treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature. I understand I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery, except when delay in such communication would endanger life. In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery if deemed necessary for my child.

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergic to medication/other? NO YES (circle one)

If **YES**, please describe:

Medication(s) \_\_\_\_\_ presently \_\_\_\_\_ taking: \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information**

Policy in the name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**If parent(s) can't be reached:**

**Due by MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th**

**To:** Mrs. Swanson (in Faith Center) or Miss Scholz (in the School)

**Cost:** \$20 (checks payable to St. Michael)

*(Anyone interested in participating but cannot afford the cost, limited scholarship funds are available. Please talk to Mrs. Swanson to arrange.)*

Youth's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Autumn Leaf Raking

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>



Our plan is to meet at the Faith Center at 1:30 PM, divide into teams of adult chaperones and youths, then go to the various homes of parishioners who have requested our help. Adults will be asked to drive a team of 4-5 youths and to stay and help them rake at the address given until around 3:00 PM when the team should return to the school cafeteria for hot chocolate and cookies before going home at 3:30 PM. Each youth and adult should bring their own rake and a pair of garden gloves.



Homeowners will be asked to provide either garbage bags or paper leaf bags and the garbage stickers. This service is provided FREE of CHARGE to the homeowner! Please do NOT accept any donations.



Sign up in advance by returning a sign-up sheet to either Mrs. Swanson in the Faith Center or Miss Scholz in the school so we know how many yards we will be able to rake when parishioners call and ask for help.



Join us and bring your friends and your Mom or Dad!!!



Sponsored by the Middle School  
**BLAST!**

Especially for Seniors and Shut-Ins (or anyone needing a helping hand)



## Autumn Leaf Raking Sign Up Sheet

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_



Adult's Chaperone's Name \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ I have a car and will help with a team \_\_\_\_\_ I have a valid drivers license  
I have room in my car for \_\_\_\_\_ youths plus myself.



Let us know you will help by turning in this form, e-mailing or calling either;  
Mrs. Swanson at the Faith Center, [cathyswanson5044@gmail.com](mailto:cathyswanson5044@gmail.com) or 630-462-5044 or  
Miss Scholz at the School, [kscholz@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:kscholz@stmichaelcommunity.org) or 630-462-5047  
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