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**EXPERIENCE SUMMERTIME AT THE CATHEDRAL  
WITH ACT CAMP SESSIONS**



*Creative camp sessions for kids of all ages run from June 28 through August 27*

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(**May X**, 2021 – New York, NY) – Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT), the Cathedral of St. John the Divine’s preschool, afterschool and summer program for youths ranging from toddlers to teens, has kept kids engaged and active throughout the past year of the pandemic. With summer soon on its way and families beginning the search for safe, nurturing camp options, ACT is proud to offer a variety of creative, enriching sessions, all held on the expansive grounds of the world’s largest Gothic cathedral.

From play-based preschool to an online learning center for kids enrolled in remote

classes, ACT's renowned staff have helped guide children and families safely through these challenging months. The summer camp offerings this year are equally rich, with a wide range of specialty day camps available for families with children in Pre-K through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Starting June 28, the adventures include sports, art, gardening, dance, games, and much more. At ACT's August specialty camp, kids can enjoy crafts, printing and sketching, performance arts, sculpture, and other hands-on, fully immersive activities. With camp counselors and staff following the most up-to-date COVID-19 guidelines, parents can rest easy knowing their children will be kept safe while exploring the verdant grounds of the Cathedral.

This year marks ACT's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a milestone that speaks to the degree of love and care ACT's leadership and staff pour into every activity and offering. For five decades, families around New York City have relied on ACT for trustworthy, safe, age-appropriate childcare and adventurous summer fun.

More information about summer camp opportunities and all of ACT's programs can be found at <https://www.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 civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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