

## How to Register

All registration for New Beginnings is now online. You can register at one of two websites:

The New Beginnings at  
[www.newbeginnings-atl.org](http://www.newbeginnings-atl.org)

OR

The Diocesan Youth Website at  
[www.episcopalatlantayouth.org](http://www.episcopalatlantayouth.org)

At either site, click on Registration. Then click the appropriate link for if you are registering for Team or Participant/Sponsor.

You will need:

1. Health Insurance Info
2. Your Priest/Youth Leader's name and email
3. To sign and send in the permission form on the back of this page of the brochure
4. To pay. If you choose not to pay online, you'll need to send in a check with your signature page made out to Diocese of Atlanta for \$100.00

If you have any questions or problems with registration, please email  
Kim Smith—[ksmith@episcopalatlanta.org](mailto:ksmith@episcopalatlanta.org)

### ***What to Bring to New Beginnings***

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Comfortable clothes (it's not a fashion show!)
- Extra pair of shoes
- Personal toiletries
- Towels
- Sweater or light jacket
- Package of cookies or snack food for breaks (turned in during registration for snack breaks during the weekend)
- Medications (for sponsors to distribute)

### ***What NOT to Bring to New Beginnings***

- Electronic toys (Gameboys, CD Players, etc.)
- Alarm clocks
- MP3 Players
- Cellphones
- Watches
- Anything of great value (e.g. good jewelry)

### **Community Covenant**

REQUIRED for all team, sponsors, and participants.

#### **Non-Negotiable Items**

As a Christian community, all of us are expected to treat each other with respect and dignity. The following norms will allow each of us serving and participating in the weekend experience to have an enjoyable weekend. Those choosing not to live according to these expectations will be sent home at their own expense.

1. I will not have in my possession or use: alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks, knives, guns, or any other kind of weapon.
2. I will not smoke cigarettes or use any tobacco products.
3. I will stay on camp property, and I will not ride in or drive any motor vehicle once New Beginnings weekend has begun until it ends, without specific permission from the weekend Married Couple or Weekend Coordinator.
4. I will not use electronic devices, such as a cell phone, pager, walkman, portable CD player, etc.
5. Everyone will attend ALL scheduled activities – with the exception of the weekend Fuzz, who will have their guidelines spelled out by the weekend Married Couple and the Weekend Coordinator.
6. Curfew will be officially announced each evening by the weekend Married Couple. Quiet is to be observed after curfew in ALL sleeping areas. All team are to abide by the curfew except the Fuzz.
7. Dorms are strictly single-gender only; females are not permitted in the male dorms, and males are not permitted in the female dorms at any time.
8. Sexual behavior is not allowed.
9. Due to the nature of this weekend, everyone is expected to stay for the entire weekend. Leaving early disrupts the community and your family groups.



**New Beginnings is a weekend especially designed to respond to the issues, concerns and needs of teenagers in grades 6 to 9. It was created to help young people grow in their love of themselves, of others and of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **2011-2012 New Beginnings Dates:**

**New Beginnings #26—Oct 7-9**  
**Team Deadline: Sep 24**  
**Team Training: Oct 1**  
**Participant Deadline: Oct 1**

**New Beginnings #27—Feb 17-19**  
**Team Deadline: Feb 4**  
**Team Training: Feb 11**  
**Participant Deadline: Feb 11**

**Questions?**

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# More About New Beginnings

## For Participants

Participants do not have to be Episcopalian, but must have the backing of an adult (over age 21) from that church, who will be attending the weekend as a sponsor.

New Beginnings is held at Camp Fortson in the Fall and Camp Mikell in the spring. The weekend begins on Friday at 6:00 pm with Registration and dinner, and it continues through Sunday at 5:00 pm. **It is expected that participants, sponsors and team stay the entire weekend**, due to the building nature of talks and activities.

The program consists of songs, skits, films, tapes, talks (by youth and adults) and small group discussions. The weekend focuses on the subjects of Self, Friends, Siblings, Parents, School, God's Love, Jesus and Prayer. There is plenty of time for caring, creating and sharing. Participants will not only learn and grow, but will have a great time doing it!

## For Sponsors

As a sponsor, you will be expected to participate in ALL activities with youth. It is critical for you to model the behavior of an active participant. **You are NOT expected to lead discussions—that is the role of the high school team member.** Participants from your parish will benefit from seeing a friendly face, and we hope you will be able to build a shared experience that will deepen the Christian community with your youth at your parish.

**Sponsors are responsible** for contacting your participants, making sure they bring appropriate supplies (see packing list), arranging transportation to and from the weekend, providing in-cabin supervision in the mornings and evenings while curfew is in effect, and **coordinating prayer partners (people who will**

**pray for New Beginnings attendees throughout the weekend) for those attending from your parish, including yourself.**

## For Team

As a potential Team Member, you will be expected to be a Christian leader throughout the weekend. **Team members must attend the Team Training that will be held at the Cathedral of St. Phillip. Team is also expected to arrive at Camp by 2:00 pm on the Friday of the weekend and stay until 5:00 pm on Sunday.** While we can't accept every team applicant, we do prayerfully consider each application received by the deadline.

We are looking for youth in grades 9-12 to be the team for this New Beginnings weekend. Ninth graders must have attended at least **ONE** New Beginnings weekends as a participant. Team members can participate in one of three teams:

- Prayer, Share, Care (PSC)—a group of youth and adults who are responsible for skits, snack breaks, and the general behind-the-scenes running of the weekend. They pray with team members who are giving talks and maintain the orderliness of meeting rooms.
- Family Group Leader (FGL)—is the leader of the small group, and encourages participants to share. They are often asked to give personal sharing in specific talks.
- Music Team—made up of musicians who lead singing and help encourage the involvement of the congregation.

## Cost

The cost of the weekend is \$100.00. You can pay online or mail checks made out to the Diocese of Atlanta in with your signature page.

New Beginnings Attendee's Name:

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## **PERMISSION, MEDICAL, LIABILITY & MEDIA RELEASE:**

As parent (or guardian) of the above named child, I give my permission for my child to attend New Beginnings.

As parent (or guardian) of the above named child, I attest that he/she is in good health and has no physical, mental, or emotional reason that would prohibit him/her from participating in New Beginnings at Camp Fortson or Camp Mikell. I understand that every precaution has been taken to assure the good health and safety of each participant. Therefore, I waive any liability of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta or staff representing it for personal injury or death while attending New Beginnings. I give my permission to the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and its staff, including the Weekend Advisor or nurse to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above, and to have my child medically treated by a licensed physician, nurse, or hospital staff during the time period described. I also understand that the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta does not provide medical insurance for expenses of these treatments. Therefore, all expenses would be the responsibility of the family of the child requiring treatment.

I hereby give my consent to all photographs, audio recordings, academic work, and/or video recordings taken of me or my minor child by The Diocese of Atlanta or their designee. I understand that any such photographs, audio recordings, academic work, and/or video recordings become the property of The Diocese of Atlanta and may be used by the parish, diocese, or others with their consent, for educational, instructional, or promotional purposes determined by the Diocesan Youth Coordinator and/or other leaders of Diocesan Youth Programs in broadcast and media formats now existing or created in the future, including print and audiovisual presentations

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**Registration is not complete without this form. Please sign and send in to :**

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