

Dynamos GAD Ministry Report Submitted by Barbara Boone bboone@talchamber.com

Dynamos is the diocesan-wide youth renewal retreat for high schoolers held twice a year at Camp Suwannee, Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL. The inaugural weekend, Dynamos #1 was held in April 2007 with Dynamos #8 scheduled for December 3-5, 2010. Since the first weekend was held, approximately 120 students have participated as candidates and 150 students have served on a weekend Team. A steering committee made of youth directors, priests and lay persons meets periodically to prayerfully keep the ministry vibrant and God-centered. Adult volunteers are always needed for the weekend, to sponsor candidates and to support them in their home churches upon their return from the weekend.

Following a format similar to the Anglican Fourth Day program, teams of students from across the region organize themselves to create an open, loving, and servant-oriented weekend for candidates who are on their walk to know God. Each weekend is planned and coordinated by the students themselves with the assistance of a small number of adults who are present to advise and ensure the safety of everyone. Two priests from the Diocese are also present to provide spiritual counsel. The weekend is not limited to students who are members of churches within the Diocese. Students are encouraged to invite their friends in Grades 9-12 who desire to know more about living out the word of Christ.

Applications for high school students who are interested in attending for the first time are available at www.gulfatlanticdiocese.org/dynamos.

Scholarships are readily available for candidate fees through the Steering Committee. Contact Shaun Lafferty

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