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**ACT CAMP SESSIONS RETURN  
FOR SUMMER FUN AT THE CATHEDRAL**



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

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(**May X**, 2021 – New York, NY) – For more than 50 years, Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT), the Cathedral of St. John the Divine’s preschool, afterschool, school break, and summer program for youths ranging from toddlers to teens, has kept kids engaged and active. This year, ACT is proud to add even more outreach to lower-income families to its wide variety of nurturing, creative, and educational summer camp options, all held on the expansive grounds of **the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street) from June 27 through August 26, 2022.**

Over the past five decades, families around New York City have relied on ACT for trustworthy, safe, age-appropriate childcare and adventurous summer fun. For 2022, ACT is expanding the reach of its summertime activities for underserved children and youths. With the help of a generous grant by the West Harlem Development Corporation, ACT is

now able to provide financial aid to families living in the West 125<sup>th</sup> – West 155<sup>th</sup> Street area. ACT has previously offered scholarships and affordable options for families, and this new partnership with the WHDC will help increase its reach throughout upper New York City.

Both fun and safety are primary focuses for ACT's currently season, particularly as the city continues to recover from the COVID pandemic. Families can rest assured that their children will remain safe and protected while having access to a wide variety of arts, nature, science, sports, and collaborative activities through the 9 weeks of summer camp sessions. The activities include creative crafts, water rides, outdoor games, and much more. All of the camp sessions make full use of the Cathedral's expansive grounds, comprising lush green gardens and playgrounds perfect for spurring kids' imaginations.

For more information on all of ACT's summer camp opportunities and year-round programs, visit [stjohndivine.org/education/act](http://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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