



High School Meeting 1: Orientation

1. ICE BREAKERS, INTROS, AND HELLOS
2. INTRODUCTION TO BETHLEHEM FARM

Bethlehem Farm Mission Statement:

Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic community in Appalachia that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices. We invite volunteers to join us in living the gospel cornerstones of prayer, community, service, and simplicity.

- a. Review Mission and Vision document from the website as a group.
- b. Review Introduction to Bethlehem Farm document from the website as a group.
3. WHY ARE WE HERE?
 - a. Have group members pair off and talk with a partner about.
 - i. Which aspects of Bethlehem Farm excite you?
 - ii. Which aspects of Bethlehem Farm sound challenging to you?
 - iii. Why did you choose to go on this service week, and why did you choose Bethlehem Farm in particular?
 - b. Have them then return to the large group and share highlights from their conversations with the whole community.
 - c. Group leaders then share their perspective on why the group is here – why did the leaders organize this trip in the first place? Why do the leaders think a trip like this is important?
4. MISSION STATEMENT
 - a. As a group, write a mission statement about why you are gathered here on this trip, and what purpose you hope to serve by spending a week at Bethlehem Farm.
5. CLOSING PRAYER