

Riverbend TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a three-day Catholic retreat experience which usually begins Saturday at 9:30 am and ends on Monday at 4:30 pm. Many do go out to eat after it is over.

These three days are filled with a series of talks, discussions, reflection time, special liturgies, recreation, and time to socialize. It is a great time to get away from the routine and rush of everyday life. It provides a time to look at your life, your relationship with God, your goals and how you might grow in your life as a Christian.

As our name indicates, adults and young people are welcome to participate in a TEC weekend. Anyone who is **16 years old, a junior in high school or older**, is eligible to make a TEC weekend. Participants have ranged in age from 16 to early 80s.

The **fee for the weekend is \$65**. You are asked to send a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit with your application. Dress for the weekend is casual, but dress clothes are encouraged for Sunday Mass. Also bring your own towel, wash cloth, personal toiletries, sleeping bag, air mattress and any other items you need. Do not bring a radio.

Riverbend TEC is part of youth ministry provided by the Diocese of New Ulm and has the full support of our bishop.

If you have any questions, call or write Fr. Dennis Labat at 112 W. Van Dusen St., Springfield, MN 56087, phone at 507-723-4141 or email him at [riverbendtec@newulmtel.net](mailto:riverbendtec@newulmtel.net).

## Location of Riverbend TEC Weekends

Holy Trinity Cathedral  
New Ulm, MN

Church of the Holy Trinity  
Winsted, MN

Church of St. Mary  
Bird Island, MN

Please complete the application form and send it in at least two weeks prior to the weekend, if possible. Applications are still accepted the last week prior to the weekend if there are still openings. **If you must cancel** please call Fr. Labat immediately to reschedule or cancel. Your application will be kept on file and can be transferred to another weekend.

**Financial assistance** may be available if you need help to cover the cost. Check with your parish to see if it helps cover part of the cost. Riverbend TEC may also be able to help with some financial assistance. Please call Fr. Dennis Labat to see if Riverbend TEC has funds to help with some financial assistance.

**Website address:** [www.riverbendtec.org](http://www.riverbendtec.org)

**Email:** [riverbendtec@newulmtel.net](mailto:riverbendtec@newulmtel.net)

Additional applications and information are available at the website above.

2011-2012  
Application Form

## Riverbend TEC Retreat Weekend



More than  
a Retreat

It's an Experience

\_\_\_ Acceptance letter sent **SEND TO:** Riverbend TEC Deposit paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Applicant added to website 112 W. Van Dusen St. Date app received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Springfield, MN 56087 Added to database \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_ **Gender** \_\_\_  
first middle last

**Permanent address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

College address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Denomination** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pastor/PA** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Names** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who told you about TEC?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL RELEASE: (filled out by all applicants)** In case of illness or injury, I authorize those in charge of the TEC weekend to obtain whatever medical assistance is deemed necessary for my well-being.  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian signs for those under 18)  
 In case of illness/emergency please contact:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to me \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (work)

**Photo Release:** Pictures of my child/legal dependent taken during event may be used in print or electronic media to publicize future TEC events, unless I indicate to the Riverbend TEC Coordinator in writing to the contrary.

**Check the TEC Weekend you wish to attend:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 236 June 25-27, 2011 at Bird Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 237 July 30-Aug. 1, 2011 at Winsted
- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 238 Oct. 15-17, 2011 at New Ulm
- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 239 Jan. 14-16, **2012** at Bird Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 240 Feb. 18-20, **2012** at New Ulm
- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 241 March 17-19, **2012** at Winsted
- \_\_\_\_\_ RB 242 June 23-25, **2012** at Bird Island

**Fee: \$65** (after Aug 2011)

Please send a **\$20 deposit** with this application form. The **remainder** of the \$65 fee is due when you arrive.

Please answer the following questions:

Have you made other retreats?  
 yes  no

Musical instrument(s) I play:

- guitar  piano/keyboard
- flute  none

Relationship to peers:

- loner  respected
- not accepted  well-liked

Which term better describes your relationship with others?

- quiet  talkative

My attitude toward church and religion is:

- involved  positive
- searching  confused
- bored  angry

Are you coming to TEC in preparation for Confirmation?

- yes  no

My feelings about attending TEC? (circle one)

- 1 (excited)      2      3      4 (don't want to come)