Dear các Sa Mạc Sinh Xuất Hành 36,

On behalf of the Training Committee, I would like to say thank you for answering the call to become a Huynh Trưởng and the sacrifices that come with our vocation. Being a Huynh Trưởng requires many things that we will cover during camp, but the first step is to prepare for your journey of learning at Xuất Hành 36.

Please review the camp pre-requisites below as required by the VEYM Academic Headquarters. All items that need to be turned in are due by **June 29th**, **2025**.

IMPORTANT ITEMS BEFORE YOU START:

- Register for a VEYM account at www.veym.net. This is REQUIRED to attend camp.
- Sign-up for camp using this email address.

Part 1 – READ, STUDY, and PRACTICE

- 1. Read and be familiar with the VEYM Bylaws Manual chapter I, II, VI, and VII.
- 2. Study the Youth Leader Basic Knowledge Document.
- 3. Read the book Exodus. Only use the approved Bible of your Diocese or <u>www.usccb.org</u>.
- 4. Review VEYM Ceremonial Procedure (Nghi Thức) Chapter I to IV
- 5. Review Specialized Skills such as Morse, Semaphore, Knots, Directional Signs, etc.
- 6. Learn the following prayers: Anima Christi, Kinh Dâng Ngày (English or Vietnamese), Kinh Ăn Năng Tội (E or V), Kinh Rước Lễ Thiêng Liêng, Kinh Dâng Đêm, Kinh Dâng Mình Huynh Trưởng (be able to at least explain what it means)
 - LINK: <u>https://veym.net/resources</u>

*There will be an entrance test on the information above at the start of camp. Being unable to demonstrate meaningful knowledge of the material may result in denial of entry to camp.

Part 2 – COMPLETE and TURN-IN by or before June 29th, 2025.

- 1. Writing Assignment: Read the prompt below and write a short essay to answer all 3 questions. Minimum word-count of 500 words. **DO NOT** use ChatGPT or other AI tools to write this. We want to read your own words. Use of AI tools will result in disqualification from attending camp.
 - Why do you want to become a Huynh Trưởng? What are skills or traits that you have that will make you a good Huynh Trưởng? What areas in your life do you need to work on to be a better Huynh Trưởng?
- Prepare a Lesson: Select a Seedling (Âu Nhi) or Search (Thiếu Nhi) lesson to teach. Choose a VEYM Curriculum Minimum Standards (attached) lesson from one of the following topics: The Eucharist (Thánh Thể) or VEYM (Phong Trào). NO Nghĩa Sĩ or Hiệp Sĩ lessons.
 - Use the attached LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE. It must have enough details that any other Huynh Trưởng can use to teach your lesson.
 - With the guidance of your Ngành Trưởng, record yourself teaching this lesson to your AN or TN. Upload the video to the link below.

3. Bible Activity: Select any Gospel from this Liturgical Year and prepare a game, song, and băng reo to share at camp. Only use <u>http://www.usccb.org</u> for Gospel passages and the attached **SINH HOAT PLAN TEMPLATE.** Upload to the link below.

Part 3 – Youth Leader Basic Knowledge Online Quiz: The link will be live and sent out on **June 3rd**, **2025**. The last day to take the quiz will be **June 29th**, **2025**. You can take this as many times as you would like. A failing grade or missing the quiz will disqualify you from camp.

Part 4 – Online Lessons – Attend all sessions. Links will be provided later.

All camp participants are expected to call into ALL the online session for the entire duration. Camp participants must be in uniform, have their web camera turned on, and be ready to actively participate during the online sessions. There are no make-up sessions, and you will be dropped from camp for missing any of these sessions.

- Online Session #1 June 29th, 2025 @ 6:50PM 9:00PM
- Online Session #2 July 6th, 2025 @ 6:50PM 9:00PM

Part 5 – Spiritual Health: Keeping your spiritual health at a good place will ensure that you will have a successful training experience.

- 1. Nine Day Novena: A Spiritual Journey Starting on July 15th, 2025, you will receive a reading to help you reflect upon. Write your reflections in a notebook and turn them in at camp (**DO NOT WRITE THIS ON LOOSE PAPERS AND STAPLING THEM TOGETHER. GET A NOTEBOOK!**)
- 2. Complete your Spiritual Bouquet (Bó Hoa Thiêng) during this timeframe. You can create your own form if it has all the components of the original template.

Review:

• Items due on June 29th, 2025: Online Quiz, lesson plan and video, Bible game plan, and Huynh Truong Essay.

• TURN IN HERE: XH36 SMS

• Items to bring to camp: HT poster, 9 Day Novena notebook, and Spiritual Bouquet.

Please email me at jimmy.lammy@veym.net should you have any questions regarding your precamp assignment. On behalf of the Organizing and Training Committees, thank you again for your love and dedication to VEYM. We look forward to seeing you all at Xuất Hành 36!

Sincerely,

Tr. Jimmy H. Lam-My Sa Mạc Trưởng – Xuất Hành 36