

# Confirmation Retreats



Thank you for registering to be part of a Retreat this year!

Below you will find information regarding schedule, registration and payment, what to bring and what to leave at home.

Please read through this letter and contact us with any questions.

## What to expect during the weekend?

**Staff:** Trained, college-aged counsellors provide programming and serve as role models for the weekend. Staff will lead games, activities, campfire, worship, devotions, work duties, cook meals, and supervise campers at night. Staff have a min. of Standard First Aid.

**Activities:** indoor sports in the gymnasium, outdoor sports and wide games, Sauna, board games, crafts, team building exercises, high and low challenge courses will be available, as permitted by weather.

**Worship, campfire, and devotions** provide opportunity for singing, praise, prayer, and learning.

**Work duties** after meal times allow an opportunity for campers to work with each other in service to the group.

**Accommodations:** Campers will be housed in gender-specific modern dorms or cabins. Leaders will not be required to stay with campers at night; staff will supervise sleeping areas. Leaders may be asked to share rooms with another leader if necessary.

## Registration and Payment

A deposit of **\$25/person** is required to confirm your booking. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.

1 week ahead of your retreat, you will be asked to confirm attendance numbers, and will be billed for that amount. Any additional participants will be charged a \$25 late-fee.

**Total Fee: \$110+gst/person = \$115.50/person**

**Pastors attend free, plus 1 leader per additional 10 confirmands**

Please photocopy one waiver form **per student and leader**. Bring signed and completed waiver forms to camp when you come. If participants did not register online or by phone, please bring a completed registration form.

The balance of the group fee will be invoiced to your church the week after your group comes to camp. **Payment by the church can be made by cheque or by phone. Individual families can pay by cheque or cash, or by credit card either online or by phone.**

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

**8:00pm**

When you arrive at camp, please check in with camp staff. They will direct you to your accommodations and help you and your campers get settled in.

**8:30pm** Let's Get Started (introductions, games) (leaders' meeting)

**9:30pm** Snack

**10:00pm** Campfire & devotions

**11:00pm** Lights OUT

### SATURDAY

**8:15am** Breakfast, devotions, & work duties

**9:30am** Study Period

**10:30am** Activities

**11:30am** Study Period

**12:30pm** Lunch + work duties

**1:30pm** Choice Activities

**4:30pm** Study Period

**5:30pm** Supper & work duties

**7:00pm** Study Period

**8:00pm** Evening games

**9:30pm** Snack

**10:00pm** Campfire & devotions

**11:00pm** BED time

### SUNDAY

**9:00am** Wake Up, Pack Up, Clean Up

**9:30am** Worship with Remembrance of Baptism

**11:00am** BRUNCH

**11:45am** Final Clean-up & farewell

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## Role of Confirmation Leaders

Confirmation Leaders are responsible for their group during the study sessions. This allows leaders to tailor their time to their group, without worrying about what other groups are doing. Outside of sessions, leaders are invited to participate as much as possible in the other events, but it is your choice. This is a unique opportunity to build relationships with your confirmands outside of the classroom and church. Many leaders have told us that this is one of the important benefits of including retreating as part of the confirmation program. We also ask leaders to assist with discipline of campers, if necessary. We also encourage the leaders at camp to get to know each other. You can be an invaluable source of support for each other; sharing stories, ideas and building friendships.

## In the meantime...

- Send deposit or pay by phone
- Then... send parents online for instructions and registration.
- And... talk about the camp experience, activities, and teaching subjects.
- One week out, we'll ask you to confirm #s

## Challenge Course

Challenge course activities can help your group to grow together in a safe and fun way.

Low Ropes: 1 hour, during a session block.

There is no charge for this activity. Maximum group size: 20 participants.

High Ropes or Dangle Duo: 2 hours – one session block and one additional hour. There is a \$100 fee for these courses as additional staff are required for safety purposes. Maximum group size: 15 participants.

Let us know if you want these activities for your group!

## EMERGENCY CONTACT #: 403-746-2702

If you need to reach your camper while at camp, please call the office.

Staff monitor the phone regularly and will relay messages or contact you as soon as possible.

## Info for Parents

### TO BRING

- Snack to share with the group
- Registration forms + payment
- Pen or pencil, bible, notebook
- Sleeping bag + pillow
- Towel + Toiletries
- Outdoor boots/shoes
- Warm coat
- Toque and mitts
- Bathing suit for the sauna
- Indoor running shoes (optional)
- Skates (optional)
- Clothing for outside and inside

And as always... bring a SMILE!

### NOT TO BRING

- cell phone
- ipod/mp3 player
- Other electronic gadgets, gizmos, and games

At camp, we purposefully put aside these handy devices because they are a distraction from the community happening at camp.

If parents may need to contact their camper during the weekend, please call the camp directly, or call your leader's cell phone.

Please leave these items at home, so that they are not at camp to tempt you or become lost.