



2018 Jr. High Retreat: Answering the Call

Dear Youth Ministry Friends:

We are gearing up for another great Jr. High Retreat, and I hope you'll be able to join us!

Dates: **May 25-27, 2018**

Location: **Youth Farm Bible Camp**, just west of Rosthern, SK

Our theme this year is **Answering the Call**, with speaker Craig Friesen (new Program Director at Shekinah Retreat Centre). In our sessions Craig will lead the youth in creating a guiding circle, an exercise designed to help youth name their values and gifts and use that knowledge to help them figure out the calling(s) they would like to pursue, both in their communities and beyond. At the end of the retreat, youth will be able to keep these circles, helping establish a foundation for the lifelong pursuit of calling and identity.

We will also have some adventures of our own throughout the weekend, with wide games, camp activities like the jumping pillow, coffeehouse, and a late-night bonfire.

The **cost** for the weekend is **\$140 for Youth** and **\$120 for Adults/Sponsors**. Registration received after the **May 21st deadline** will be **\$150**. A reminder that each community sending youth is expected to provide at least one sponsor. If you have difficulty finding a sponsor or connecting with a church, please contact Kirsten ASAP. This is not meant to be restrictive; however, sponsors are a vital part of the retreat.

Please photocopy the form on the back of this letter and make sure it gets to your youth in gr. 6- 9. The retreat provides an excellent opportunity for youth to bond with each other and their sponsors during times of worship, fellowship, and fun. Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Kirsten Hamm-Epp

MC Sask Area Church Minister, Youth Programming and Admin.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, May 25

7:00-7:30 - Arrival & Registration
7:30 - Mixer Games
8:30 - Introduction Session
9:30 - Night Lunch
10:30 - Walk-A-Mile
11:30 - Bedtime

Saturday, May 26

8:00 - Breakfast
9:00 - Morning Activities
10:30 - Singing/Session
12:00 pm - Lunch
1:00 - Wide game!
3:30 - Afternoon Activities/Free Time
5:00 - Supper
6:00 - Singing/Session
8:00 - Coffeehouse Prep Time
9:00 - Night Lunch
10:00 - Coffeehouse

Sunday, May 27

8:30 am - Wake-Up/Continental Breakfast
9:30 - Singing / Session
11:30 - Brunch
Clean Up, Home Time

You should know:

When you register for the Jr. High Retreat you are committing yourself to abide by the following guidelines:

- * No alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs
- * Attend all group sessions and activities
- * No visiting people of the opposite gender in their rooms
- * At lights out, everyone is in his or her room
- * Use of cell phones, iPods, etc., is to be kept to an absolute minimum – your best bet is to just leave it at home!

Please bring:

Sleeping bag & pillow, towels & toiletries (toothbrush, etc.), Bible, weather-appropriate clothing, water bottle, mosquito repellent, flashlights, and something to share at the coffeehouse!

Registration Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M ___ or F ___

Full Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Home Church: _____

Hospitalization #: _____

Allergies: _____

Special Needs: _____

Sponsor at Retreat: _____

Cost: Youth: \$140 ___ Sponsors: \$120 _____ Late: \$150 ___

Note: This is non-refundable after May 21

Mail to: SMYO Jr. High Retreat
600 45th St West
Saskatoon, SK S7L 5W9

Fax to: 306-249-4441

Email to: youthminister@mcsask.ca

Make cheques payable to MC Sask

Memo: *Jr. High Retreat*

I give permission for my child to attend and fully participate in the SMYO Jr. High Retreat, May 25-27, 2018. I further designate retreat staff to act on my behalf in authorizing emergency and/or routine medical care for _____.
I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times during the events and activities. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold SMYO, its leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases, or injuries incurred by the youth named above.

I also give permission for my youth to be photographed. Yes No

Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Participant (if 18 or over): _____ Signature: _____