



2019 All-Youth Retreat: Without a Doubt... Have Faith!

Dear Youth Ministry Friends,

We are gearing up for another great youth retreat, putting a new twist on things this year and opening up our Jr. High Retreat to ALL YOUTH in grades 6-12!

Dates: **May 24-26, 2019**

Location: **Camp Elim**, south of Swift Current *new location*

Our speaker this year is **Erika Enns Rodine**, and she'll be sharing with us on the theme of '**Without a Doubt... Have Faith!**' Erika serves part time as one of the ministers at First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, where she's worked for the last nine years. Erika grew up in Altona, Manitoba (near Kirsten!), where she and her husband Joshua decided to make their home a few years ago to raise their two young daughters - Freya and Sigga. Erika enjoys baking, singing, Anabaptist history & genealogy, and cheering on the Winnipeg Jets! She is also a fan of the resurrection stories of Jesus because they are so strange and wonderful. Erika is excited to travel to Camp Elim, because her mom Laurie (Franz) grew up in Osler and Swift Current, and attended camp there as a kid! *Erika is also on the planning group for this summer's **Shake** Youth Gathering!*

The **cost** for the weekend is **\$110 for youth and sponsors**. Late registration (after the **May 17**), **\$130**. A reminder that *each community sending youth is asked 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.

We are really looking forward to travelling down to Camp Elim together, and experiencing the things that make Elim awesome, like the people, and the lake! We also hope that bringing all of our youth together (gr. 6-12) is going to help enrich and deepen the retreat experience for everyone. Please share the registration form with any youth who might be interested, and remind your youth they are more than welcome to invite friends along as well! Funding help available if needed.

Hope to see you there!

Peace,



Kirsten Hamm-Epp
MC Sask Regional Minister

Tentative Schedule

Friday, May 24

- 5:00pm - Depart from Saskatoon (MCC)
- 8:30 - Mixer Games
- 9:00 - Introduction Session
- 10:00 - Night Lunch
- 10:30 - Walk-A-Mile
- 11:30 - Bedtime

Saturday, May 25

- 9:00am - Breakfast
- 10:00 - Singing/Session
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00 - Elim Activities (lake and more!)
- Free Time
- 5:00 - Supper
- 6:00 - Group Game
- 7:00 - Singing/Session
- 9:00 - Coffeehouse Prep Time
- Night Lunch
- 10:00 - Coffeehouse

Sunday, May 26

- 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 Youth 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 ___

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Home Church: _____

Hospitalization #: _____

Allergies: _____

Special Needs: _____

Sponsor at Retreat: _____

Cost: Youth and Sponsors: \$110 _____ Late: \$130 _____

Note: This is non-refundable after May 17

Mail to: Youth 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: Youth Retreat

I give permission for my child to attend and fully participate in the SMYO Jr. High Retreat, May 24-26, 2019. 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: _____