

LEADER INFORMATION PACKAGE

ONE:
GETTING
ORGANIZED

You've registered your youth group but now are scratching your head wondering what to do next. Here are some helpful suggestions that you can incorporate in your planning.

- a) Make copies of the FEB CENTRAL poster and hang them in your youth room and on church bulletin boards. You can download the poster at www.febyouth.ca. Click on RESOURCES and then BEDLAM.
- b) Decide on the cost per student to attend. Remember to include transportation costs as well.
- c) If you decide to stop at McDonald's on the way up to the retreat, make sure your students are aware that they need to bring a little extra money for meals while travelling.
- d) Start making announcements in your youth group as well as in church on Sunday. Make your announcements, especially within your group, creative and fun so that the enthusiasm will become contagious.
- e) Think ahead about who should be grouped together in rooms. Muskoka Woods requires that one leader is in a room with your students.
- f) There are no drugs or alcohol allowed at the retreats. Furthermore, we recommend that students do not bring anything they'd cry over if it got lost, stolen, or broken. (rooms do not lock)
- g) Attached is a sample form of a checklist you can use when collecting all the payments and information from your students. Please feel free to use this as a helpful guide to make your sign up process run smoothly.





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TWO:
DAY OF
DEPARTURE

Driving Directions to Muskoka Woods:

From Toronto:

Travel north on Hwy 400
At Barrie, continue on Hwy 400
towards Parry Sound
Exit Hwy 141 East (Exit #207)
(before Parry Sound)
Follow Hwy 141 East to
Muskoka Woods

Resort Address:

#4585 Hwy 141, P.O. Box 130 Rosseau, ON POC 1J0

Phone: 705-732-4373

NOTE: MW REQUIRES ALL PARTICIPANTS (STUDENTS AND LEADERS) SIGN A WAIVER.

IF THE PARTICPANT IS UNDER 18, IT MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL

GUARDIAN. ANY PERSON WITHOUT A SIGNED WAIVER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO

STAY ON THE MW PROPERTY. WAIVERS MUST BE HANDED IN UPON ARRIVAL.

- a) Parental Permission Form Please collect the form from the students on the day of departure, and keep them with you during the entire retreat.
- b) Make sure that your students' health information on their permission form hasn't changed. For example: At the time the parent filled out the form, the student was healthy but a few days before the retreat they developed a cold and the doctor put them on antibiotics. NOTE: This permission form is separate from the MW waiver. The permission form is for your use only.
- c) Give each parent that drops your student off at the church the emergency phone number of MW. Also leave that phone number near the church office phone, as well as give it to your Senior Pastor. MW's emergency phone number is: 705-732-4373.
- d) Don't forget your full registration payment, if you haven't already phoned a credit card number in to MW.

Helpful Hints

- a) In order to keep track of your students, assign a handful of students to each adult leader. At each session, the leader will have to do a head count of their group to make sure they are all there.
- b) The best way to get to know your students on a more personal level is to hang out with them and cheer them on in their activities that they will be participating in.
- c) Start praying for your students and leaders now. Pray that God will speak to your students and that they will grow in their walks with him.
- d) The MW and FEB YOUTH staff, as well as bands and speakers would also covet your prayers that these retreats will run smoothly and God will use them to encourage students to daily follow Christ.



SAMPLE LETTER & PACKAGE

LEADER to Student / Parent

Hey Students (Parents),

It's that time of year again, and I am so glad that you are thinking of joining us at Muskoka Woods for BEDLAM!

We are looking forward to a an amazing weekend away, with lots and lots of activities including some fun in the snow, a great band, amazing speaker, and of course some good laughs.

As always there are a few things we need from you before you can go on this trip, so please have a look at the checklist below, get everything into me as soon as possible, and you are good to go!

I am really looking forward to a great weekend together as we escape all the busy stuff that life has to offer and take some time to retreat and experience God in a special way.

I hope to see you there!
YOUR FAVOURITE YOUTH LEADER

Muskoka Woods Guest Waiver Form

Parental Permission Form

Payment





COMING TO BEDLAM?

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

BEDLAM IS HELD AT

Muskoka Woods Sports Resort

#4585 Hwy 141, P.O. Box 130

Rosseau, ON POC 1J0

Phone: 705-732-4373

www.muskokawoods.com

WHAT TO BRING?

Health Card
Sleeping bag & Pillow
Warm Clothes|Gym Clothes
Indoor Shoes (for the gym)
Tooth Brush / Tooth Paste
Brush / Deodorant / Towel
(showers in the rooms)

Flashlight
Bible, Notebook & Pen
Favourite Snacks
Your Leader!

\$ for Fast Food Resturant (trip up & possibly back home)

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WHAT NOT TO BRING?

Any Pranks (not permitted)

Toboggans / Crazy Carpets

Alcohol / Drugs

Jewellery you are scared of losing

Anything you would cry over if it got lost, stolen, or broken.

Note: FEB Youth & Muskoka Woods will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles during the retreats.





BEDLAM ACTIVITIES

Sign up Required Activities:

(Be sure to sign up with your leader on Saturday morning!)

Wall Climbing

Afraid of heights? Don't be - you'll miss out! All you need is a pair of running shoes for this one.

Talent Competition

Play an instrument or sing, have a crazy talent? P.S. Your leader has to OK your act before the competition.

Skateboard Park – called "B3"

It's indoor and it's pretty cool! Skateboards & Scooters! Bring your and boards and helmets and pads.

Indoor Rollerskating

Indoor rollerskating will be offered as a free time option!

Snowshoeing & Cross Country Skiing (weather permitting)

If there's snow - you'll have lots of fun at both of these activities!

Tube Hill (If there's snow)

The Tube Hill will only be open at designated times. One person per tube.

Dodgeball Tournament

Make a team! Check in when you arrive at the gym. Will your team be crowned the winner?

Other Free Time Activities:

(get some friends or your whole group together)

Gaga Ball, Broomball, Flag Football, Ball Hockey, Spike Ball, Disc Golf Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Pickleball





OTHER STUFF

Good Advice!

- 1. If this is your first time at BEDLAM, you'll have a blast! You'll meet new people, get to know your friends a bit better, connect with leaders and learn tons about God.
- 2. Try to get some sleep on the weekend! You'll be in rooms with your friends and a leader.
- 3. You will experience a great time of high energy worship with your weekend's band and be challenged by God through the speaker. Plan to get as much out of the experience as you can.
- 4. Sessions in the Hangar are mandatory meaning you have to be there unless your leader gives you permission to miss.

It's going to be an awesome weekend!

See you there!

