

Winter Camp 2019 Information and Registration Details

Harvest Youth is going on a retreat! Winter Camp is an annual retreat for high school and middle school students (Grades 6-12) held at Guelph Bible Conference Centre in Guelph, Ontario (about a 3-hour drive from Windsor). These retreats put a strong emphasis on engaging with God through worship, teaching, and prayer. There are also plenty of activities to get involved with throughout the weekend. One of the benefits of a retreat like this is the time that we as leaders get to spend with our students – pointing them towards Christ. It enables us to listen and speak into their lives in a way that otherwise we would not have the time or space to do so. Here are some important details to keep in mind as you consider sending your child to Winter Camp with Harvest Bible Chapel this year.

When

January 11-13, 2019 (Fri-Sun)

- We ask that all students be dropped off promptly at **2:30 PM Friday** at Harvest so that we can pack the bus and leave at 3:00 PM. It's a long drive and we like to avoid traffic and be on time 😊.
- Pick up is at 5:00 pm Sunday at Harvest. Parents will be sent a text message or given a phone call at 4:00 pm if we run into any delays (please provide us with your preferred cell number upon registration).

Where

Guelph Bible Conference Centre! Check out their website at <https://guelphbiblecc.com/>

Cost

- The registration fee for Winter Camp is \$190 per student*. (This registration fee helps to pay for van/bus rentals, fuel costs, and actual camp registration. It should be noted that Harvest's youth budget also contributes greatly to help offset the cost of these retreats.)
- Price increases to \$205 on December 15th so register ASAP!
- Registration closes January 2nd

Registration

You can register at the following link:

<https://harvestwindsor.ca/event/harvest-youth-winter-camp-2019/>

This link is also available via our weekly youth email. Contact Student Life Director – Blake Hill (blake@harvestwindsor.ca) to be added to this list.

All students must also have filled out the annual parental consent and permission form available online at <https://harvestwindsor.breezechms.com/form/students2019> (most regular students will have done this in September).

What to Bring on the Weekend

MUSKOKA WOODS WAIVER (see below)

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Towel & face cloth
- Toiletries (like shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste)
- Lots of Warm Clothes
- Winter coat, mitts, hat (we will be playing some games outside)
- Indoor gym shoes and clothes (you will need these)
- (your gym shoes shouldn't make any marks on the floor)
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Camera (optional)
- Peanut-free snacks (optional)
- Your leader!
- PLEASE REALIZE THAT CELL PHONES, TABLETS, ELECTRONICS, ETC. WILL BE TAKEN AWAY BY THE LEADERS WHEN WE REACH CAMP).

Frequently Asked Questions

- Who will be driving?
 - This year we will be taking a bus, potentially two. And having one vehicle drive along with us in the case of an emergency.
- Can my child bring their iPod or cell phone?
 - Yes, they may bring their iPod or cell phone; **however, we will only allow them for the drive up to the camp.** They will be safely locked in the vehicles or the leader's luggage and will not be available for use for the duration of the weekend. It is recommended that they bring a separate camera if they want to take pictures.
- What if I need to get in touch with my child, how will I get a hold of them?
 - Since your child's phone will be locked in the vehicle for the weekend, you can get in touch with your child by calling our Student Life Director – Blake Hill - who will get your child on the line.
- Where will my child be staying? And will there be other groups in the cabins?
 - Guelph has great facilities – including heated dorms of various sizes equipped with bunk beds and bathrooms.
 - Middle school students will not be in the same rooms as high school and vice-versa. Boys and girls will also be separated with at least one leader in each room.
- My child wants to bring a friend along that has never been to your youth before. Can they come?
 - We would encourage you to have the friend come out to a few regular youth nights prior to going on a retreat for several reasons. First, it is a lot of time to spend with new people, so they and their parents would probably rather get to know us a bit. Second, these retreats are often a time of unique spiritual emphasis, so it can be a bit difficult if a student is not used to that sort of thing or has not developed a trusting relationship with the leaders. Finally, retreats are a special part of what we do but certainly not all that we do. We do not want to encourage students to only come to the big events and not the regular weekly meetings.