

AVALANCHE RETREAT 2018

Dear Youth and Parent(s),

We would like to invite Junior High Youth to the “Avalanche” retreat at Muskoka Woods Sports Resort, January 19-21, 2018. These events are a great way to foster growth in our young people. The combination of powerful and inspiring Christian speakers, the fellowship of believers and genuine worship leaves an impression of God on the hearts of our youth.

Transportation will be bus school bus through First Student Transportation if needed or we will use vans driven by an adult(s), depending on the size of our group and our ability to network with other churches. Meals are provided by Muskoka Woods Sports Resort and are included in registration. The cost for the weekend is \$125.00. Payment, full or final, is due the night we leave, but you must sign up and submit all documents by **January 12, 2017**. Cheques are to be made payable to Harmony Road Baptist Church with Avalanche on the memo line. If finances are something that would keep your son/daughter from attending, please speak to me so that we can make arrangements. We do not want youth to stay home when they could go and grow! Our plan is to leave the church no later than 6pm. **We encourage youth to meet at HRBC at approximately 5pm and we will supply pizza & drinks before we leave.**

Retreats are always a good experience for youth. It is an awesome time for youth to learn about God, grow in their relationships together, and have a necessary break from the hectic pace of life around them. There will be sporting activities (no swimming!), outdoor and indoor games (some cost \$\$ like rock climbing, but most are free – check flyer), and sessions and worship designed for youth to grow in their personal walk with Jesus. Youth will be challenged to deepen their faith in God by developing their personal life with Him. Please pray that God will make an everlasting impact on our youth this weekend. Friends are allowed to come but please make sure they understand the nature of the event! The speaker for the weekend is CARRIE ROSTOLLAN; a Michigan born Christian illusionist who ties her ability to a powerful message of God’s love. Worship will be provided by ALL RESCUED CHILDREN. They are relevant, real and passionate in worship leadership.

To register, please sign up on Pastor Dave’s door, return the permission forms attached and submit a \$40 non refundable cheque to HRBC asap; on the memo line state “Avalanche.” We’ve already ordered a group of tickets and spots will be available on a first come first serve basis.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the weekend with me, please call me at 905 728-2322 or email me at pdave.harmonychurch@rogers.com

God Bless,

Pastor Dave Stewart
Associate Pastor
Harmony Road Baptist Church

FEATURING



Carrie Rostollan

Carrie Rostollan was born in Wisconsin in 1969. She got saved at a Daily Vacation Bible School in 1973. Having an interest in illusions from a young age, for the past 12 years she has performed professionally, mostly in the state of Michigan, for audiences both intimate and immense.

All Rescued Children

Founded in 2012 by Jared Groenewegen with the mantra that believers are all children of God who have been rescued from sin and death, which is where the name was born

from. All Rescued Children's goal is to meet people where they are, and bring them the light of Christ. The band strives to be Spirit sensitive in their performances and follows the Spirit's guidance to reach the hearts of the audience. Supporting Jared on tour are David Hunter on keyboards, Timothy "Kitten" Rose on bass and Tim Cap on drums and percussion.



TOP 10 THINGS

TO LOOK FORWARD TO AT AVALANCE

- 10 An intentional weekend for a youth group to build community with each other
- 9 Saturday Night Extravaganza
- 8 Snow. Snow. Snow....and all the fun times that happens in the snow
- 7 Lots of giveaways and crazy games and challenges
Making memories that last all year with hundreds
- 6 of other youth
- 5 Cabin Time - awesome conversations about God
- 4 An afternoon filled with a variety of activities
- 3 Avalanche Treasure Chest of Candy
- 2 Impactful teaching and worship throughout the entire weekend
- 1 Weekend Away + Jesus + Jr Highs = Priceless Experience

Retreats can be fun and can be life changing!

THINGS TO BRING:

1. Warm clothes (like winter coat and boots, hat, scarf and gloves, long underwear, etc.)
2. Sleeping bag, pillow/blanket
3. Bible and writing material
4. \$ for the tuck shop or pay per use activities
5. Indoor shoes for use on the gym floor
6. Toiletries so you are healthy (towel, soap, deodorant, toothbrush & paste...)
7. All forms and monies owing

THINGS NOT TO BRING OR DO ON THE WEEKEND:

1. A bad attitude.
2. No alcohol, illegal drugs or other illegal substances (including fireworks)
3. No electronic stuff (MP3s, cell phones, etc.)
4. No water balloons, or other projectiles
5. No hockey equipment or snowboards.
6. No pets (including spiders, snakes, elephants, etc.) but stuffed animals are allowed, just not real ones like a Moose head...

WHY ATTEND AVALANCHE?

- A** Programming and logistics are provided for you, which gives you the extra time to pour directly into your youth.
- B** This is a safe, friendly, & positive environment for Jr Highs to foster community, spiritual growth and see their peers loving God.
- C** Jr. Highs are looking for fun activities, creating amazing memories and time with friends- a retreat is all this focused around Christ.

SPECIAL FOR 2018

- * 4 Ways for Youth to get involved in Main Sessions
 - i. Reading Scripture
 - ii. Playing Violin during the newly created THEME SONG
 - iii. Performing a Spoken Word piece in the instrumental break of the THEME SONG
 - iv. Demonstrate an illusion/magic trick to enhance our theme!

* Special "Themed Dinner".

All the info will be available online. (You'll get a SharePoint link once your register.)

FREE TO CHOOSE

- * Skateboard/Scootering
- * Broomball
- * Tubing
- * Cross Country Skiing
- * Snow Football
- * Basketball
- * Indoor Rock Climbing
- * High Ropes
- * Volleyball
- * Chill Zone
- * Karaoke

These and more depending on weather will be available



LETTER OF INFORMED CONSENT

Avalanche 2018 (CBOQ) (Jan. 19-21, 2018)

Details of the Activity:

Held at Muskoka Woods (Rosseau, ON) where groups will be sleeping in bunk beds in cabins (bedding needs to be provided by participant). A group may be sharing a cabin with another group as space allows. Transportation to and from the retreat is arranged by the church group leader.

Participants will be participating in 4 main sessions involving a worship band, multimedia presentations (which may include strobe lights, intelligent lights, pyrotechnics), dramatic acts, some low-risk icebreaker games and a speaker. They will also be in small group discussions, morning devotional times, team competitions games both outside on field or indoors, and two timeslots for free-to-choose activities which students can elect to do (including but not exclusive to tubing, indoor rock-climbing, cross-country skiing, skateboarding, break-dancing, graffiti painting).

The church group is bringing min. 1 same-sex leader per 7 same-sex students.

Dear Parent:

We are planning an activity as part of our programming that requires your permission prior to participation. We have provided you the details of the activity and request that you complete and sign the permission form. The safety of your child is our primary concern. Precautions will be taken for their wellbeing and protection.

PERMISSION FORM AND CONSENT:

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Church Name _____ Youth Leader's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Parents' Work Number _____

Health Card Number _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Any special needs (dietary, disability, allergies): _____

In case of an emergency, contact _____ at phone number _____

I hereby consent to the participation of my/our child in this supervised activity.

While every precaution is taken for the safety and good health, some sports and activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury beyond the risks associated with many of the recreational activities at CBOQ. I/we understand and accept these risks and agree that by allowing my child to participate in those activities, he/she may be taking part in a recreational activity that presents the potential for personal injury.

I/we, the parents or guardians named below, authorize the Director of Youth Ministries or one of CBOQ ministry personnel to sign a consent for medical treatment and to authorize any physician, dentist or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for the participant named above.

I/we, named below, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless CBOQ, its personnel, its Staff and Board from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of CBOQ, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the supervising individuals representing CBOQ. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in or traveling to events of the CBOQ.

I also grant permission for the reasonable use of pictures or video of my child in any CBOQ publications (in print, online or other media yet to be invented).

I have read, understood and agree with above.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____



**** NOTE: Please ensure you have signed the Muskoka Woods waiver form in addition to this form. ****

The guest group will be responsible to satisfy itself that the participants of any activities have the requisite skill, provided any necessary supervision by responsible persons and see that all individual safety requirements are observed by participants, and Muskoka Woods shall have no responsibility for accident or injury.

Without assuming any liability, and in the interests of safety, in the case of any use of any of these special facilities, Muskoka Woods reserves the right, through any of its responsible employees, to insist upon all appropriate safety rules and procedures being observed and upon any degree of supervision it considers advisable being provided by the guest group, and to limit or terminate the use of any such special facilities as it may consider advisable.

In the event that a guest requires medication, X-ray, or treatment beyond that which is possible at Muskoka Woods, the guest group will be charged with the additional expense of transportation and special care. It is the responsibility of the guest group to notify the affected guest's family.

I/We authorize the administration of any first aid treatment necessary at Muskoka Woods, and in the case of medical emergency, give permission to the Physician selected by the guest group staff or sponsors to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my child as named above. Every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians before such action.

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges Muskoka Woods, Muskoka Woods Youth Camp Inc., Gwitmoc Foundation and Lawrason Bay Foundation and their respective members, agents, volunteers, employees, officers and directors (the "Releasees") from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands resulting from any loss, injury or damage to person or property which has arisen or may arise from any and all use of the Muskoka Woods including any programs or otherwise, unless any such loss, injury or damage may have arisen by reason of the negligence of the Releasees.

The undersigned agrees that any and all actions arising out of this agreement or the use of the Muskoka Woods will be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Ontario, Canada in any and all such actions.

****Group members under 18 years of age require the signature of a Parent or Guardian****

**** DO NOT remove bottom portion of waiver****

Name of School or Group: CBOQ (Avalanche)

Dates of Trip: Jan. 19-21, 2018

NAME OF PARTICIPANT

DATE SIGNED

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN
(IF NECESSARY)

Revised as of 02/28/12
