Leader Essentials 2026

Huron Classis Fall Retreat | September 25-27

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WELCOME! Classis Huron Fall Retreat Planning Team Welcomes You!

We are praying that this weekend is a time where everyone experiences and learns more about God, themselves, each other and grows deeper in the journey they are on. We pray it is a weekend full of fellowship, fun, and so much more!

Our Theme: **Encounters With Jesus**

This weekend we will explore the stories of Nathanael, the woman at the well, Jesus as the Bread of Life, and Lazarus.

Speaker: **Dylan Knibbe**

Dylan serves as the Boys Camp Director and Marketing Director at Ontario Pioneer Camp. He loves teaching the Bible, developing young leaders, and creating spaces where people can experience meaningful community.

Worship: **The Entire Assembly (TEA)**

A group of worship leaders from across southern Ontario, united by a heart to lead meaningful, Spirit-led worship, removing the gap between stage and pew.
Spotify Playlist | Youtube Playlist

Prayer Team

Our prayer team will be led by Maria VanderKlippe and Peter Teeninga. They will primarily be in the Boathouse during the weekend, as well as at the back of Worship during sessions if you or your youth would like some prayer.

ARRIVAL & LOGISTICS

Registration

6:00pm-8:00pm | The Backyard
Bring your Barcode to scan (phone or print-out)
Youth Leaders: bring a cheque with the full dollar amount of any registrants ($250 per person).

Leaders Meeting (Mandatory)

7:30pm | The Boathouse
Connect with other leaders, grab a coffee, and socialize. A **mandatory meeting begins at 8:00 pm** to review important information for the weekend. Bring your questions!

LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

Youth Supervision & Safety:

- **Your Youth:** Each cabin has capacity for 16 people. There must be 1 leader for every 7 youth of each gender. Know where your youth are and what they are doing.
- **Curfew**: Ensure all of your youth are in their assigned cabins on time, cooperate with Safety Team checks. and remain there through the night.
    - Know whether any youth is missing.

Small Groups:

Small groups meet after every worship session. You are responsible for:

- Knowing where your group will meet
- Communicating with your youth
- Creating a safe environment
- Helping youth process what they are hearing and experiencing

See the separate Small Group Leader Guide for discussion questions & help.

WEEKEND RULES

- **Cabin Boundaries:** No members of the opposite sex in cabins except for during small group sessions with leaders present. Youth are to sleep in their assigned cabins (*safety/liability issue*).
- **Curfew**: All attendees are to be in their assigned cabins at lights out. Leaders are responsible for knowing if a youth is missing for Safety Team checks.
- **Dress Code:** Wear clothing that keeps with Christian values. Do not wear clothing promoting drug/alcohol use or explicit messages. Final decisions are subject to the Discipleship Team.
- **Behaviour**: Inappropriate behavior includes (but is not limited to) foul language, inappropriate sexual behavior, damage to property, and disrespect for authority or other youth.
- **Water Safety:** No persons on the decks or in the water. Swimming is a liability issue as there are no lifeguards on duty. The water slides will only be open during free time.
- **Zero Tolerance:** No fireworks, weapons (including knives/switchblades), alcohol, drugs, vapes, or illegal substances.
- **Equipment:** Muskoka Woods staff must supervise all skateboard ramp use. No biking, skateboarding, or rollerblading without all safety equipment.

PACKING LIST

- ☐ BIBLE
- ☐ JOURNAL
- ☐ PENS
- ☐ REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE
- ☐ TRAVEL MUG FOR COFFEE/TEA
- ☐ FLASHLIGHT
- ☐ INDOOR CLEAN RUNNERS
- ☐ BEDDING (beds are twin)
  - ☐ SLEEPING BAG
  - ☐ EXTRA BLANKET
  - ☐ PILLOW
- ☐ PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS
  - ☐ SHOWER TOWEL & SHOES
  - ☐ DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER
- ☐ SLEEPWEAR
- ☐ WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
  - ☐ SWIMSUIT & TOWEL
  - ☐ TOQUE & MITTENS
  - ☐ RAIN JACKET
- ☐ OPTIONAL: CASH FOR TUCK SHOP, COLLECTIONS, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media

Have parents follow us this weekend:

- Facebook (Add *CH1FallRetreat* as a friend!)
- Instagram (*CH1FallRetreat*)

Communication Channels This Weekend

- Announcements Only WhatsApp Group for ALL attendees this weekend
- LEADERS ONLY WhatsApp Group (Ask your questions here!)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

A nurse is available throughout the weekend. In case of emergency, locate a member of the Lead Team (Red T-Shirt or Sweater) who will contact the nurse on-call.

Contact Information:

Muskoka Woods

4585 Highway 141, Rosseau, ON
Office: 705-732-4373

Lead Team

Spokesperson: Mark Puklicz | (519) 242-3093
Chair/Safety: Justin Elisen | (519) 496-8578
Nurse: Trish deLange | (519) 525-0275

AFFINITY TIMES | SATURDAY 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Affinity Times are mandatory.

Sign-up sheets are available at registration, as well as at meal times outside the Dining Hall.

Acoustic Worship | *Boathouse*

Join The Entire Assembly in an experience of learning through worship & music. A time to sing together and embrace the presence of the Holy Spirit. Bringing your own instrument is also encouraged.

Q & A With Your Leaders | *Hanger*

Got a question about faith, ministry, leadership, or life? Join Dylan, our speaker, and others as they answer big questions in a panel.
Submit your anonymous questions HERE, at registration, or outside the Dining Hall.

Picture of The Gospel | *Backyard*

Need a creative way to explain the gospel? Paint an easy step-by-step picture while listening to scriptures that walk-through creation, the fall, redemption, and restoration. This illustration works as a tool for explaining the truth of Jesus coming to save us from a broken world.

Career Vocation | *Fieldhouse*

Are you in Grade 11 or 12 and thinking about what's next after high school? Join a conversation with Redeemer University about transitioning into post-secondary schools and careers.

ACTIVITIES & FREE TIME | SATURDAY 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM

- 9 Square
- Basketball
- Gaga Ball
- Prayer Room | *Boathouse*
- **The Kraken** water slide *(wristband required)*
- Board Games | *Backyard*
- Tuck Shop

Sign Up For:

- Volleyball Tournament
- Archery
- Driving Range
- Rock Climbing Wall

SCHEDULE

Friday

6:00 - 8:00 pm	REGISTRATION | *Backyard*
6:00 - 9:00 pm	FREE TIME
7:30 – 8:30 pm	LEADERS MEETING & SOCIAL | *Boathouse*
9:00 - 11:00 pm	WORSHIP | *Hanger*
11:00 - 11:45 pm	SMALL GROUPS
11:45 pm	CURFEW | *Cabins*
12:00 am	LIGHTS OUT

Saturday

7:00 - 8:00 am	COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP | *Backyard*
7:00 - 7:20 am	SUNRISE WORSHIP | *Beach*
7:30 - 8:10 am	BREAKFAST | *Dining Hall*
8:30 - 9:00 am	LEADERS DEVOTIONAL AND SOCIAL | *Rocks*
9:00 -11:00 am	WORSHIP | Hanger
11:00 am	SMALL GROUPS
12:00 - 12:40 pm	LUNCH | *Dining Hall*
1:00 - 2:00 pm	AFFINITY TIMES | *Various Locations*
2:00 - 3:00 pm	ENCOUNTERING CHALLENGES GROUP GAME | *Hangar*
3:00 - 4:45 pm	ACTIVITIES & FREE TIME
5:00 - 5:40 pm	DINNER | *Dining Hall*
5:40 - 7:00 pm	FREE TIME
7:00 - 8:30 pm	WORSHIP | *Hanger*
8:30 - 9:00 pm	SMALL GROUPS
9:00 - 11:30 pm	MOVIE | *Hanger* CAMPFIRE SNACK
11:45 pm	CURFEW | *Cabins*
12:00 am	LIGHTS OUT

Sunday

7:00 - 7:30 am	COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP | *Backyard*
7:00 - 7:20 am	SUNRISE WORSHIP | *Beach*
7:30 - 8:10 am	BREAKFAST | *Dining Hall*
8:00 - 8:45 am	CLEANUP & PACKING | *Cabins*
8:30 - 9:00 am	LEADERS DEVOTIONAL AND SOCIAL | *Backyard*
9:00 - 10:30 am	WORSHIP (Hanger)
11:00 - 12:00 pm	SMALL GROUPS
12:00 pm	LUNCH | *Dining Hall* **SAFE TRIP HOME!**

MAP


Fall Retreat Map
MUSKOKA WOODS
1. Backyard
2. Hangar
3. Cabins
4. Boathouse
5. Dining Hall
6. Outdoor Sports
7. Beach
8. The Kraken
9. Golf
10. Parking
11. Fieldhouse
12. Archery