

BLIZZARD 2019

An Epic Senior High Youth Retreat

Blizzard Week 1 (Feb 1-3)

Mona Scrivens with Life Support

Blizzard Week 2 (Feb 8-10)

Kevin McClade with Life Support



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Heading into our 19th season, Avalanche (Gr.6-8) & Blizzard (Gr 9-12) are landmark retreats at Muskoka Woods in beautiful Rosseau, ON. These retreats bring together churches of all sizes and background to give both church and unchurched youth a valuable experience of being part of the larger body of Christ where they can look around and see that they are not alone in their journey towards a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Hosted by CBOQ Youth, these weekends commit to providing a weekend packed full of engaging teaching, inspiring worship, crazy themed activities, fun programming and tons of great memories. Each

weekend is designed to give students a chance to a deeper in their faith journey through small group time with peers from their own church, and to intentionally give youth workers the time and space to connect with their own youth.

Coming Home - re{serve}d for you

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ~Luke 13:29 (NIV)

For many, home signifies a place of belonging, a place of safety. The church is to be that place for anyone can belong, to return to the one who created us. For anyone who steps into a church, two questions many are asking: Do I belong? Does this faith work? This first question is the focus for our theme this year: Coming Home – re{serve}d for you.

Jesus invites us to his table, to his family. His intent is to restore the relationship God first envisioned with humanity including him as Lord. Everyone is invited to join him at his table. The reservation isn't just the initial invitation. If you are part of his family, you have a place to serve both those inside and outside the family.

If you're willing to come to Jesus, welcome home!

Join with hundreds of teens for a life-changing weekend experience

Why attend Blizzard?

- 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 Sr. Highs to foster community, spiritual growth and see their peers loving God.
- C** Sr. Highs are looking for fun activities, creating amazing memories and time with friends- a retreat is all this focused around Christ.

FREE TO CHOOSE ACTIVITIES

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

THESE AND MORE DEPENDING ON WEATHER WILL BE AVAILABLE

Each Weekend offers a Unique Teaching Experience

FEATURING



Mona Scrivens (Blizzard 1 speaker)

Dr. Mona Scrivens has a passion for the Family...of every configuration. She believes strongly that the role of the Church is to be a support and resource so that families and individual members are nurtured, strengthened, and empowered to honour God in their homes and in the whole of their lives. Currently the lead pastor at Amberlea Presbyterian church in Pickering, she's been a youth leader in Scarborough, been seen on Cityline, The Women's Network, CTV morning shows and a variety of other broadcasts, and is currently working on her second book. Mona lives in Scarborough with her husband, Brian and her two amazing children, Emily and Tyler.



Kevin McGlade (Blizzard 2 speaker)

Kevin is pastor, filmmaker, husband to Marcy and father to Finn and Rory. At heart he is an Irish storyteller, who loves sharing God's story and collecting stories of his own. When he is not behind a camera directing a film or sharing good news with people on a Sunday morning, he can be found having a wrestle at the local Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu gym.



Life Support (Blizzard 1 and 2 worship team)

Life Support is a modern rock/worship collective whose passion is to lead people into God's presence. Staring at St. Francis Xavier University, they've led worship in Canada and the US which included a partnership with Compassion Canada. The passion of Life Support is to hear the Roar of Heaven (BTW, that's the name of their Juno Award-nominated album) resound in this generation. Their desire is to create an atmosphere to both encourage followers and allow seekers to experience the saving love and power of Jesus Christ. www.lifesupportmusic.com

Top 10 Things to look forward to at Blizzard

- 10 An intentional weekend for a youth group to build community with each other
- 9 Epic team competitions
- 8 Snow. Snow. Snow....and all the fun times that happens in the snow
- 7 Lots of giveaways and crazy games and challenges
- 6 Making memories that last all year with hundreds of other youth
- 5 Small Group Time - awesome conversations about God
- 4 An afternoon filled with a variety of activities
- 3 The Blizzard Cup
- 2 Impactful teaching and worship throughout the entire weekend
- 1 Weekend Away + Jesus + Sr Highs = Priceless Experience



Retreat Information

REGISTER TODAY!

Starting October 9, 2018 a church leader can reserve spaces for their youth group by registering online at cboqyouth.ca/blizzard or by calling 416-620-2946

Be sure to include

- * "Best Guess" of your group size (leaders & students)
- * Weekend Selection (Avalanche, Blizzard 1 or Blizzard 2)
- * Name | Church Name | Email Address | Phone Number

You will receive confirmation within 3 days - this will include a registration form that needs to be returned with a \$40/person (non-refundable) deposit. This cost includes meals, housing and program. This does not include transportation cost or additional activity costs. The retreat location is Muskoka Woods in Rosseau, Ontario (muskokawoods.com). We have limited spaces - see Youth Leaders Registration Package for more Registration Details. (cboqyouth.ca/blizzard)

CONTACT CBOQ YOUTH FOR RESOURCES:



We are committed to ensuring all youth and youth groups are able to participate in this significant life-changing weekend. To help to make this possible we offer some insights in the following areas:

- * Fundraising ideas | money management | financial assistance
- * Transportation Recommendations such as sharing a bus with a local church
- * Recommendation for Associations to organize buses to have churches travel together
- * Promotional Strategy (including videos, bulletin inserts, poster, brochures)

HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR "RETREAT" EXPERIENCE:



It is important to be together as your local youth group but a few times a year there is something impactful for your youth to be part of a larger gathering of their peers.

- * Use this fun weekend as a chance for your youth to bring their friends to be part of your church community.
- * Register Early. Connect with other churches to share a bus. Do a few fundraising projects like shovelling snow!
- * Realize that this type of retreat frees you up from having to "run things" on the weekend - so be intentional to carve out time in the schedule to invest into the lives of your youth.
- * Invest energy into "small group time" or "cabin time" - this year we are going to ensure this takes priority!

GETTING YOUTH INVOLVED



- * Join our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/cboqyouthevents.
- * Watch for an email to find out about the "theme dinner" and then you can let your youth start planning for how they will dress up.
- * Have your youth rally around their team name and colour.
- * Have youth make their own retreat promo video
- * Have your youth create a program for the bus ride

