

Dear Parents of Quest/Drive students,

Thanks for your interest in having your teen be a part of the **Quest/Drive Youth Retreat 2022!** For many teens in Quest and Drive, the learning and memories from retreat will be a significant highlight of their time in youth @ Pathway. Here's some details you'll likely want to know.

We will be staying at **Graphite Bible Camp** near Bancroft, ON. It's a great retreat facility with a large coverall, indoor gym and games lounges, outdoor field space, dining and lounge space, and dorm style sleeping arrangements with 4-12 per room. Many of our teens are familiar with the venue because of the summer camps they host. The address for Graphite is:

Graphite Bible Camp, 702 Graphite Road RR#1, Maynooth, ON K0L 2H0

We look forward to the fun memories together, the deeper connections in friendships and in role-model relationships between youth and youth leaders. As well, teens will have the chance to explore the life God has for them, with 4 sessions throughout the weekend involving a speaker and a live band leading worship. This year our theme is **Gear Up**, exploring how to pursue a deeper relationship with God.

The weekend will be jammed full of amazing moments and memories: talent show, life-sized piston cup derby, mario kart and ping-pong tournaments, great chats with small group leaders, fireside and games lounge hangouts, and team competitions. All with 50+ incredible leaders and friends.

Students will be staying in dorm style rooms. The majority of the Quest and Drive small group leaders will be attending the retreat, including: Andrew Friesen, Isaac Lehman, Kevin Reid, Will Patterson, Sharolyn Heeringa, Carolyn Cook, Jessica Allison, Jen Lalande, Ben Lalande, Troy Wilson, Sonya Friesen, Jillayne Degeer, Lydia Degeer, Courtney McCabe, Sarah Mitton, Paula Torres, Noah Blais and Paige Ellis.

The bus transporting students to and from retreat will depart from Rhema at 5:30pm Friday May 13, arriving at the camp at roughly 7pm. Please send your child with a bag supper or have them eat before arriving at Rhema on Friday night. We'll spend our two nights and depart Graphite at 2pm Sunday, making pick-up time 3:30pm on Sunday May 15.

Cost for the weekend including bus, food, lodging, activities etc. is \$160/student, with discounts available for multi-teen families. Pathway church has subsidized the cost of the retreat, dropping the cost significantly. That being said, if you are financially unable to cover this cost but your teen wants to take part, let me know at andrew@pathwaylife.com, as we'd love to have them join us.

To register for the retreat, go to pathwaylife.com/youthretreat. The deadline for registration is Friday April 29.

If during the weekend you need to get in contact with your teen, please contact: Andrew Friesen (705-917-3894), your teen's Small Group Leader, or Graphite (613) 338-5622.

Please let us know if you have any further questions. Looking forward to a great weekend together!

Sincerely,
Andrew Friesen
Family Pastor, Pathway Church