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The YouthBuilder Experience



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YouthBuilder Team visit  
your church

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## BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

We are excited about entering the 12th season of YouthBuilder teams. The first team, launched in 1975, traveled throughout Ontario, visiting local churches for a week at a time, providing encouragement, resources and a fresh vision for youth ministries. Their ministry had such a positive response that a pattern soon developed of training and sending teams in a four-year cycle. In 2003, the Centre for Student Leadership was organized as a joint venture of the Evangelical Missionary Church and the Brethren In Christ Church. This partnership provided more focused attention to shaping young leaders through YouthBuilder teams and other initiatives. This year we are pleased to have two teams that will travel extensively in Ontario, other parts of North America and India.

The YouthBuilders work specifically to encourage youth leaders in local churches, provide assistance in terms of evaluation, ideas, and goal setting, and encourage students to grow in their relationships with God, family and friends. The ministry of the team also extends into other areas of the church including family ministry and worship services. Previous teams have been well received by leaders and youth and have often helped to generate new vision and passion for ministry. There are four great reasons to have the YouthBuilders visit your church.

### 1. The YouthBuilders have an inspirational mission:

- Role model a life of love and compassion.
- Display qualities of spiritual passion and enthusiasm for personal life transformation
- Challenge students and adults to live closer to people and closer to God.

### 2. The YouthBuilders have a relational message:

- Youth need caring and compassionate adult friends.
- Youth can have more fulfilling relationships with peers, parents, other adults in their lives, and with God.

- Youth are impacted when adults build strong relationships with them that encourage peace and reconciliation in all their relationships.
- YouthBuilders bring this relational message through teaching and role modeling.

### 3. The YouthBuilders have a resourcing function:

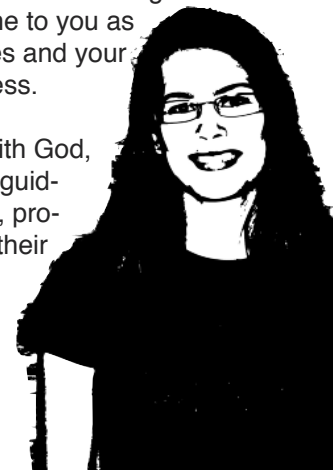
- Bring fresh energy and enthusiasm for investing in the church.
- Provide new ideas and information to students and leaders.
- Provide activities and events where people of all ages can connect.

### 4. You'll play a role in the formation of younger leaders within our family:

- Begin an on-going relationship with them.
- Provide a context for them to exercise their growing abilities to lead and serve.
- Provide encouragement, feedback, and insights from your own ministry experience.

The YouthBuilder Teams spent the summer training at the Clarksburg Retreat to prepare for their tour of churches; however, they come to you as servants rather than as experts. Their learning continues and your involvement with them is an important part of that process.

The YouthBuilders desire to encourage youth to walk with God, encourage leaders in their work with students and give guidance and suggestions in the areas of relational ministry, programming and resource material. We are honoured by their willingness to serve on a full-time, volunteer basis. We know you will bless them and trust that they will be a blessing to you.





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## METHODS OF MINISTRY

### A. Personal Contact with Students and Leaders

Team members are planning to connect individually with as many students as possible at lunch or after school to get to know them better and encourage them in their life and spiritual walk. The girls on the team will meet individually with females in your group and the guys will meet with males. Billeting team members in homes where there are teenagers will increase their ability to connect relationally with your whole group. Also, spending time with adult youth leaders and pastoral staff is a priority to the team. The team would like to meet each morning with the pastoral staff for devotions and personal enrichment.

### B. Church Services

The YouthBuilders are available to participate in your worship service by taking a portion of the service or by planning and organizing the whole service. The team can incorporate any of the following elements into a partial or whole service plan:

- **Featured Music**
- **Worship Leading**
- **Personal Testimony**
- **Share about the ministry of the team at your church**
- **Worship Experience**

The team is prepared to take the entire morning or evening service based on their tour theme. This is an interactive time of music, story and teaching. The team would seek to involve students in various ways and give an overview of their involvement in the life of your church.

### C. Teaching Presentations for Students

One form of teaching that the team offers is specific forums directly targeted to students. The forums are highly interactive, discussion oriented and are 45-60 minutes in length. They are a great way to help youth think through an issue or topic.

### D. Times to Build the Family

Our culture continues to pull the family apart and create walls between parents and their teens. In order to assist you with your impact on the family, the YouthBuilders have designed opportunities for students to relate to and interact better with their parents and opportunities for parents to receive support and information. The team offers workshops and event options for both a parents night and a parent/teen event.

### E. Workshops for Adult and Student Leaders

The team looks forward to spending as much time as they can with adults and students who have leadership responsibility in your youth ministry. (This could include adult youth leaders, pastoral staff, ministry team members, student leaders/executives, Sunday School teachers, etc.) It is at this level that they hope to have the most impact on your on-going ministry to students. The team members do not present themselves as experts, but rather as coaches and resource people. Their approach at this level is largely conversational. If there are other issues that you would like their perspective on, let us know in advance and they will be prepared to address them.

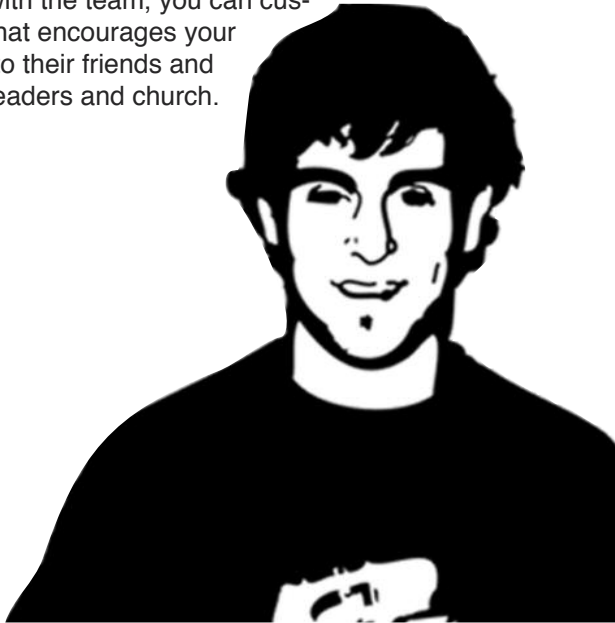


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## F. Outreach Nights

The YouthBuilders desire to help you create an event or environment where unchurched students feel safe, can have fun and have an opportunity to hear the message of Jesus Christ.

An outreach night might include wild gym games or theme competitions, organized games inside or outside, personal testimony/story and video presentations. Along with the team, you can customize a target night that encourages your students to reach out to their friends and expose them to your leaders and church.



## PREPARING FOR THE TEAM

### A. Scheduling

#### YB Arrival

Generally, the YouthBuilders arrive at your church late Tuesday afternoon and stay until the following Sunday evening. Some scheduling options have been included with this package which you can use as a guide as you plan the team's visit with you. A week to focus on youth ministry at your church or a weekend retreat are ideal possibilities for the team, but you can choose from among the options to come up with a plan best suited to your situation. If you have some ideas that are not reflected in the options, we would be glad to talk with you about them.

#### Time with you

Please schedule adequate time for the team to spend with your leaders so that they can get a proper introduction to your ministry, give some constructive feedback, share resources, etc.

#### Retreats

In the case of weekend retreats, the YouthBuilders can do everything from games and special events to leading worship and times of instruction. Simply let us know how much responsibility you want them to take. (It is your responsibility to make sure there is adequate adult supervision.)



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## B. Billeting/Accommodation

Normally the team will need room and board from Tuesday evening through Sunday. On occasion, if they are a long way from home base, they may need to stay until Tuesday, traveling from there to the next church on the tour.

### Maximize the impact

It would be best if team members could be billeted individually in the homes of key young people. Because the team would like to make as wide an impact as possible, we would discourage billeting team members with their friends or relatives.

### Lunches

Occasionally the team members will need a simple bag lunch at noon because of appointments with young people, etc. Apart from that, the team members are not looking for any special treatment; they desire to fit into the normal life of the family as much as possible.

### Transportation

Finally, keep in mind that the YouthBuilders have only one vehicle; in an ideal situation, their billets would not be spread too far apart.

## C. Finances

The cost of the YouthBuilder ministry is underwritten by the Youth Boards of both the EMC and BIC denominations. The only charge to your church is a \$200 confirmation fee to help offset the cost of team travel expenses.

### Scholarship Fund

Any private donations or free-will offerings that the team receives will be put into a scholarship fund. The fund is divided evenly among the team

members who choose to pursue further education at the end of the year. We thank God for young people who are willing to serve voluntarily in this way.

## FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS

### A. What We Need From You

1. Confirm with us the date you want the team.
2. Begin to consider how you will utilize the team. Please refer to the attached sample schedules.
3. Be prepared to pay the \$200 confirmation fee due once your date is confirmed. The confirmation fee needs to be sent no later than two weeks prior to the Youthbuilders visit.

### B. If You Have Questions Please Call...

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# YouthBuilder Sample Week Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
9 am	<b>T E A M , S A B B A T H</b>	-General Planning for the week  -Check in with Team Point People	Devotions with Pastor or Staff Team			<b>OPTION #1:</b> -Leaders' Day with workshops & seminars  <b>OPTION #2:</b> -Day Trip with whole group, (i.e. hiking)  <b>OPTION #3:</b> -Weekend Retreat with whole group  <b>OPTION #4:</b> -Afternoon Outing with whole group  <b>OPTION #5:</b> -Workshops or Seminars  <b>OPTION #6:</b> -Preparation for Sunday	<b>OPTION #1:</b> -Team involved in Sunday School  <b>OPTION #2:</b> -Parent/Teen Seminar  <b>OPTION #3:</b> -Participation in worship services (i.e. worship music, testimony, singing, drama, etc..)	
10 am			YB Team Planning Meetings					
11 am			Preparation for Evening Programs					
12-1 pm			Lunch Appointments with Students					-Lunch with billets
2 pm		<b>Team Arrives</b>	YB Preparation for Evening Programs  Personal Study				<b>OPTION #3:</b> -Weekend Retreat with whole group  <b>OPTION #4:</b> -Afternoon Outing with whole group	<b>OPTION:</b> -Preparation for evening service or youth service/event
3 pm								
4 pm		Arrive at church -Meet for orientation with pastor	Supper with Billets				<b>OPTION #5:</b> -Workshops or Seminars	-Supper with Youth Pastor and Leaders to evaluate the week
5-6 pm		-Supper with leaders and/or students						
7 pm	<b>GOOD START</b> -Meet with whole group for a "Get to Know You" night	<b>OPTION #1:</b> -Participate in Youth Program/Bible Study  <b>OPTION #2:</b> -Meet with leaders for leaders' workshop	<b>OPTION #1:</b> -Parent/Teen night with games and short workshop  <b>OPTION #2:</b> -Parent Night for just parents	<b>OPTION #1:</b> -Target Night with competitions, drama, & food  <b>OPTION #2:</b> -Leave for weekend retreat  <b>OPTION #3:</b> -Leaders' meeting or leadership retreat	<b>OPTION #6:</b> -Preparation for Sunday	<b>OPTION #1:</b> -Team takes evening service - gets youth participating  <b>OPTION #2:</b> -Team leads a youth worship night		
	<b>Team Departs</b>							