

Dear Youth Pastor,

Welcome to Youth Explosion! **We're amazed about what God has in store for us this summer!** We are confident that a life changing experience awaits your youth. **"...This is the generation of those who seek His face!"**

We are excited that you are going to be a part of seeking the face of God at Youth Explosion 2009. This is going to be a camp that will bring your youth to a new place of knowing Him! We look forward to your arrival and the opportunity of greeting new faces as well as welcoming back "extended family"!

As you also prepare for camp in the next weeks, we wanted to pass on this information that is vital to a smooth arrival and registration. *Please read this packet in its entirety.* As a suggestion, you may want to copy certain pages of this information and distribute to the parents of your young people.

Prior to Camp:

Each of the included release forms must be filled out. It is required that every attendee has a release form, **youth and leaders**. When completed **and notarized**, these forms must be mailed to us or brought with you to registration (anyone without the form cannot be permitted to attend camp)

These forms include:

- Medical Information and Parental Consent to Emergency Medical Care
- Release of Claims and Hold Harmless Agreement

Please note that any drop after four weeks out from your camp will require a *\$40 cancellation fee* in addition to the \$25 initial deposit. Please understand our desire is to fill all available spots, and last minute cancellations will not allow us the opportunity to fill those spots with individuals that we did not initially have capacity for. Please contact us before arrival for last minute additions.

Registration Day:

Registration is July 13th from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm:

Upon arrival at camp, bring any notarized forms.

Also be prepared to pay the remainder of your balance, if you have not done so already.

We are excited to see you in just a few short months! Please do not hesitate to contact us at **941-752-3473** for any further assistance.

IMPORTANT:

This camp is a first come first serve basis. Our hotel can only accommodate 700 people so please register early. Campers who register after the first 700 will have to stay at a nearby hotel. Thank you and we're praying that this time will be an amazing adventure with God from the moment you leave to the time you return, and that you'll TRANSFORM your community for the kingdom of God.

With a passion for Him:

**John & Michelle Skorski
Youth Pastors
Christian Retreat & Youth Explosion 2009**

PS: We are also looking for anointed Youth Worship bands to do sets in the prayer room throughout the week and our Nightwatch on Friday night. Please email xplosiveyouth@yahoo.com if you are interested in this.

CHRISTIAN RETREAT FAMILY CHURCH

Consent and Release Form for Youth Explosion

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, hereby consent to my child, _____, who is _____ years of age, participating in the activities connected with the 2009 Youth Explosion Transformed camp, an activity sponsored by Christian Retreat Family Church from July 13, 2009 through July 18, 2009. I certify that my child is able to participate in these activities, including extreme sports, swimming, and canoeing, mud pit (unless otherwise indicated). If my child has medical conditions, which may be relevant to a physician in the event of an emergency, I have listed them below. In the event an emergency occurs, I may be reached at the telephone number listed below. If I cannot be reached within a reasonable period of time, I hereby authorize the adult sponsor, _____, to make emergency medical decisions for my child. If there are any activities I do not want my child to be involved in, I have listed them below.

I UNDERSTAND AND HEREBY AGREE TO ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS WHICH MAY BE ENCOUNTERED ON SAID ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES PRELIMINARY AND SUBSEQUENT THERETO. I do hereby agree to hold Christian Retreat / Gospel Crusade, Inc. and its agents and employees, harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, claims, expenses, and damages on account of injury to my child or property, even injury resulting in death, which I now have or which may arise in the future in connection with the activity or participation in any other associated activities.

I expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Florida and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I further state that **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT.** This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Medical Conditions to Be Aware of: _____

Physical Restrictions: _____

Instructions and Medications: _____

Date of Last Tetanus or Booster: _____

Consent and Release Form for Youth Explosion Cont.

I Do Not Wish My Child To Participate In The Following: _____

Telephone Numbers Where I May Be Reached At In an Emergency:

Work: (_____) _____ - _____

Home: (_____) _____ - _____

Cell (_____) _____ - _____

Signed:

Parent or Guardian _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by

(name of person acknowledging).

Signature of Notary Public-State of _____

(NOTARY SEAL)

Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

Preparing for Camp . . .

What you will need to bring . . .

Bible, notebook and pen

Water bottle or canteen

Sleeping bag

Sunscreen

Good supportive shoes (tennis shoes)

Towels and washcloths

Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, etc.)

Travel alarm clock

An expectancy to have a great time!!

It gets really hot in the summer, you will be outside often – please pack accordingly!

Things you may want to bring . . .

Insect repellent

Flashlight, batteries

Camera and film

Shower Shoes

Casual modest clothing: Jeans, pants, sweats and t-shirts, shorts

Clothes that can get dirty (for the Ropes Course)

One set of clothes that may get extremely muddy

Bathing Suit (Must be a one-piece, or dark, long t-shirt worn over swimsuit otherwise. No exceptions!)

Spending Money

What not to bring . . .

All . . .

Gang paraphernalia; i.e. bandanas

Knives or weapons of any sort

Discmans, CD Players, Radios (if you need one for talent surge practice it must stay with youth pastor)

IPODs and other mp3 players are not allowed in services (Please Christian music only)

Fireworks

Guys . . .

Immodest swimsuits

(No Speedos)

Ladies . . .

Mini skirts

Crop tops

Off-the-shoulder shirts

Two-piece bathing suit or
an immodest one-piece

****Youth pastors and camp leadership have the right to ask a camper to change at any time if they feel their clothing is inappropriate****

Things you may not want to bring . . .

Jewelry, Cell phone

. . . anything you wouldn't want to lose or see damaged.

*Please note that we are can't be responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

A Week at Youth Explosion . . . (not the exact schedule, just an example)

Monday

Noon – 5:00pm Registration in Hotel Lobby and Activities
5:00 – 6:30pm Dinner
7:00 – 10:00pm Opening Session, Worship, Corey and Dana Russell
10:30 – 11:45pm Snack Bar & Game Room open
12:00 In Rooms
12:30am Lights Out

Tuesday

7:00 – 8:30am Quite Time & Breakfast
7:45-8:45am Youth Pastor Breakfast with Corey Russell
9:00 – 11:00am Worship, Talent Surge, Morning Session with Corey and Dana Russell
11:00 – 11:30am Youth Group Time
Noon – 1:00pm Lunch
1:30 – 3:30pm The Ultimate Challenge Games, Prayer Room
4:00 – 5:15pm Breakout Sessions
5:30-6:30pm Dinner
7:00 – 10:30pm Worship, Talent Surge, Session with Eddie James, Excaliber and team
10:30 – 12:30am Snack Bar & Game Room open
12:30am In Rooms
1:00am Lights Out

Wednesday

7:00 – 8:30am Quite Time & Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 Youth Group time
9:00 – 11:30am Worship, Morning Cryout Session
Noon – 1:00pm Lunch
Youth Pastors Luncheon with Eddie James
1:30 – 3:30pm The Ultimate Challenge Games, Prayer Room
4:00 – 5:15pm Youth Breakout Workshops
5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner
7:00 – 10:00pm Worship, Session with Eddie James, Excaliber and team
10:30 – 11:45pm Snack Bar & Game Room open
12:00 In Rooms
12:30am Lights Out

Thursday

7:00 – 8:30am Quite Time & Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00am Youth Group Time
9:00 – 11:30am Worship, Morning Session with The Front Leadership
Noon – 2:30pm Guy/girl split off luncheon
3:00 – 5:00pm The Ultimate Challenge Games
5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner
7:00 – 10:00pm Worship, Session with Prophet Ben
10:30 – 11:45pm Snack Bar & Game Room open
12:00 In Rooms
12:30am Lights Out

Friday

7:00 – 8:30am Quite Time & Breakfast
9:00 – Noon Worship, Morning Session
Noon – 1:00pm Lunch and Youth Pastors Lunch Session
2:00 – 4:00pm The Open Games, Gallery prayer room open
4:00 – 5:00pm Baptism on the river (ask youth pastor and pick up Baptism Bible study in Gallery)
5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner
7:00 – 10:00pm Worship, Commissioning Session with Michelle Skorski and The Front
10:30 – 11:45pm Snack Bar & Game Room open
12:00 In Rooms
12:30am Lights Out

Saturday,

7:00 – 8:30am Quite Time & Breakfast
Check out -by 11:00am

Youth Explosion Activities

Sessions:

These are the main focus of camp. Our dynamic speakers will inspire you with the word of God. They will teach you how to stand alone in this world. Along with the speakers is intense Spirit filled worship that will bring you into the presence of God.

The Ultimate Challenge:

These are exciting, unusual and outrageous games all campers get to play during scheduled team times. These activities include: low ropes course, tire-tube slip-and-slide, "the gauntlet", ultimate dodgeball, and more. These are no "regular" camp games and are sure to make your camp experience extreme.

Ministry Opportunities:

This year we want to give youth groups the opportunity to minister alongside of us at camp. Because of this we are asking that if there is a drama, dance piece, or worship song that your youth group would like to use to minister at the camp, please email us at xplosiveyouth@yahoo.com to let us know. We are asking that the group be ready to "addition" this piece before hand at camp so that we can make sure that the piece goes with the flow of the service.

Housing and Food

Housing Accommodations:

All campers will be staying in air conditioned hotel rooms, four to five in each room. Bedding will be provided. Unfortunately, we do not offer married housing at this time, and we do not offer special accommodations for small children either. Also note; **Towels are not provided so please bring your own.**

Food Accommodations:

All meals will be served in our dining hall. All three meals will be served at scheduled times. There will be concessions open during non-meal times, and will serve drinks, candy, ice cream, etc. These are an additional expense, so advise your group to bring spending money if they want extra snacks. We will have a snack bar open nightly after sessions that will have pizza, wings, ice cream and other great snacks. Some of this year's dinners will be catered out; ie Carrabbas, Sonny's Barbecue...

Youth Explosion Rules

To do . . .

- Show up 5 minutes early to all sessions
- Carry an attitude that exudes respect, willingness and servant hood
- Dress appropriately; very modestly (Youth Pastors please help with this)
- Take showers daily
- Bring Bible, pen and camp notebook to each session
- Wear name tag at all times (replacement is \$5.00)

Ladies

1. No bare mid-drifts or spaghetti strap tank tops
2. No two piece bathing suits
3. No Short Shorts or Short Skirts

Gentlemen

1. Must wear a shirt at all times aside from the pool
2. No sagging pants

Staff's discretion will be used regarding appropriate clothing

Not to do . . .

- Violate people or property (threats, verbal abuse, fighting)
- Show Public Display of Affection (PDA)
- Opposite gender wrestling
- Stealing
- Use profanity or racial slurs
- Disrespect authority
- Use tobacco, alcoholic substances, or non-prescription drugs*
- Fight or have weapons
- No guys on girl's floors or in rooms and vice versa
- Have in possession or view pornography
- Leave campus without permission
- Use shaving cream, toothpaste or toilet paper other than what it was intended for
- Bring cell phone to sessions (youth pastors, please have yours on silent ring)
- Wandering away from public areas
- Leave room after in room time
- No guy / girl ministry time i.e. Praying together alone (we need to guard our hearts and avoid any appearance of evil)

Not abiding by the rules of Youth Explosion will result in disciplinary action that could include dismissal from camp at your expense.

Frequently Asked Questions

Youth Pastors

What is my role as the youth pastor at camp?

Let us do the little details so that you can spend time with your group and to get to know them better. During sessions please pray with your youth at any ministry time. Take time at the end of each day to talk about that day's activities.

What will I be doing while my youth group is involved with activities/sessions?

During sessions you need to be present with your group. During games we encourage you to participate to allow your group to foster growth. We keep each youth group together in teams (more than 1 group will be on a team) to allow group growth.

Will I have time to spend with my youth group?

Absolutely! We have youth group times scheduled in so that you can meet with your teens. Please communicate any specific times and activities you want your youth to be present to the staff and they will facilitate this happening.

Do I need to have a lesson prepared for the camp?

No! This camp is designed to give you a break as well as provide a new environment for your youth. But you will want to prepare for ministry time following our sessions.

Can I register at the door?

Yes! Please keep in mind the cost is \$299.00 and the space availability of each camp must be taken into consideration. Anyone registering at the door will need all the forms necessary for camp. You will want to check with prior to coming to be sure there is room.

Frequently Asked Questions (Parents)

Does the cost of the camp cover everything? How much money should I send with my camper?

Everything needed is included: housing, food, sessions, praise and worship, high quality speakers. Extra spending money would be used for concessions, the coffee/smothee shop, and merchandise (like camp shirts).

What is the weather like in Florida?

In the month of July it is usually in the 90's and rain can be expected.

What other activities do you have available?

Pool, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Intramural Competition.

How can I get in touch with my son/daughter during the camp?

A line will be set up for messages and for emergencies should they arise and you need to get in touch with your son/daughter. Call 941-746-2882 and follow the voice prompts.

Can I send a camper mail?

Mail may not get to your camper in time if you do not send mail priority/Overnight to:

Campers Name
Church Name (if applicable)
Youth Explosion
1201 Glory Way Blvd
Bradenton, FL 34212

Do you provide sufficient water supplies for the campers?

Yes, we will have water available to the campers at all times. We also encourage the campers throughout the day to drink plenty of water.

What if my camper has prescription medicine?

You need to alert their youth pastor and make arrangements with them.

Group Ministry Opportunity Information

As God continues to link us more and more, we are so excited to allow different groups to have the option of ministering with us during the camp. Our goal is not to give ourselves a platform, but to allow the Holy Spirit to change lives forever! We realize that part of this comes through the body being able to minister to each other rather than only receiving from an individual or group. Because of this, we welcome any group that believes the Lord has laid a dance, drama, or worship piece on their heart for camp to addition it at camp. The "addition" is necessary so that we can make sure that everything being ministered stays in the flow of the service. If your group is interested in ministering with a piece, please email us at xplosiveyouth@yahoo.com.