



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Springforth 2011

Tracks:

What are the tracks and their locations?

Middle School: Moncton Wesleyan Church (945 St. George Blvd)

High School: Crandall University (formally known as Atlantic Baptist University)
(corner of Trans Canada Highway and Gorge Rd.)

Volunteer Leaders: Crandall University & Moncton Wesleyan Church

What is the focus of the Middle School track?

Evangelism. Middle School Springforth is designed to serve your church by providing an event where your students can clearly hear and have an opportunity to respond positively to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is the focus of the High School track?

Discipleship. High School Springforth is designed to serve your church by providing an opportunity for your High School students to be strengthened in their faith and to be challenged to live their lives in obedience to Jesus Christ.



What is the theme of Springforth?

The theme of Springforth this year is Thirst. In life we all have a longing- a desperate thirst - deep inside of us for something that will tell us we belong, that we matter, that we are loved; for something that is real. Only Christ is able to fill this deep thirst inside of us. Jesus tells us in scripture that 'whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring for water welling up to eternal life' (John 4:14). John 6:35 also states that whoever believes in Jesus will never be thirsty again. Filling our lives with Christ and not the things of this world is the only thing that will fill the longing and the thirst we have inside of us. We hope that each youth, no matter where they are in their journey, will be challenged to move closer to Christ.



Do the tracks start and end at the same time?

No. There is a slight time difference in the start and end times for the Middle School and High School sites throughout the weekend, by only 10-15 minutes. This time differences can help with transportation between the two sites.



Is the Volunteer track located at one site?

No. New this year the volunteer track will be offered at both the Middle School and Senior High site. On Friday evening there will be a workshop for leaders at the Moncton Wesleyan Church and a session with Gary Nelson at Crandall University. On Saturday morning there will be a workshop for leaders at Crandall University and session with Gary Nelson at the Moncton Wesleyan Church. This will allow leaders to stay

at one site and not have to travel between sites as much as in previous years. The talk given by Gary at each site will be the same talk.



Is there snack offered twice at Middle School site and Senior High Site?

Yes, one on Friday evening and one on Saturday morning. The second snack offered at the Senior High site is new for 2011!



What are late night options for the Senior High track?

In previous years there was one late night activity for the Senior High track, the Arts Fest. Recognizing that this is still a valuable aspect of the Springforth experience for the High School students, yet wanting to add some diversity to the weekend, there will be more options taking added during the timeslot of Arts Fest.



What is the Film Festival?

New in 2010, the film festival is part of the Senior High site. It is an opportunity for groups to submit a film prior to Springforth on the current year's theme, with the possibility of it being selected to be shown at Springforth. This is another opportunity for students to participate and use their gifts at Springforth.



What is the Internship program?

The internship program is a chance for young adults (and possibly older high school students) to serve God at the Middle School site by using their gifts at a high quality event.



Is the offering the same at both sites?

Each year a new project is the focus of the offering at Springforth. In previous years the Middle School site and High School site had different focuses. Instead of focusing on different projects this year, both sites will have offerings that will be going to the same project and ministry. This year, it will go towards helping to build a well in Kenya through The Sharing Way, the relief and development department of Canadian Baptist Ministries. Every penny the youth donate in the offering will go to this project. Every \$1 will provide access for clean water for a home of 6 individuals for a week.

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What is the focus of the Volunteers Leaders Track?

Equipping and encouragement. The Leaders track at Springforth is designed to serve your church by providing an opportunity for **volunteer leaders** to meet other leaders and to receive ministry training and encouragement to enable them to be more effective in ministry.

While the students are in workshops and presentations, volunteer leaders are invited to attend a mini-conference just for them. This year it will look a little differently.



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We live in NS or PEI and we don't have a Middle School in our area. Which track do we go to?

Because of the variation in school systems, the High School event is planned from grade 9-12, and the Middle School event is planned for grade 6-9. So, if you are bringing grade 9 students it is your choice as to where to register them.

We are from NS or PEI and we have Grade 6s in our youth group. Can we bring them to the Middle School event?

Yes.

Who is directing the various tracks?

Middle School – Rev. Dan Pyke

High School – Mrs. Jody Linkletter

Volunteer Leaders – Rev. Dale Stairs

Does our group need to have leaders at all the tracks your teens are attending?

Yes. You need to supervise your students. You cannot drop your students off and leave them, nor should you stand outside and chat during the program.

Should our group plan to sit together?

Yes, in order to supervise your youth they need to be sitting near you. This is especially important at the Middle School location.



Can my students bring cell phones?

It is up to individual leaders if their students can bring their own cell phones. **HOWEVER** we strongly encourage that cell phones not be used during the event unless it is emergency (INCLUDING texting during rallies or workshops).

Food:

What meals are provided as Springforth?

A snack is provided on Friday night for all tracks. A snack on Saturday morning is provided for the Middle School and Senior High track. Other meals are your responsibility.

What do you recommend we do for lunch?

Mountain Road is Moncton's "fast food paradise". There are dozens of inexpensive restaurant options. The big box retailers stores are located near by at the corner of Mountain Road and Trinity Drive. You can also eat and shop at Champlain Place on the Moncton/Dieppe border. If eating at a restaurant, reservations are strongly encouraged.

Why a two-hour lunch?

A two-hour lunch helps to provide adequate time for travel between sites, and eating establishments. It also provides an opportunity for leaders to connect with their youth regarding what they have learned during the event so far, or to connect with their other leaders. Some youth groups have used the lunch

time to connect with other youth groups and have a picnic at a park. What a great opportunity for connecting and building relationships.

Registration:

Why is Springforth so inexpensive?

The sheer volume of people allows us to keep the per person program fee low, as well as your church's giving to our Convention's United in Mission (UIM) fund.

Is there a late Registration fee?

Yes

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In order to be good stewards of time and resources we need to know before the event the number who will be attending.

Will there be room for my group at Springforth?

There is limited space at Springforth and it is available on a first-come, first served basis. Even though we now have 3 tracks, some of them will be full. "First come" means having your form and money in. An e-mail or a faxed form not accompanied by a cheque does not qualify.

Are only Baptists welcome at Springforth?

No. Youth groups from other Christian churches are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Can we send in our registration forms without money?

No.

Can I register my group over the phone using Visa or Mastercard?

Yes. Call Jacqueline Derrah toll free at 1-506-635-1922, ext 115

How do I register my group?

You can register online, or you can print off a registration form from the website and mail it to the registrar with your payment.

When I arrive do I have to stand in a registration line?

No. All registration is done in advance. Admission wristbands and a mail-back packet will be sent to you once your registration forms and money reach the registrar.

Do leaders pay the same fee as students?

Yes. Our costs are the same no matter what your age is.

Do you recommend that the church pay the fees for the leaders?

Yes. While we believe Springforth will be fun and rewarding for the leaders, it is not a vacation. We recommend that the churches cover the expenses for those willing to invest their weekend to take teens to a special event.

We have a student in Grade 12 who is a Junior Leader. Can he/she attend the leaders track?

Sure, if that's where he or she would rather be!

What if someone I register is unable to go?

Registrations are non-refundable but are transferable to another person in your group attending the same track, or you can sell the extra wristband to someone from another group.

Accommodations:

Where can my group stay overnight on Friday?

You can make your own arrangements either at a motel or call any of the churches listed on this web site for free accommodations. Please note that if you book accommodations at a church and your plans change that it would be appropriate to let your host know as soon as possible. Limited dormitory accommodations are available at Crandall University.

If our group is staying at Crandall, what time can we move into our dorm rooms?

Registration for Crandall dorms will take place at the residence, starting at 6:00pm, Friday night.

What are the basic rules if I stay at a church overnight?

- ◆ If a group has both male and female students then each group should bring at least one male leader and one female leader. However, if you do not have both male and female leaders you can make arrangements to stay in the same church as another youth group (whose leaders you know and trust) and have one of their leaders watch over the youth who are of the gender for which you do not have leaders.
- ◆ There should be one leader for about every 8 or so teens.
- ◆ Lights out: 1:30am
- ◆ Quiet hours are 1:30am-7:30am
- ◆ Only the host can let someone into the building once the door is locked.
- ◆ No one is allowed to leave the building once it is locked.
- ◆ Excessive noise is to be avoided due to the late hour of arrival Friday night and early hour of departure on Saturday morning.

Please note that churches in the Moncton area allow us to stay in their facilities at no cost. It is very important that visiting churches follow the above guidelines and treat the church facility and neighborhood/neighbors with respect. A thank you card or gift for the host church is encouraged.

Security:

Can anyone drop in for part of Springforth?

No. Only those who have registered and received bracelets can enter a Springforth rally or event of any kind. Security Staff will check for the proper bracelet at the door.

Miscellaneous:

Do you recommend that Springforth be seen as a "scent free" event?

Yes. Please encourage your students to be sensitive to the needs of others and leave their "scents" behind.

As a leader, will I be expected to counsel students who respond to an “altar call”?

Students will be invited to accept Christ as their Savior or rededicate their lives to Christ during the event. Leaders are encouraged to counsel someone from their own youth group.

Am I expected to monitor my student’s behavior?

Yes. Leaders are required to sit with their youth during the rallies to ensure proper behavior.

How do I present this event to my students?

Springforth is a conference designed to help students grow closer to Jesus and it is best to present it as such. While students will have a lot of fun while they are at the event it is not a fun event, an all-nighter, or a concert. There is a short Springforth video also available at

http://www.youtube.com/user/cabc1655#p/a/u/1/Nn011HQ_ROQ that you can use to help promote Springforth to your students.