



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Tracks:

What are the tracks and their locations?

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

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

Volunteer Leaders: Old Sanctuary, Moncton Wesleyan Church (945 St. George Blvd)

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 Rooted. Becoming rooted in Christ is one of the most important decisions one can make. We hope that each youth, no matter where they are in their journey, will be challenged to move closer to Christ and to set their roots deeper in Him.

What is the focus of the Volunteers Leaders Track?

Equipping and encouragement. Leaders 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. It will happen in the old Sanctuary at Moncon Wesleyan Church (945 St. George Blvd). Volunteer youth leaders from High School Springforth should give their cell phone numbers to one of your youth at ABU in case they need to contact you during the Leaders Conference.

Middle School youth leaders will have the great advantage of being in the same building as their students.

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. Mark Archibald

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.

Do all tracks start and end at the same time?

Yes, except the Middle School program is finished a little bit earlier on Friday night.

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 only at the Middle School 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 retail 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 so low. In addition, your church's giving to our Convention's United in Mission fund covers the salary and expenses for most of the Youth and Family Staff so these costs are not included in the registration fee.

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.

What if I only have a few students registering after April 23rd, 2010?

Only those individuals who register after April 23rd, 2010 will be charged the late registration fee.

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 101

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 Atlantic Baptist University / Crandall University.

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

Registration for ABU 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.