

Provincial Director Memo

I am so excited to be sending the Breakaway 2023 information to you and I am full of anticipation for what this season of intentional, discipleship-driven ministry to students across NL will hold. The last time we gathered at ECC for Breakaway was 2019. When I write that I can hardly believe it's true – and all that has transpired since that time. While many big changes have happened, some things remain unchanged including this firm belief: Youth Breakaway is a unique space where students and leaders encounter the power and presence of God through gatherings of worship, intentional community, and celebration.

In fact, the unique space that is Breakaway was established in 1983. That's right – Breakaway celebrates 40 years this summer! In 40 years of gathering students for summer camp, we have seen the outpouring of miracles, wonders, salvations, healings, transformation, calling and blessing. The Spirit of God has been present and He has done great things. While the world is constantly shifting and changing, He is faithful, good, and *unchanging*. So, I assume, and believe with full confidence, that what He has done He can and will do again, AND greater things still that we have not yet seen in our day.

I won't apologize for audacious faith for a new generation. Isn't it the truth that our students need to encounter, and be transformed by, the power and presence of God now more than they ever have before? I am desperate and hungry for God to do an unprecedented thing in and through the generation of students we serve. As we work and prepare our hearts to gather students at Breakaway this summer, I pray fervently, "God, do it there. Breakaway is yours. God of revival, pour your Spirit out."

Breakaway 2023 Guest Line-Up

We are so excited about this year's Breakaway Guest Lineup. We have some familiar and some brand-new faces who will lead our students passionately into encounters with the power and presence of God. They are also remarkably sincere, down to earth, Christ followers who love to serve the church.

- Breakaway 1 this year will feature returning worship leader Mike Snow and speaker James
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- Breakaway 2 this year will feature worship leader **Greg Bowers** and guest speaker **Chris Chase**.

We are so blessed and excited for our students to sit under their ministry this summer. You won't want to miss it.

What to Expect

This summer at YB1 will be the first time in 40 years of Youth Breakaway that EVERY SINGLE camper will be a first-time student at YB! At YB2 potentially half the students will have only attended camp once or not at all! Isn't that wild!?! With that said, it means for the most part your students have no idea know what to expect at Breakaway. As you talk to students and promote the event, we encourage you to talk about...

- Totally insane rec competitions
- Over the top team spirit
- Interactive and practical morning sessions
- The big pizza party and the trophy
- *New* Time and space to hang out with friends and meet new people
- Delicious camp food (I'm talking about the chicken fingers and milkshakes of course)
- Powerful times of worship
- Super stylin' YB merch
- Challenging messages from God's Word
- Opportunities to really, powerfully connect with God
- Walks around the complex with "friends" (we mean friends... that's it!)
- Late night devotions and chats in the dorm rooms
- The smell of the Diamond building by day 3
- All that sleep you're going to get (JK.. obvs)

We hope you'll paint a picture that kids will want to see for themselves. Our social media feed and promo video will help with that in the coming weeks, no doubt. But nothing quite makes a kid have FOMO like hearing about amazing things direct from the source – which is you! Assume they don't know much about camp and help them understand why you're so desperate for them to hang out with us at camp this summer.

Important Information

Included in this packet, you will find registration notes and reminders. Please thoroughly read them and if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask! The more informed we are the better we can serve each other and our students. You will also note that individual registration forms for students are available online. In the meantime, please note:

- Group registration should now be completed online. Payment may also be completed
 on-line, or one group cheque can be mailed to the office. Individual payments/cheques
 will not be accepted.
- Individual registration forms must be forwarded to the office (preferably scanned in one document), in keeping with the PAONL Abuse Prevention Policy guidelines.

There will be only one registration deadline. YB 1 registration deadline will be June 7, and YB 2 registration deadline will be July 26 at a cost of \$260.

Paperwork isn't always fun (totally get it) – but it's necessary to getting our students and leaders registered on time and correctly! So don't procrastinate!

Don't Miss It

I urge you to not miss the opportunity to put your students in this environment. In fact, I encourage you to put *yourself* in that environment too because as leaders we need that refilling and life-giving presence of God and community with leaders who are wrestling through life and ministry like we are. Talk to your students, invite them, look for sponsorships to assist students who can't come, pray and prepare to attend Breakaway this summer. And would you too be brave enough to have that same audacious faith for the new generation we are loving and serving?

Let's EXPECT great things from God – I would love for you to be there when it happens!

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