



**March 16, 2018, 7:30pm
@ Air Canada Centre
Cost: \$55/person**

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends:

In March 2017, we had over 360 students and leaders come to the Air Canada Centre to watch a professional NBA regular season game, featuring the Toronto Raptors. We also had the opportunity to hear from assistant coach Patrick Mutombo. There was energy and excitement not just about basketball, but also about how many invited friends were connecting with their church groups and ultimately with Jesus. God continues to do amazing things in unexpected places!

Centre Court isn't just a discounted Raptors game. It's a first-point-of-contact for your ministry's non-Christian friends. The program has, like other years, a pre-evangelistic focus. It is an event which non-Christians are interested in that also demonstrates Jesus' influence in students and others lives. This year, we have a great team working on bringing you a post-game program where your students can bring their friends and introduce them to Christ in a safe, comfortable atmosphere.

We are very hopeful for great things this year, including having the opportunity to hear the testimony of a player. Please be in prayer with us regarding this.

Along with this package, a promotional poster is available. Given the success of the Raptors, tickets will go fast, so read all the details carefully and be prepared to register your group. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alvin (416-620-2946).

We look forward to seeing all of you down at the Air Canada Centre on March 16th. We want you to know that we are here to serve you and your ministry in any way we can. We look forward to hearing from you about how God will use this event for ministry happening "in the cracks". May the Lord bless you and your ministry. See you soon.

In Christ's work,
The Centre Court Team

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BEFORE YOU REGISTER ...

- 1) If you'd like a hard copy of the Centre Court promotional poster, call/email Alvin and it will be mailed to you.
- 2) Read this package and be familiar with its contents.
- 3) Pray for everything leading up to, during and after the Centre Court event. Praise God in advance for all He will do.
- 4) Promote Centre Court to your students.
- 5) Get your registration #s ready now for February 1st. 2018.

Remember that the drive to and from the event is as important as the event itself in building relationships with your students and their friends.

REGISTRATION (starting February 1st, 2018)

1. *NEW* You can begin registration either online or by phone

By Phone

- Call in your reservation (416-620-2946).
- Leave your full name, your church name, your contact phone number, your email address and the number of tickets you would like to order.
- Meghan Matthews will follow up via email within 3 business days. You'll be instructed on how to complete your registration either online, by fax or mail including payment options.

Online

- Complete the form at cboqyouth.ca/centrecourt2018.
- Payment can be made online with the registration form or by cheque.

Please note:

- Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.
- We currently have 490 tickets; any overflow cannot be guaranteed.
- Registrations will be confirmed based on the time of receipt (either by phone or online).
- Cheques are payable to "CBOQ".
- If your registration is received and tickets are no longer available, your payment will be refunded.
- **NOTE: Since this is a pre-evangelism event, we remind you to see this as a ministry opportunity, not as a discounted basketball game.**

2. Once we've confirmed your payment, we will email a SharePoint link to you so you can retrieve

your tickets, one week before the event. You can print your tickets and bring them with you to the event.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE...

- 1) Come down to the Air Canada Centre and enjoy the game.
 - There are many ways to get to the ACC (bus, car, public transit, etc.)
 - ***NEW*** The Air Canada Centre does NOT permit bags to be brought into the venue. The only exceptions are women's purses, drawstring bags and grocery bags.

2) At the beginning of the third quarter, please meet Meghan (with a Sharkey jersey) at section 301 so you can hand-in your letters of informed consent and to receive your arrival package (which will include wristbands for everyone to wear to be admitted into the post-game program).

3) After the game, remain in your seats until the ushers escort you down to courtside.

4) If you have any questions during the game, you can text them to 416-620-2946.

CHECKLIST

Have I ...

- read through the registration package
- promoted Centre Court (e.g. displayed poster, made announcements, set deadline)
- arranged for enough adult leaders
- registered spots by phone or online (starting Feb 1, 2018)
- paid for the tickets
- arranged transportation to and from the ACC
- ensured all participants have completed both the CBOQ and MLSE waiver forms
- chosen the participants for the post-game program (details to come via email)

Yes? Then you're ready! See you at the game!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

Cost

Centre Court this year costs \$55/person before March 1, 2018. After March 1, tickets will cost \$70 (availability not guaranteed). The price you charge is NOT on the promotional poster. We will invoice you with the appropriate total. However, you set the price for your ministry to include subsidies, transportation costs, etc. For example, if you are renting a bus and it costs \$2/person, you can choose to advertise the price as \$57/ticket (paying CBOQ \$55/ticket). Similarly, if you subsidize the event, you can advertise \$20/ticket (still paying CBOQ \$55/ticket).

Refunds will only be offered if the Toronto Raptors game itself is cancelled.

Child Protection Policy

We require all churches attending to have a current and functioning child protection policy as part of your church's operations.

Group Leaders

We recommend you have at least 1 leader per 10 students (max.) with group leaders needing to be at least 20 years of age. Also, the group leaders are required to have successfully completed the screening as outlined in your church's child protection policy.

Financial Assistance

If you need help with finances, we can provide various fund-raising and money management ideas. We can also offer financial assistance to those who are eligible. Contact Alvin for more information.

Transportation

We suggest that no students or young people under the age of 20 drive to this event. If you're interested in sharing transportation with local ministries, please contact Alvin (416-620-2946) after February 15.

Letters of Informed Consent

We will be collecting our CBOQ letters of informed consent for this event. This document details what parents can expect their children to be involved in, and also provides appropriate emergency information as needed. We would **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that your church have its own form completed as well (as per your church's child protection policy).

Running Shoes

Because some of your students may be able to go onto the basketball court, all on-court participants must wear or bring running shoes (to change into) to the event. (Details about who those participants are will be emailed at a later date.)

THE FINE PRINT:

Security: Why do we have security? For the safety and continued success of Centre Court events and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE). Security protects you and your students from undo danger, and protects the program at Centre Court and the Air Canada Centre.

The Centre Court executive team are youth ministry professionals. We understand how important it is for young people to have fun. It is our desire to maximize your fun, and protect the fun of others, by insisting on your adherence to the rules that we have established. They are not harsh, but for your safety and our continued relationship with MLSE we simply ask for your co-operation.

Youth Leaders: CBOQ Youth cannot be responsible for your students and leaders at this event. Please note that you will be wholly responsible for the behaviour of your group, and that we reserve the right to send students and leaders home at any point if we deem it necessary to the continued success of Centre Court. Each primary group leader must be in full control of their students and leaders during the evening.

We are proud of our relationship with MLSE. To maintain our ongoing partnership with MLSE, negligent students and leaders will find their groups fined for negligent behaviour, particularly if vandalism or breakage is an issue. Full replacement and repair costs plus a fine of \$100 will result.

A few things to keep in mind:

- No drugs, no alcohol, no weapons, or any other illegal substances or objects. Possession of anything illegal will result in expulsion from the event.
- No pets.
- Breakage must be reported immediately. Breakage as a result of vandalism will result in repair costs and a fine.
- Leaders are responsible for their group members at all times.

FAQs

Who can come?

This event is primarily geared towards junior high and high school-aged students (though other-aged young people are welcome). As such, we strongly recommend you limit the tickets to your students, their friends and your group leaders (this is not for a general church outing).

What will happen?

As a pre-evangelism event, the program following the game will be fast-paced with a testimony by a player (subject to availability) and a student. **The main purpose of this event is to give your leaders a chance to connect with your students' friends and to allow them to feel safe and connected with your group.** The primary ministry doesn't happen at the event; the primary ministry is between you and the students.

What if we ordered too many tickets?

If for some reason you still have tickets available, we suggest you encourage your students to invite more of their friends (rather than church members). Also, you can call or e-mail Alvin (416-620-2946 or alau@baptist.ca) to see if he can resell your tickets to another group.

However, CBOQ Youth cannot offer a refund.

Why are the tickets more expensive this year?

Due to the success of the Raptors in the last three years, all of their ticket prices have been raised. If you are able to obtain tickets on your own and would like to join the post-game program, your group can join for a nominal per person fee.



REGISTRATION FORM

Starting February 1st, 2018

For Centre Court, return this registration form after you have confirmed your reservation by phone with CBOQ Youth (416-620-2946). Your reservation will be confirmed with a \$55 per person payment (cheque or money order made payable to "CBOQ"):

CBOQ - Centre Court 2018
5 International Blvd.
Toronto ON M9W 6H3

You will need to have 1 leader per 10 students. For example, if you have 7 students, there must be a minimum of 1 leader. **Please note, all adult leaders must be screened and cleared based on your church's child protection policy. Before you register, you need to read through the entire registration package.**

GROUP LEADER'S CONTACT INFO:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Church: _____

Work #: (____) ____ - _____ Home #: (____) ____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Prayer Contact: _____ Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Email Address: _____

I am registering ____ participants (i.e. students and leaders combined) x \$55/person

My total owing is \$_____ which I will pay by: cheque / credit card (circle one)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (if applicable)

Cardholder's name: _____ Signature: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. ___ / ___

Note: Information on credit card will only be used for the purpose indicated and will be held in strict confidence.

- Please check here if you have read and understood the package, and adhere to the rules.
- Please check here to acknowledge that your church has a current child protection policy in place.

Date: _____

LETTER OF INFORMED CONSENT: Centre Court 2018 (CBOQ)

Date of event: Friday March 16, 2015

Details of the Activity:

- Held at Air Canada Centre where groups will be watching a Toronto Raptors game and then participating in a post-game program.
- Transportation to and from the retreat is arranged by the church group leader.
- The program will consists of:
 - 1-2 testimony interviews
 - a lay-up contest for up to 80 participants (randomly selected)
 - a basketball skills competition for up to 20 participants (randomly selected)
- The church group is bringing min. 1 leader per 10 students.

Dear Parent:

We are planning an activity as part of our programming that requires your permission prior to participation. We have provided you the details of the activity and request that you complete and sign the permission form. The safety of your child is our primary concern. Precautions will be taken for their wellbeing and protection.

Permission Form and Consent:

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Church Name _____ Youth Leader's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Parents' Work Number _____

Health Card Number _____ Family Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Any special needs (dietary, disability, allergies): _____

In case of an emergency, contact _____ at phone number _____

I hereby consent to the participation of my/our child in this supervised activity.

While every precaution is taken for the safety and good health, some sports and activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury beyond the risks associated with many of the recreational activities at CBOQ. I/we understand and accept these risks and agree that by allowing my child to participate in those activities, he/she may be taking part in a recreational activity that presents the potential for personal injury.

I/we, the parents or guardians named below, authorize the Director of Youth Ministries or one of CBOQ ministry personnel to sign consent for medical treatment and to authorize any physician, dentist or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for the participant named above.

I/we, named below, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless CBOQ, its personnel, its Staff and Board from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of CBOQ, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the supervising individuals representing CBOQ. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in events of the CBOQ.

I also grant permission for the reasonable use of pictures or video of my child in any CBOQ publications (in print, online or other media yet to be invented).

I have read, understood and agree with above.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____

LEADER'S WAIVER FORM: Centre Court 2018 (CBOQ)

Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Health Card #: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____ M or F: ____

Home Church: _____ Youth Leader: _____

Emergency Contact (& phone #): _____

Any special needs (dietary, disability, allergies): _____

1. In consideration for participating in the Centre Court event, I hereby acknowledge that precautions are taken for the safety and health of me. But in the event of an accident, injury or sickness, I hereby release, discharge and covenant not to sue CBOQ, its personnel, its Board and its volunteers from any liability, loss and damages.
2. I agree in the event that I conduct myself in a manner that is not appropriate, I will be dealt with appropriately, including the possibility of immediate dismissal.
3. I agree in the event that I require special medication, x-rays or treatment, the emergency contact will be notified immediately.
4. In case of surgical emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician or dentist selected by CBOQ to hospitalise, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anaesthesia or surgery for me.
5. I declare that I am covered by Provincial Health Insurance or equivalent medical insurance.
6. I agree to be photographed or videotaped for any CBOQ publications (including web and internet broadcasting, in print or any other media not yet invented).
7. I declare that I have been screened and cleared through my church's child protection policy (which includes a valid criminal record check and vulnerable sector scan). Otherwise, I can be declined registration.
8. I am also aware that my responsibilities as a group leader include supervising, leading and disciplining my students and leading my group in small group sessions.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the above statements, and ensure the information given is **complete and accurate.**

Leader's signature: _____ Date: _____