



AVALANCHE 2022

an epic **JUNIOR**
HIGH youth retreat

January 14-16, 2022



Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

Here it is—your official registration package for Avalanche! Inside is everything you need to know (though we always welcome questions), like why we have Avalanche and all the details about the weekend.

THE AVALANCHE VISION

Avalanche is not just another retreat. Avalanche is a **missional movement**, where each element of the retreat is designed to enhance the other aspects of the weekend, strengthen your local youth ministry, and provide opportunities for students to grow in their faith in Jesus so they can begin to realize their identity.

This year's theme of **I.G. Story—In God's Story** is intended to help make this vision a reality.

We have four objectives:

- To make space for youth to meet Jesus perhaps in ways they're not used to
- To empower group leaders (volunteer or paid) to be “pastors and priests” to their youth
- To provide youth ministry elements that are transferable so you can implement them in your own context
- To attest to God's kingdom, which extends beyond one's local church or even association of churches.

The pandemic requires us to deliver Avalanche in a different way. But don't worry, all the information is outlined in this package. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Alvin (416-620-2946) to discuss your unique registration situation. We look forward to serving you through all we do regarding this event.

Serving You in Christ's Name,
The Avalanche Team

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How will Avalanche work?

The pandemic affects the way Avalanche is organized, so it will look very different in 2022. Because of the frequently changing guidelines from our respective governments and public health officials, we are aiming for a Avalanche that is adaptable to whatever situation fits you best.

When you register, you can select the option that best suits your youth ministry:

- **Option 1:**
Attend on-site at Muskoka Woods.
- **Option 2:**
Host your own satellite site. Depending on the public health and government protocols at the time, host your group at a central location (e.g. at your church, someone's home/several homes, at a local retreat/community centre with other groups).
- **Option 3:**
Everyone in your group participates on their own online.

We will be providing the framework for the weekend, from session content to group activities to different ways we'll have groups interact with each other.

This year's Avalanche will be unlike any Avalanche we've ever had before. If you have questions or would like to brainstorm how Avalanche can be most beneficial to your group, contact Alvin (alau@baptist.ca, 416-620-2946).

Registration Process

BEFORE YOU REGISTER...

- 1) Make sure the following items are in this package.
If anything is missing, please call/email Alvin.
 - a) Registration Form
 - b) Promotional Flyers
(Note: Feel free to produce your own brochure with our content.)
 - c) CBOQ Group Contract
- 2) Read this package and be familiar with its contents.
- 3) Pray for everything leading up to, during, and after Avalanche.
Praise God in advance for all He will do.
- 4) Promote Avalanche to your junior high ministry.
- 5) Reproduce the flyer (if needed) for your students.
- 6) Get your registration #s NOW!

There are two ways you can register:

OPTION 1: ONLINE

1. Register online at cboqyouth.ca/avalanche2022

OPTION 2: EMAIL / MAIL-IN

2. Complete the registration form and scan/email or mail it to Rebecca Neal

E-mail:

rneal@baptist.ca

Mailing Address:

Attn: Rebecca Neal
5 International Blvd.
Etobicoke, ON.
M9W 6H3

Registration Process (Cont'd)

If you plan to attend onsite, please register by **Tuesday, December 13**.
(This will determine if we have enough guests to host at Muskoka Woods.)

BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

1. Scan/email or mail the completed group contract.
2. Send your group payment (see the payment options in the FAQs).
3. We will email you asking for your EXACT numbers of female/male students and female/male adult leaders.

We will be sending further details once you've registered including any online links you'll require and other logistics.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING ONSITE AT MUSKOKA WOODS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022, YOU WILL NEED:

- One attestation form from each participant.
- Using the Daily Screening Tool, submit your results (either online or with a hard copy).
- Submit your cohort list including names and phone numbers.

Checklist: Pre-event

HAVE I ...

- Read through the registration package
- Promoted Avalanche (e.g. hung the poster, handed out brochures, made announcements, encouraged early registration)
- Arranged for enough adult leaders
- Registered online or by mail
- Sent in completed group contract with payment
(Due January 5, 2022)
- Ensured all my group contract commitments are complete

YES?

THEN YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO AVALANCHE!

FAQS

1

WHAT WILL AVALANCHE COST?

If you are attending onsite, the cost is **\$150/registered person** by **January 13, 2022** including a non-refundable deposit (\$40/person) payable when you register. On or after January 13, it will be **\$185/person**. If your numbers change, you may “sell” or possibly “buy” spots for your ministry.

If you are attending via satellite (i.e. gathering on your own in-person or online), the cost is based on the size of your group:

- 1-15 participants: \$150
- 16-30 participants: \$225
- 31+ participants: \$300

A base amount of \$150 is payable when you register. If, when you submit your final numbers, your group size enters the next tier, CBOQ will invoice you for the difference.

NOTE: *There will be a \$20 charge for any NSF cheques.*

We recognize for some families this may be a challenge. We can provide various fund-raising and money management ideas and offer financial assistance to those who are eligible. Contact Alvin for details.

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HOW DO I PAY FOR AVALANCHE?

Here are the available methods of payment (in order of preference). In each circumstance, in the notes section, ensure you include “**Avalanche-<Church Name>**”.

- Interac e-transfer: You can email the funds to donation@baptist.ca.
- Credit card: Payments can be submitted at cboqyouth.ca/creditcard.
- Cheque: Mail a cheque to Rebecca Neal (see registration form for the address).

FAQs

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HOW ARE WE RESPONDING TO COVID-19?

For those who are attending onsite at Muskoka Woods, we have a CBOQ Youth Retreat COVID-19 Safety Plan. We are expecting all participants to abide by it, and we will ensure it is fully implemented. With Muskoka Woods, we continue to make updates as advised by Simcoe-Muskoka Public Health.

For those attending via satellite, it is your responsibility to ensure you are following all guidelines as directed by Ontario Public Health and your own local public health agency.

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WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE'S A LOCKDOWN IN MY REGION AND I CAN'T HOST A GATHERING?

We will work with you to ensure your participants can connect to the online content from their home. If a lockdown is issued by the government and/or your local public health unit for your region, you will be issued a full refund.

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CAN AN INDIVIDUAL YOUTH REGISTER ON THEIR OWN?

All registration will be facilitated through a church/group. There are still expectations and obligations a church/group will need to meet in order to participate in Avalanche (see the group contract). Any individuals wanting to participate will be directed back to their own church/group or, if that group is not attending, they can be “adopted” by another participating group.

Contact Alvin for more details about this.

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DO I NEED TO HAVE GROUP LEADERS?

You'll need the required group leaders based on your church's child safety policy.

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7 WILL I NEED PERMISSION FORMS?

Included in this package is a CBOQ group contract. Based on the group contract, each church is required to have their own waiver forms. The waiver forms by your church/group for your church/group do not need to be submitted to CBOQ Youth but are for your records.

8 WHO DO I SEND MY FORMS TO?

If you decide to print your registration form, you can scan and email it to Rebecca Neal (rneal@baptist.ca) or mail it to CBOQ (5 International Blvd., Etobicoke, ON., M9W 6H3) ATTN: Rebecca Neal

Group contracts can also be emailed or mailed to Rebecca.

9 WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE IF MY CHURCH WILL FIT WITH AVALANCHE?

The churches in the CBOQ are diverse (in size, ethnicity, tradition, etc.). Regardless of your setting, this weekend can be for you. Because of our current pandemic, Avalanche will be delivered in a scalable manner so you can adapt it specifically to your context.

10 WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHURCH DOES NOT HAVE A FORMAL SENIOR HIGH PROGRAM?

You're not alone! Avalanche is meant to empower High School students in local churches no matter what type of program exists for them in their church. Avalanche can lead to close relationships among the Jr. high students and perhaps birth a new ministry within your church!

You can contact Alvin (416-620-2946, alau@baptist.ca) about how to make that happen.

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WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES OR TIME TO ORGANIZE EVERYTHING BY MYSELF?

No problem! We've provided you with a comprehensive, self-explanatory registration package. If you need more support, we can help. We are willing to work with you one-on-one to help you form a strategy and support system to get your students to Avalanche. Whatever obstacle lies in your path, communicate it to us and we will help clear the way so you and your students can access Avalanche and enjoy the life-changing presence of God during this weekend!

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WHAT ARE AVALANCHE TEAMS ALL ABOUT?

Regardless of the size of your ministry, your church group will be part of one of 4 teams (Grizzlies, Rockies, Mounties or Lumberjacks), which means that your group will become part of a team that's something bigger than just your local ministry. We'll assign youth ministries into teams (along geographical lines, if possible). Our team captains (your captain is your leader throughout the weekend) are preparing and praying for your group. During team times throughout the weekend, your group will build team unity. Prepare your students to become a part of a greater team and to bring their team spirit!

There'll be will be more details through email (cboqyouth@baptist.ca), Facebook (facebook.com/cboqyouth) and Twitter (@cboqyouth).

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HOW WILL TEAM COMPETITION AND POINTS WORK THIS YEAR?

While our entire process is not finalized at the time of publication, we will be tracking points online and in real-time so you know where your team stands. We will also be offering team competitions both in real-time against other teams and activities you can do on your own to earn points as well.

Expect more on this topic closer to the weekend!

FAQs

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HOW DO SMALL GROUPS WORK AT AVALANCHE?

Small groups are an integral part of Avalanche; this is where much of a student's development and processing about what God is teaching them will happen.

Your church group (or the format you've established for your church) will be your small group. **Each church is expected to provide leadership for their small groups.**

Some preparatory material will be sent out in the near future to help get you started. Don't let this be a stumbling block.

Contact Alvin for additional assistance if you don't have appropriate adult leaders.

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WHAT DO I DO WITH YOUTH WHO REQUIRE ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS?

Youth across Ontario and Quebec come from different diversities, including those who require specific accommodations for their exceptionalities. We want to make this a great experience for them. As part of the registration process, we'll be asking what kinds of accommodations may be needed. With our Special Needs Consultant, we'll work with you to assess and implement whatever accommodations will be helpful.

Registration Form

Submit this form with your “best guess” reservation numbers by filling in all requested information. It is recommended you submit this online at cboqyouth.ca/avalanche2022.

All reservations must be done by the primary group leader. (If your church does not have a group leader, please have your pastor assist you or join with another local church. If that is not possible, contact Alvin.) Regardless, all registrations from a local youth ministry should come in together. We do not need specific names; the contact person and “guesstimate” are enough for now. **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: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBERS (NOTE: adult leaders must be 20 years or older):

	# female adult leaders
	# female students
	# male adult leaders
	# male students
	TOTAL

Our group will choose to attend:

- On-site at Muskoka Woods.
- By hosting our own satellite site.
- Participating as individuals online only.

- 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: _____



CBOQ Avalanche

Group Contract – Onsite

Dates: January 14-16, 2022

Church/Organization (aka “The Group”) Name: _____

Church/Organization Address: _____

The following are the expectations/obligations of The Group.

ADULT SUPERVISION

- The Group will provide an adequate number of group leaders who have been properly screened through the Group’s child protection policy. The minimum is 1 adult per cohort (maximum 9 same-sex students).
- These group leaders will be responsible for the students, including overnight supervision and small group discussion facilitation.
- The primary group leader will be at least 20 years of age.

GUIDELINES

- The Group acknowledges and respects that Avalanche is a Christian Youth retreat that welcomes all young people to faith-based life-changing experiences.
- The Group agrees to abide by the guidelines described in the registration package and the safety plans and protocols as stated by Ontario Public Health, Simcoe-Muskoka Public Health, Muskoka Wood and CBOQ. The signer accepts the responsibility of communicating these guidelines to the Group and will follow through to ensure compliance.
- The Group agrees to have a proper signed parental consent from students (under the age of 18) and a signed waiver from leaders as per the Group’s child protection policy. This includes a media release waiver clause and agreement to abide by all the COVID-19 protocols.
- The Group agrees that all participants coming to Avalanche permit CBOQ reasonable use of pictures or video of any student or leader in the Group in any CBOQ publications (in print, online, or other media yet to be invented).
- The Group agrees that all media submitted to Avalanche permit CBOQ reasonable use of pictures or video of any student or leader in the Group in any CBOQ publications (in print, online or other media yet to be invented).
- The Group is aware that some program activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury. The Group understands and accepts these risks.
- The Group acknowledges that all individuals in the Group are in proper physical condition to participate in program activities or provide the necessary accommodations for individuals with exceptionalities.
- The Group acknowledges that they will be responsible to sign a consent for emergency medical treatment and to authorize any physician, dentist or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for any individual in the Group.
- The Group agrees, in the event that an individual shows COVID-19 symptoms or conducts themselves in a manner that is not appropriate, that person will be dealt with appropriately, including the possibility of immediate dismissal at the expense of the Group.

CBOQ Avalanche Group Contract - Onsite (Cont'd)

Any and all actions arising out of this agreement will be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada and the Group consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Ontario, Canada in any and all such actions. By signing below and in consideration of its attendance at Avalanche, the Group releases CBOQ and their respective members, agents, volunteers, employees, officers and directors from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands ("Claims") resulting from any loss, injury or damage to the Group or any Individual Group member or their property which has arisen or may arise from any and all use of the Avalanche program.

CBOQ Obligations

CBOQ agrees to provide the following:

- All staff (including volunteers) will follow the CBOQ Youth Retreat COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- A copy of the CBOQ Youth Retreat COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- Meals and lodging.
- Equipment/materials for assigned activities.

Signatures of Acceptance

The Senior Official or Business Administrator of the organization and the Primary Group Leader are to sign in the spaces provided. The authorized officer for CBOQ will sign and return a copy of the contract to the Group.

As the contact person, I understand and accept the conditions of this contract on behalf of the Guest Group. I accept responsibility for interpreting the fees to participants and seeing that CBOQ receives full payment. I have read this agreement and accept the conditions as listed.

(Senior Official or Business Administrator) (SIGN ABOVE)

Name (PRINT): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Primary Group Leader) (SIGN ABOVE)

Name (PRINT): _____

Date: _____

(Authorized Signature) CBOQ

CBOQ Avalanche

Group Contract – Satellite

Dates: January 14-16, 2022

Church/Organization (aka “The Group”) Name: _____

Church/Organization Address: _____

The following are the expectations/obligations of The Group.

ADULT SUPERVISION

- The Group will provide an adequate number of group leaders who have been properly screened through the Group’s child protection policy.
- These group leaders will be responsible for the students including overnight supervision (if applicable) and small group discussion facilitation.
- The primary group leader will be at least 20 years of age.

GUIDELINES

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- The Group acknowledges that they will be responsible to sign a consent for emergency medical treatment and to authorize any physician, dentist or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for any individual in the Group.
- The Group agrees, in the event that an individual shows COVID-19 symptoms or conducts themselves in a manner that is not appropriate, that person will be dealt with appropriately, including the possibility of immediate dismissal at the expense of the Group.

CBOQ Avalanche Group Contract - Satellite (Cont'd)

Any and all actions arising out of this agreement will be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada and the Group consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Ontario, Canada in any and all such actions. By signing below and in consideration of its attendance at Avalanche, the Group releases CBOQ and their respective members, agents, volunteers, employees, officers and directors from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands ("Claims") resulting from any loss, injury or damage to the Group or any Individual Group member or their property which has arisen or may arise from any and all use of the Avalanche program.

CBOQ Obligations

CBOQ agrees to provide the following:

- Content (including footage of the speaker and musical worship experience) that will be accessible through a secured online link.
- Appropriate security protocols in any online experience.
- A listing of all the appropriate supplies to implement the program. (These supplies can be purchased and delivered from CBOQ at cost.)

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(Senior Official or Business Administrator) (SIGN ABOVE)

Name (PRINT): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Primary Group Leader) (SIGN ABOVE)

Name (PRINT): _____

Date: _____

(Authorized Signature) CBOQ



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