

2019 Men's Ministry Retreat - March 23

This is my Story

The Men's Ministry is pleased to once again be organizing a one-day retreat at Camp Evergreen near Sundre, AB. The retreat is an opportunity for all St James men high school aged and older to come together for a day of fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. **We are honoured this year to have the Rob Holland, Pastor of Bergen Church, as he shares his story, when we gather for another great day of worship and learning.**

Format

The day's activities will include two learning and discussion sessions one in the morning and the second after supper.

The afternoon is set aside for free time, activities, and relaxation. Weather permitting there will be horseback rides, archery, a bouldering wall and snowshoeing available. The Dining Hall will remain open during the afternoon, with hot beverages available, for those who wish to warm up or sit and chat. One cabin has been made available for use for anyone who needs quiet and or prayer time.

Evergreen is a beautiful camp for anyone who simply wishes to walk the grounds and enjoy the sights.

Registration

The registration fee is \$60 per person, or \$35 for youth and students. ***The fee should not be an obstacle in any way.*** Please talk to the clergy or one of the retreat Team so that adjustments can be made.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque made out to St. James Anglican Church and should be made when you fill out your registration form.

As in previous years, we have established a "Retreat Fund" to assist with registrations for some participants and cover incidental costs associated with the retreat. Any unused monies in the Retreat Fund will be directed to the St. James general account. Donations to the Retreat Fund will appear on your St. James contribution statement. Retreat Fund donations are tax deductible; registration donations are not.

We would appreciate any donation to the Retreat Fund is paid by cheque and separate from your registration. This will assist the envelope secretary to keep track of tax receipts.

How To Get There

Evergreen is approximately one and a half hours drive from the church. We would like to encourage the participants to carpool. Please arrive at St. James by 8:45 am to give us sufficient time to connect everyone with their designated drivers. We suggest making a \$5-10 donation to drivers to cover the cost of gas.

For those not participating in the carpool, you should aim to arrive at Evergreen between 10:00 to 10:30 am. For detail directions turn page over.

The weather at Camp Evergreen may be significantly different than Calgary. There may or may not be snow and ice covering the pathways. Be prepared and bring appropriate footwear as well as enough layers of clothing that you can adjust to warmer or colder temperatures throughout the day.

When you arrive, you will be greeted in the parking lot by a staff member who will provide you with a map and a schedule and direct you towards the Activity Centre, where coffee will be available and we will be gathering for our morning session.

We will be leaving Camp Evergreen at 7:30 pm with an estimated arrival back at the Church parking lot of 9:00 pm.

Camp Evergreen Site Policies

Camp Evergreen requires that you wear full pants if you wish to go on a horse ride.

Close-toed shoes are required for participating in all activities.

The camp is a nut free area. Do not bring any kinds of nuts with you to the camp.

In order to help keep the buildings clean, you must remove your outdoor shoes when entering the Activity Centre and Dining Hall. Bare feet are not allowed, for health reasons, in the Dining Hall, so it is recommended you bring a second pair of clean shoes or slippers to wear indoors.

Do not injure or kill trees or vegetation in the Camp.

For any questions about the registration process or the retreat, please contact Nick Vanderkooy at 403.239.5145 or by email at nickvanderkooy@telus.net or Alan Gilmour at 403.239.3422

(OVER for directions)

How to Find Camp Evergreen

From Calgary

1. Take Highway 22 northbound.
2. Turn west (left) onto Bergen Road (TWP 320). Continue for about 9km.
3. Turn south (left) onto Range Road 52 (it's a gravel road, next to the Bergen Cemetery). Proceed for 3km.
4. Turn west (right) onto the Camp Evergreen driveway and follow it about 500m into the parking lot. We'll meet you at the Welcome Centre (cedar building, green roof).

Please note that the directions you'll find on Google maps are inaccurate. Don't use them!

Camp Evergreen legal land description is SE 1/4 27-31-5 W5, if you'd like to use a GPS.

