

FOR CHILDREN & THEIR LEADERS

FROM PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGION UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITIES
HELD AT CAMP ALEX IN CRESCENT BEACH BC



Imagine CHILDREN'S RETREAT

23-25 FEBRUARY 2024

First Third Ministry's Imagine Children's Retreats are for Children who are 8 - 12 years old and those who lead them. A United Church of Canada event, all people of diverse faith expressions, gender identities, and ways of being family are warmly welcome! Together, we become a multi-age and inter-cultural community sharing playfulness, meals, and connection with one another in a safe and welcoming setting. Come wonder about and explore faith through stories, worship, music, drama, and more, and deepen your relationship with God.

FOR AGES 8 - 12 YEARS, \$250 PER CHILD Includes travel as needed, accommodation, all supplies, snacks and meals (Friday dinner 'till Sunday morning).

BURSARY-FUNDED DISCOUNTS
Easy to access during registration; please don't let the cost keep your child(ren) from attending!

RETREAT LOCATION Camp Alex
2916 McBride Ave, Surrey BC /
Semiahma (Semiahmoo), ḡícəy
(Katzie), q'w'a:ńł'əń (Kwantlen)
territory.

LEADERSHIP WITH HEART First Third Ministry offers intentional opportunities for older youth to grow in leadership and empower them to make a difference in a child's life, and to support, inspire and energize adult leaders in their children's ministry role. Visit our website for more information.



QUESTIONS?

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REGISTRATION CLOSES FEB 5!

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CHILDREN'S REGISTRATION FORM

for Children ages 8 to 12

ADULT'S REGISTRATION FORM

for Leaders and Other Adults.

RETREAT PRICE \$250 INCLUDES

meals, program, accommodation, snacks, and travel support for those who need it. Participants can register for a spot on the chartered bus.

WHAT HAVE OTHERS SAID ABOUT PAST IMAGINE CHILDREN'S RETREATS?

"It just gets better every year with the new refinements and different themes keeping the program fresh."

"My M. LOVED the children's retreat. I mean cried that it was over LOVED it. 'We sang songs and did prayers, and creation crafts and the FOOD, Mom the FOOD was so good!'"

"F. said it was her best camp yet. Bless you for this."

"Thank you to you and your Team, B. has returned home an energized and excited boy, whose first words to me were, 'I am definitely going again next year!' It makes a mother's heart soar!"

"Once again N came home beaming, full of camp tales of friendship and fun. It is so nice to see that she is reconnecting with friends she made at last year's Retreat and made new friends at this year's Retreat. Please pass on my appreciation to all those who made the retreat such a special experience."

"On the way home on the bus E. asked how old he needs to be to serve as a leader (fingers crossed)!"



WHAT DO WE DO AT IMAGINE CHILDREN'S RETREAT?

FRIDAY... Children will meet at their scheduled chartered bus stop (select when registering) or be driven by their Parent/ Guardian to our retreat. Whether by chartered bus or personal vehicle, all will arrive to Camp Alex around 4:00pm! Children will greet their small group leaders, get settled into their cabins, and take dinner together. After dinner, we gather as a whole group to sing, play games, hear about the retreat theme and weekend schedule, share in evening worship, and enjoy a snack before heading to bed!

SATURDAY... We will have times of worship, singing, storytelling as a whole group, and small group times of workshops (like games and craft activities) and chill out. Our whole group evening campfire is a well-loved Imagine Children's Retreat experience! Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks are served throughout the day, with time for chatting over meals.

SUNDAY... After breakfast, we sing and worship together, and say farewell to each other and the amazing community we created together! Children will receive a morning snack before being picked up around 11am at Camp Alex by their Parent/Guardian or at their scheduled chartered bus stop, if registered as travelling by chartered bus.

BURSARY ACCESS, REGISTRATION INFO, UPDATES AT
FIRSTTHIRDMINISTRY.CA/IMAGINECHILDRENSRETREAT

WHO LEADS THE IMAGINE CHILDREN'S RETREAT?

Regional First Third Ministry staff members, Community of Faith's adult volunteers, and older Youth!

- **YOUTH LEADERS:** Join an AMAZING group of youth who support this ministry with children! If you are 15 to 18 years old, love to work with children, and are comfortable leading and supporting children in meaningful ways, this is the place for you! We are thrilled that you are interested in being part of the team!
- **ADULT LEADERS:** People who are 19 years or over are also invited to share to us your interest in working with this wonderful children's ministry!

Please email FirstThirdMinistry@united-church with your interest!

AS AN ADULT VOLUNTEER, WE EXPECT YOUR COMMITMENT TO:

Your in-person presence for the entire retreat weekend: February 23-25, 2024; Attend, in-person or online, the Imagine Children's Retreat All Leaders Meeting; Providing faith filled, supportive, respectful leadership during the retreat; Completing the leadership contract; Fulfilling the leadership contract expectations, including a police information check for those 19 years and over.

You'll receive transportation to the retreat location, all meals and accommodation provided during the retreat, and support, care and love for you and your gifts of leadership!

