



JR Pitch 2011 Leaders' Information

Thanks for considering JR Pitch this year and thanks especially, for spending yourself on behalf of Jr. Highs. I've been working with this age group for about 17 years now and it continues to be challenging, heart wrenching, rewarding, exciting... (add your descriptors here). I'm also the dad of a Jr. Higher and I'll say thanks on behalf of parents everywhere for taking a whole weekend during one of the busiest parts of the year to be with our kids.

JR Pitch will be held at Stayner Camp, September 23-25, 2011. It's a weekend retreat geared to Jr. Highs that includes music, teaching, sports, games, competitions, food and a whole lot more. Our primary concern is to lead students into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Many youth leaders use this retreat to build relationships with their students and jump-start their ministry for the fall. We hope that kids will have the best weekend of their lives and in the process, experience the love of God and learn to share that same love with others.

We have some amazing guests with us this year. If you've been with us for the past couple of years you'll know that we have been experimenting with the format. We've been listening to your feedback and are pleased to tell you that this year all of our guests will be serving together during all sessions. Graeme Watt will teach through stories and scripture, Tom Coverly will use illusions to teach and entertain, and Breathe Worship will lead our times of praise and celebration. You can learn more about these guests on our web site.

With respect to theme, we want to address the fact that too many people drift through life without any clear purpose; they are, in fact, themeless. We hope to convey that God designed us to live with purpose and that purpose is fulfilled when we use everything he has blessed us with to make his love tangible to others. I'm excited about the prospect of Junior Highs inspired to live with this sense of purpose. Graeme Watt's organization, LoveWorks, provides resources to help young people translate love into compassionate action. Have a look at www.ourlove-works.com for some practical next steps following JR Pitch.

We hope you can join us for JR Pitch this year. It really can be a life-changing event for students. Please pray that God will use this retreat to open the hearts of students to the adventure of following Jesus.

Program details, registration forms, additional promotional ma-

terial and information on new features including *JR Factor*, are all available at www.jpitch.com.

Hope to see you there,

Jeremy Stuart
JR Pitch Coordinator

DATE & LOCATION: September 23-25, 2011, Stayner Camp

COST: \$65 by Sept. 16, \$78 after Sept. 16

FOR: Students in grades 6 through 9

REGISTRATION INFO: jpitch@emcc.ca

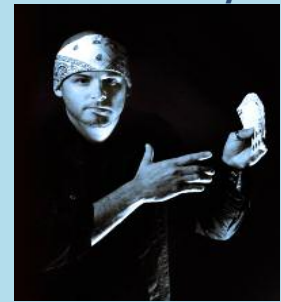
GENERAL INQUIRIES: 519-894-9800 ext. 224

Graeme Watt



Graeme is a youth worker from Edmonton and founder of Loveworks, a national social justice movement for young Canadians.

Tom Coverly



Tom resides in Grand Rapids, MI and travels all over the world sharing his faith. His magic is illusion. His message is reality.

Breathe Worship



This talented group of musicians honed their skills as a worship band in their youth group at Victory Baptist Church in Newmarket, ON. They'll be with us for the whole weekend.

Registration Fees

Registration Fee by Sept. 16.....\$65.00/person
Late Registration Fee after Sept. 16.....\$78.00/person

The registration fee covers camping, program and all meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch. There are no discounts for people who opt out of meals. Campers should bring extra cash for snacks, book store, concessions, etc.

Meals

The meal menu will be posted on the web site in Sept. Most menu items avoid nuts but we do not guarantee that foods are completely free of nut-related products. We will be running a tuck shop as well.

Camp Sites / Cabins

Each church group must provide its own trailers or tents for accommodation on the grounds. Locations will be assigned at final registration on Friday, Sept. 23. We cannot guarantee access to hydro or water. There are a limited number of cabins on the grounds normally with 8 beds/unit. These are available for \$35.00/unit but must be reserved by phone or e-mail in advance. Consideration will be given for the distance your group must travel to get to the camp if you make your reservation prior to Sept. 6th.

Payment Options

There are three ways to pay the registration fees:

1. Pay when you register students online at www.jrpitch.com
2. Pay by sending in the credit card payment form available on our web site if you are not using the online registration method.
3. Bring cash or a single cheque with you to JR Pitch.

Get Ready for the *Anything Goes Race!*

This builds on last year's very successful mass event. The object is to get from the start to the finish line before your opponents. The rules are:

- 1) Each team consists of 1 Leader and 4 students
- 2) Rider must be lying on something
- 3) No one can be touching the rider during the race
- 4) If the rider touches the ground during the race the team is disqualified

REG. STEPS

Step 1

Distribute individual registration forms to everyone in your group.

Step 2

One leader, appointed as your registrar, collects all of the completed registration forms and fees. Cheques from students should be payable to your church.

Step 3

Your registrar now has 2 options:
A) Register everyone from whom you have collected forms using our on-line registration at jrpitch.com.

OR

B) Download the Group Registration Excel spreadsheet from jrpitch.com, fill it in and e-mail it to our registrar. Names received in our office by Sept 16th will be registered at \$65/person.

Names received after Sept 16th will be registered at \$78/person for the weekend.

Step 4

If you did not use the on-line registration method, you may pay the balance owing for your group using the credit card payment form available at jrpitch.com, or bring a cheque or cash with you to the retreat. Cheques should be payable to Evangelical Missionary Youth. Your payment should include a \$20.00 garbage deposit. This deposit will be returned to you when your campsite has been cleaned and you are ready to leave the retreat.

Step 5

Late registrations should be e-mailed or called in as they come to you. Peggy Wark will handle questions about registration at jrpitch@emcc.ca or 519-894-9800 ext.251.

Step 6

Your registrar should bring to the retreat the completed individual registration forms for each person registered, and one cheque to cover any balance owing. When you arrive at the camp only your registrar should report to the office to hand in your individual registration forms, pay the balance owing, and receive name tags, schedules, etc. for your group.



General Sessions

PROGRAM FEATURES

Everyone gathers in the main auditorium for 4 multi-dimensional sessions over the weekend. Every session includes Graeme Watt teaching through stories and scripture, complementary illustrations and entertainment by illusionist, Tom Coverly and celebration and praise led by Breathe Worship. Aaron White, our in-house DJ, will also provide background tracks for our sessions. You can read more about these guests on our web site.

SPORTS

Sign up when you arrive before midnight Friday. The options are:

Soccer

11 players/team, coed, one leader may play on a team if both teams include a leader.

Volleyball

6 players/team, coed, one leader may play on a team if both teams include a leader.

Madskillz Dodgeball

9 players/team, coed, one leader may play on a team if both teams include a leader.

3-on-3 Basketball

Any combination of girls or guys, but no adults on these teams.

Ball Hockey

6 players/team, coed, one leader may play on a team if both teams include a leader.

You will need a \$10 deposit to sign up a team. If a team fails to show up for a sport, the deposit will be retained.

Small Group Times

Small Group times are scheduled after each of the General Sessions to give you an opportunity to huddle with your group and discuss what you've heard. A guide for small group times will be provided at the retreat.

NEW

JR Factor

This is a new twist on the old concept of a talent show. There will be 3 or 4 categories such as Air Band, Skit, Group Song, Dance. Each category will have specific acts that student may choose to perform. We will accept one entry/group in each category. Auditions will be held starting Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. The crowd favourites in each category will perform in a final show at 10 p.m. Saturday evening. Look for more details on JR Factor on our web site, closer to the time of the event.

Urban Hang-Out & Skate Park

This year our gym will be transformed into an Urban Hang-Out complete with skate park, climbing wall, DJ music, snacks, etc. Note that skaters will need to bring their own boards. Helmets and waiver forms are also required. Waiver forms are available on our web site and require a parent's signature.

Homes for Haiti Offering

Homes for Haiti provides sustainable housing for victims of last year's earth quake in Haiti. We would like to try to raise over \$2,000 this year, so please promote this opportunity with your students. Details on the type of homes that are provided are available on our web site.

Additional Electives

Students will have opportunity to do small handcrafts, sit in on a skill development workshop, play on the inflatable games, browse the book store, check out the merch from the guest artists, etc. They will need some extra money for the tuck shop, book store, etc.



Leader Qualifications

LEADER GUIDELINES

1. Each church will be responsible to have at least one male adult sponsor for every seven (7) male young people and one female adult sponsor for every seven (7) female young people.
2. The adult sponsor should be over the age of 18 and attending the entire retreat. The adult sponsor should be involved in all the activities of the weekend and encourage the young people to be also. Sponsors register in the same manner as the teens.

Leader Responsibilities

1. Supervision of your own young people. Please know where your young people are at all times. Make sure your young people adhere to the basic camp rules (as specified on the individual registration forms) as well as any additional rules you work out as a group ahead of time.
2. Handle the discipline of your own youth. Leaders on supervision duty will just do what has to be done on the spot for control, and then leave the details for the specific church sponsors to work out with their own young people. Please make sure that your students are in their designated area and are quiet after lights out.
3. Be alert to safety and property damage problems. Note that fireworks in any form will not be tolerated at the camp.
4. If one of your campers is hospitalized for any reason, contact the parents or guardians to keep them informed as soon as possible.
5. Set a good example in cooperation & enthusiasm.
6. Guide conversation in your small group times and be available to pray with your own students and lead them to Christ when the opportunity arises.

Peace and Order

Campers at JR Pitch are, for the most part, very well behaved. We do rely on youth leaders to maintain peace and order. Please be familiar with the Camper Guidelines in the right column and go over them with your group ahead of time. It really helps if we're all playing by the same rules. Thanks a lot for your cooperation!

CAMPER GUIDELINES

1. All students are to attend the General Sessions.
2. No alcohol, drugs, weapons or fireworks on the grounds at any time.
3. Students are discouraged from going off the grounds into town. If they must go, they are to be accompanied by an adult.
4. Campers are expected to be back in their area of accommodation, and to be quiet after lights out.
5. Be respectful of one another's property, rights and feelings.
6. Campers using the skatepark will be required to wear a helmet and will also need to have a waiver form signed by their parents or guardians. Waiver forms may be downloaded from www.pitchandpraise.com

Note: We cannot be held responsible for lost or stole property. We do maintain a lost & found box at the office during the weekend. Items that are not claimed at the end of the weekend are posted on our web site. If they are not claimed within 6 months they are given away.

Map to Stayner Camp

Stayner Camp is located at 240 Scott St., Stayner, ON., about 10 km south of Wasaga Beach.

