

Youth Breakaway I (June 30 – July 4, 2025)

Youth Breakaway II (August 18-22, 2025)

Breakaway is an annual 5-day summer camp for teens, intentionally designed to provide opportunities for students to explore faith in an environment suited for spiritual growth and the development of meaningful relationships with peers and mentors, amidst all sorts of excitement.

Breakaway continues to serve as a strategic tool for youth pastors to provide discipleship to their students and connect with their teens outside of the regular weekly routine. As many past experiences indicate, Breakaway has the potential to serve as a catalyst for spiritual growth for both individuals and groups.

Breakaway I: For junior high students. Campers must be in grades 6-8 (as of January 2025).

Breakaway II: For senior high students. Campers must be in grades 9-12+ (as of January 2025, maximum age of 19).

*Group registrations are required and are due June 11 (Breakaway I) and August 6 (Breakaway II). These are the deadlines for leaders to submit all information and payment to the office. Please set your own local due dates for students.

Event Details

- Location: Emmanuel Convention Centre, Lewisporte
- Registration opens at 3:00PM on the Monday of camp
- Cost: \$275
- Memo & Registration Details (attached to email)
- Breakaway I guests – Abby Head and Tricia Lane
- Breakaway II guests – Courtney O'Reilly and Allen DeJong
- Group registration available online. (*primary youth leaders only)
- Chaperone Plan to Protect® Confirmation Form (will be sent to Lead Pastor by MDSI Office)
- Chaperone Guidelines (for distribution to all chaperones) attached to email.
- Individual Registration Form (*student to complete & submit to local leader with payment) attached to email.
- Great Expectations (for distribution to all students)



Provincial Director Memo

I am so excited to be sending the Breakaway 2025 information to you and I am full of anticipation for what this season of intentional, discipleship-driven ministry to students across NL will hold. I have been attending Breakaway as a student pastor for 14 years; while there are familiar and nostalgic Breakaway traditions that seem to never change (even from my teen years as a camper), there is ONE thing that feels new and unknown every single year:

**What will it look like when the unchanging, living God
abides in the presence of this generation in this cultural moment?**

*A characteristically new generation in a
characteristically unique time and place in the world?*

That's a mouthful to say and takes a moment to unwrap. So read it again! It's the exciting unknown I can't wait to explore with students and leaders from across our province. It is a given that God will show up – but it's a wild journey to experience the new thing God is doing every year as students and leaders come hungry, thirsty, curious and expecting for heaven to touch earth in those set aside days of summer we call Breakaway.

This year our theme is **Re:Union**. Our heart throughout the week is that students will more deeply understand the invitation to **reunion** with Christ (a relationship made possible by grace and love), **reunion** with the person we were created to be in Christ (dying to ourselves and raising anew in Christ), **reunion** with each other (true, authentic community marked by love) and the great hope of our **reunion** in heaven.

The truth is the echoes of **reunion** are all around us at Breakaway. We hear them in the laughter and love that are shared among friends reuniting in those first moments on the hill. We hear them when the music fades and students linger in the peace and settled space of God's presence. We hear them far too late at night as feet sneak and stumble across the pebbly grounds. We hear them around campfires and cafeteria tables. Echoes of **reunion**... of love and hope, grace and truth, belonging and peace, joy and celebration, heaven and earth. Together. I can't think of a better place to be this summer.

Breakaway 2025 Guest Line-Up

We are so excited about this year's Breakaway Guest Lineup. We have some familiar and some brand-new faces who will lead our students passionately into encounters with the power and presence of God.

- Breakaway 1 this year will feature worship leader Pastor **Abby Head**. Abby is the Associate Student Ministry Director at Connexus Church in Barrie, ON. Abby is also a home girl from Newfoundland with roots at Elim Church in St. John's and a familiar face at Breakaway. We're excited to have her home with us for camp this summer.
- Our Breakaway 1 speaker this year is Pastor **Tricia Lane**. Tricia is the Assistant Pastor at Bethel Sarnia in Sarnia, ON. Tricia's love for students, investment in young leaders and down to earth heart to serve are amazing.
- Breakaway 2 this year will be led in worship by Pastor **Courtney O'Reilly**. Courtney is no stranger to our Breakaway family. She serves on the Youth Ministry Lead Team and copastors Gros Morne Community Church in Rocky Harbour. Courtney's passion is to create space for students to encounter the Holy Spirit.
- Our Breakaway 2 speaker this year is Pastor **Allen De Jong**. Allen is the Youth, Young Adult, Family Ministries Director of the BC Yukon District, PAOC. Allen's approachability, heart for young leaders, wisdom and experience in Next Gen ministry and passion for God will be a gift to our students and leaders this summer.

We are so blessed and excited for our students to sit under their ministry this summer!

What to Expect

Some of your students are Breakaway fam – they know exactly what to expect and can't wait to get back to it! But we also know that many of you have first timers attending camp this summer. As you talk to students and promote the event, we encourage you to talk about...

- Totally insane rec competitions and over the top team spirit
- Interactive and practical morning sessions
- The big pizza party and the trophy
- Time and space to hang out with friends and meet new people
- Delicious camp food
- Powerful times of worship
- Super stylin YB merch
- Challenging messages from God's Word
- Opportunities to really, powerfully connect with God
- Walks around the complex with "friends" (we mean friends... that's it!)
- Late night devotions and chats in the dorm rooms

- The smell of the Diamond building by day 3
- All that sleep you're going to get (JK.. obv)

We hope you'll paint a picture that kids will want to see for themselves!

Important Information

Included with this email, you will find registration notes and reminders. Please thoroughly read them and if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask! The more informed we are the better we can serve each other and our students. You will also note that individual registration forms for students are attached in this email. In the meantime, please note:

- Group registration should now be completed online. Payment may also be completed on-line (EMT), or one group cheque can be mailed to the office. Individual payments/cheques will not be accepted.
- Individual registration forms must be forwarded to the office (preferably scanned in one document), in keeping with Plan to Protect guidelines.

There will be only one registration deadline. YB 1 registration deadline will be June 11, and YB 2 registration deadline will be August 6 at a cost of \$275.

Paperwork isn't always fun (totally get it)– but it's necessary to getting our students and leaders registered on time and correctly! So don't procrastinate! 😊

Don't Miss It

I urge you to not miss the opportunity to put your students in this environment. In fact, I encourage you to put *yourself* in that environment too because as leaders we need that refilling and life-giving presence of God and community with leaders who are wrestling through life and ministry like we are. Talk to your students, invite them, look for sponsorships to assist students who can't come, pray and prepare to attend Breakaway this summer.

I would love for you to be there when it happens!

Ashley Kentie
Youth Ministry Director



Registration Reminders

- Group registration forms MUST accompany one cheque or EMT (give@paonl.ca) and all required information in order to be processed, including MCP #s, chaperones, and CRC checklists.
- No application will be processed without the appropriate number of chaperones. If your assembly cannot provide a chaperone, we suggest you contact a nearby assembly. There must be one chaperone for every five teens.
- If a chaperone name cannot be provided at the time of registration, a group may register "a chaperone" unspecified but a name and *CRC must be confirmed with the YB Office two weeks prior to the start of YB*. Any groups with chaperones unconfirmed by that time will have their registrations returned and not processed.
- Chaperones must be age 18+ for YB1 and 20+ for YB2.
 - Please note that these are *minimum* ages. There should be a 5-year age gap between a chaperone and his/her campers.
 - Chaperone Guidelines must be distributed to each chaperone prior to arrival.
- All students must register with a group. Individual registrations/cheques will not be accepted. However, all individual applications, signed by a parent/guardian, should be forwarded with group application.
- Camp age designations are as follows:
 - YB1 registrants must be in Grades 6-8 as of January 2025.
 - YB2 registrants must be in Grades 9-12+ (up to age 19) as of January 2025.
 - Please note the only exception made to the age designations is in relation to a Grade 9 student who may attend YB1 if necessary. We ask youth leaders to help us by demonstrating integrity in directing youth to the appropriate camp.

- Registration fees & deadlines are as follows:
 - Regular: \$275- YB1 by June 11 / YB2 by August 6.
 - Fees for underage children of pastors/chaperones: \$152.00/child.
- There will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. Applications will not be received after the late registration date.
- Refunds will only be granted in the event of an emergency or if an individual becomes employed (an administration fee of \$30.00 is non-refundable). Refunds will only be issued after YB has finished and only with a written request received within 30 days after the end of camp. IMPORTANT NOTE: there will be no refunds for cancellations (for any reason) on the day the camp starts.
- Any damage to ECC facilities will be assessed by the ECC administrator and YB will invoice the local group for payment. (Minimum \$25 fee for damages).
- Room assignment will be done according to the designation on the group application. Please indicate on the form the individuals you would like to have roomed together. We will do our best to accommodate your designations, although final placement will be at the discretion of the registration personnel.
- Private/special request rooms for youth leaders/spouses will only be approved if space is available and if the appropriate number of chaperones are designated and accommodated near the students. Additional charges may apply.
- Chaperones will be roomed in proximity to their designated students in keeping with our protection policy. This includes those who are offering to chaperone for students from other groups, as well as ministry guests who are offering to chaperone students.



General Reminders

- This is a closed camp - visitors are not permitted unless authorized by the Camp Director.
- Pets are not permitted on the grounds.
- Our NO TOLERANCE policy remains in place for those who may try to leave the grounds without permission. Offenders will be promptly dismissed from the camp.
- First Aid will NOT be issued by YB first aid personnel without written parental/guardian permission. No drugs/medication will be made available or administered by YB first aid staff.
- Please begin to pray for our camps that they will be significant events in the spiritual development of all who attend.
- Any questions or concerns relating to registration should be sent to the MDSI Department (mbowers@paonl.ca). All other inquiries are to be directed to Youth Ministry Director, Ashley Kentie. She can be contacted via email at: ashleyjbaker@gmail.com.
- Additional questions or concerns can be directed to the Youth Ministry Lead Team who coordinate Youth Breakaway. They include Andy Vincent, Courtney O'Reilly, Greg Bowers, Caitlin Locke, Rebecca Soper and Ashley Kentie.

We thank you in advance for your promotion, support, and most of all your prayers.

See you at camp!



Great Expectations

We believe that attending Breakaway is an awesome privilege, but it comes with some pretty awesome – but totally reasonable – expectations for how you will behave and conduct yourself! We want Breakaway to be a positive, God honouring experience for all campers, as well as volunteers, leaders and staff. When we cooperate, show love, and demonstrate RESPECT, Breakaway will be INCREDIBLE for EVERYONE. Please read the great expectations below and commit to honouring them as you attend Breakaway 2025.

1. **ACCOMMODATIONS AREA** - Under no circumstance is anyone permitted in the designated accommodations area of the opposite sex.
2. **OUT OF BOUNDS** - The following areas are out of bounds:
 - a. Wooded areas unless accompanied and/or authorized by Youth Breakaway staff.
 - b. After curfew: Cabin area, unless billeted there, Ball field/basketball court, Trailer Court
 - c. Behind the following buildings: F.G. Bursey Tabernacle , Alice Garrigus Memorial Building, Fred Diamond Youth Building
3. **LEAVING GROUNDS** - Permission is needed for anyone to leave the grounds. Only Breakaway Director can grant permission. Leaving the grounds without permission will result in dismissal from the Breakaway.
4. **CAFETERIA** - Please express meal concerns to your chaperone who can bring it to the attention of the Breakaway Director(s). Extend appreciation and courtesy to the kitchen staff at all times.
5. **PROPERTY DAMAGE** - The individual or group responsible must pay for any damage, deliberate or accidental. The cause of damage and cost to repair will be assessed by the Emmanuel Convention Centre administration and a bill will be issued following the camp.
6. **VEHICLES** - All vehicles are to be parked in front of the Complex. At no time are you permitted to use vehicles, unless you have been authorized by the Breakaway Director(s) to leave the grounds.
7. **AUDIO EQUIPMENT** - Only audio players with headphones will be permitted for private listening. All other audio equipment, e.g. speakers, etc. and are not permitted in the rooms. Headphones will not be permitted in morning and evening sessions.
8. **DRESS CODE** - Students are asked to dress modestly and appropriately.
9. **DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION** - Public and/or private displays of affection will not be tolerated.
10. **CURFEW** - Please adhere to the curfew indicated in your Youth Breakaway handbook.
11. **DRUGS/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO/ VAPING** - The use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco will not be tolerated. Dismissal will result if found with items in your possession or participating in their use

Thank you so much for cooperating! Have a great camp!

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