

## About Skills and Youth Ministry 2017

### Frequently Asked Questions

Many parents are asking about our new and improved Skills program. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions.

#### Program

**Q: Why is the new Skills and Youth Min split a better model for my youth?**

**A:** In 2016 we did not offer Skills and the youth had 2 hours of programming. Due to high enrollment, we were stretched most weeks beyond our capacity. As a result, many youth who wanted to attend, could not; for those who did attend, we were not able to give them the attention they deserved.

Under our new model, we have reintroduced a high-impact Skills program that youth are sure to love. Our revised structure also ensures that we are within our leader to guest ratio and that your youth have a fantastic experience.

**Q: If I sign up my child for Youth Min, do they have to pick a skill too?**

**A:** No. Skills is an optional activity for those who wish to pay for a high-quality user experience.

**Q: What will my child do in Youth Min?**

**A:** Youth Ministry includes one hour of morning programming that is focused on prayer, teaching and worship and 1.5 to 2 hours of program time in the evening that is focused on building relationships, community and having fun together.

**Q: If I don't wish to enroll my child in Skills, what options are available for them?**

**A:** There are no shortage of fun activities for youth at MBC. An MBC wristband gives guests access to the self-directed activities at the Sports Zone (mini putt, tennis, beach volleyball, basketball, disc golf, BMX track) and to the beach. Youth are also welcome to join their parents in adult chapel.

If your family is staying with us most of the summer, you may wish to enrol your children for only a week or two of Skills. This will give them something new to do without "breaking the bank."

For families who would like a more structured experience, Camp Widjiitiwin offers an excellent day camp. Please visit <http://widjiitiwin.ca/our-season/day-camp-widji-style/> for more details.

**Q: Does the Skills program schedule conflict with the Youth Ministry Schedule?**

**A:** Not at all. We have intentionally structured this experience to ensure that every youth will be able to attend their Youth Ministry chapel session.

| <b>Time</b>             | <b>Youth Ministry</b> | <b>Skills</b>                                                                                                |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9-10am<br>(Period 1)    |                       | XT/RIOT/YAC Skill Period<br><br>Archery (all ages)<br>Watercraft (RIOT and YAC only)<br>Fine Arts (all ages) |
| 10-11am<br>(Period 2)   | XT Chapel             | RIOT/YAC Skill Period<br><br>Archery<br>Watercraft<br>Culinary Arts                                          |
| 11am-12pm<br>(Period 3) | RIOT/YAC Chapel       | XT Skill Period<br><br>Riflery/Rocketry (alternates weekly)<br>Outdoor Survival<br>Fine Arts                 |

**Q: Which weeks are Riflery and which weeks are Rocketry?**

**A:** The Riflery/Rocketry skill is the only skill that alternates weekly. The Riflery Skill runs Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. The Rocketry Skills runs Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8.

## Fees

**Q: Why is there a \$50 fee for Skills?**

**A:** For several years, we ran Skills with a nominal charge for some activities. This approach made it difficult to run a quality experience for the youth and so in 2016 we cancelled the Skills program. As expected, parents and youth really did miss the Skills. However, we didn't want to run a program that couldn't deliver on quality or safety but we also didn't have a funding source to create a new program.

So - in 2017 we are offering, through our Recreation department, a skills option for youth who want to enrol. We are making an investment of staff (hiring university age students) and curriculum/supplies that will ensure a significantly better quality experience than what was offered in the past.

**Q: How much does it cost to participate in Skills?**

**A:** The cost for a week of skills instruction is \$50 per child per week for 5 hours of instruction. That's \$10 per hour of instruction. We believe that offers great value relative to other opportunities for skills lessons (such as piano, choir, soccer, etc.). This price point makes

it sustainable over the longer term and allows us to recruit a higher calibre of leadership (University/College age students) for the program as well.

**Q: What is the Skills Discount?**

A: The cost for a week of skills instruction is \$50 per child per week per skill. For two skills, the discounted price is \$90 per child per week.

**Q: I am an MBC Acres Cottager or a trailer owner. Why don't my fees cover Skills enrolment?**

A: Trailer and cottage fees include MBC wristbands for your family. With a wristband, you have access to self-directed recreation amenities such as the tennis courts, beach, etc. Wristbands do not cover optional, user-pay recreational experiences, such as Skills, The Escape Room, Paintball, etc.

**Q: Why is there no fee for Youth Min?**

A: Any youth can register and attend Youth Min at no charge because the cost to cover our Youth Ministry programming is completely covered by donations. The actual cost to MBC per child is roughly \$120 - \$140 per week. We are thankful for the many generous donors who have been willing to help cover these costs.

**Q: How do I pay for Skills?**

A: After you register for Skills online, you will receive a PayPal invoice by email. PayPal is a secure, third-party service that allows you to pay online with any major credit card. All Skills payments will be processed through PayPal.

**Q: When do I need to pay for Skills?**

A: After you register for Skills, you will receive a PayPal invoice by email. Payment is due within 10 days of the receipt of the invoice, to ensure that your youth's spot is reserved. If the PayPal invoice is not paid within this time, your youth will be unenrolled from Skills and their spot will be made available to the next available guest. If this does happen, you will be notified by email.

**Q: What if I want to cancel my registration?**

A: We require full payment in advance to reserve your child's Skills registration. However, we understand that life is unpredictable and you may have a change of plans. You may cancel at any time up to the appropriate deadline and receive a full refund, less a \$10 admin fee for each week's registration you cancel.

The cancelation deadline for **Weeks 1-4** Skills registrations (July 1-29) is **June 17**.

The cancelation deadline for **Weeks 5-9** Skills registrations (July 30-Sept 2) is **July 22**.

No refunds will be given for cancellations after the cancellation deadline has passed.

**Q: Can I register my youth for a partial week of Skills?**

**A:** No. Our Skills are built on progressive-learning curriculum that requires faithful attendance. No refunds or discounts are given to youth who only attend or enroll for partial weeks.