



2020 MNO Bus Trip to CLAY

Attention: Youth Leaders/Pastors/Congregation Chairs
From: 2020 Bus Trip Planning Committee

CLAY Gathering 2020, Calgary, Alberta
Dates: August 16-24, 2020

Our route: We will depart from the parking lot of Westwood Collegiate, next door to Messiah Lutheran Church, Winnipeg (400 Rouge Road) on Sunday August 16th and travel by bus to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for the night. On Monday we are off to Edmonton, Alberta where we will spend time at the West Edmonton Mall and Waterpark as well as enjoying a large group supper. On Tuesday, after spending the night in Edmonton, we will begin our journey into the Rocky Mountains with a stop at the Columbia IceFields, hike in Johnston Canyon and take a break for a “photo op” at Lake Louise. We will enjoy free time in Banff where we will be staying for the night. On Wednesday we will visit the Upper Hot Springs and take a ride up the mountain on the Banff Gondola. We will then travel on to Calgary for a night at a hotel before the gathering begins. We will arrive in Calgary in time to get a bite to eat, tour downtown and enjoy the hotel pool. Thursday morning we will relax until our buses transport us to SAIT for registration at CLAY.

On Sunday August 23rd, after the gathering closes, will continue our bus trip, travelling to Swift Current for supper and the night. On Monday, August 24th (last day of the trip) we will travel via Brandon with a quick stop for lunch and arrive back at Messiah Lutheran, Winnipeg for pick up by families around supper time.

Additional Information:

- Sleeping gear will be needed for over-nights at churches on the way
- There will be access each day to a sufficient number of bathrooms; showers will not be available each day, but we are planning a stop at a waterpark along the way.
- Many meals provided throughout the bus trip will be provided by host congregations, please indicate dietary restrictions where necessary on registration so those can be accommodated. (NOTE: one breakfast, one lunch and three suppers will be “on your own,” so plan pocket money accordingly)
- **Youth Groups will need to book a one-night stay at a hotel separately for the night before the gathering Wed. Aug. 19th We are reserving a block of rooms at a hotel in downtown Calgary and will send leaders the contact info.**

**** Please be advised:** Registration for the Gathering is separate from this registration. Information can be found at www.claygathering.ca

Bus Trip Registration:

The total cost per person is \$485.00

Completed registration forms and a **\$50.00 deposit per youth and leader** (payable to MNO Synod) **are due by March 31, 2020.**

Please also include a **post-dated cheque, dated June 15, 2020 (\$435.00 per youth & leader)**, which represents the balance paid in full.

**** (One cheque per congregation for the total is preferred) ****

All fees are non-refundable after July 15, 2020 aside from exceptional circumstances.

Submit your completed registration forms, the waiver form, the deposit and a post-dated cheque to your youth leader, pastor, or church administrator. They will send all applications in together as a group. Leaders may email forms to mnosynod@elcic.ca and mail cheques separately, or send all forms and cheques to:

MNO Synod – Bus Trip
935 Nesbitt Bay
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For more information contact: Bishop Jason Zinko mnobishop@elcic.ca

We look forward to the opportunity to come together once again, to worship and grow in our faith on this trip and at this Gathering. Happy Planning!