

# keep church weird

## Holden May Youth Weekend

When: Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2012

Who: Current Students in 9—12<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$100

### Holden Village

Holden Village is nestled in a remote area of the Cascade Mountains in north-central Washington. Once a mining village, Holden is now a year-round Lutheran retreat center, surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks and a rushing stream. Part of the Holden experience is traveling there on a beautiful boat ride from Field's Point Landing to Lucerne, where buses meet the boat and transport participants 11 miles up the mountain to the village. At Holden, you will find yourself in a beautiful place "set apart," free of telephones, televisions, and fast food restaurants. It's a perfect place for youth to slow down and enjoy God's creation! Information about the Village, can be found on their website: [www.holdenvillage.org](http://www.holdenvillage.org).

### Schedule:

We will leave Gloria Dei Thursday Night at 5pm and drive up to Lake Chelan, spending the night at a church.. Friday morning we travel and arrive at Holden Village. This year's theme for the retreat is **Keep Church Weird**. We'll unpack the 'weirdness' of faith Friday through Sunday with other youth from the Seattle area as we learn and worship together. Nate Houge is the guest artist. You will have opportunities to hike beyond the village and enjoy the amenities of Holden like the ice cream parlor. After Sunday's breakfast, we reverse our travel order and return on Sunday evening at 8pm.

\*Two things to consider: we can depart at 4:00am on Friday if the group agrees and know Holden Village will be closed for two years as they do work on the Village--this is a unique opportunity for you!

### SIGN UP NOW!

Please fill out the permission form with a \$50 deposit (non-refundable) payable to Gloria Dei Youth. Give both to Pastor Matthew Maas no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Questions: contact—[pastor.matthew.maas@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.matthew.maas@gmail.com)

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STATEMENT:

I, the undersigned, state that I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ and that he/she has my permission to participate in Holden May Youth Weekend sponsored by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. I do hereby grant to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church adult leaders full power and authority to engage, employ and dismiss any Physicians, Nurses, Hospitals, or Clinics to apply medical attention and care to the aforementioned youth; authorize any special medical care and attention the leader deems in his/her sole discretion to be advisable and proper for the dates May 24-27th, 2012. I the undersigned further state that I do hereby grant to the *adult leaders* full power and authority to control and discipline the aforementioned child/teen, but that such authority shall not extend to or include any form of physical corporal punishment to said youth. Our youth behavior covenant will be in effect for this event. I expressly waive any and all claims against the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and/or any of its Councils and its leaders and representatives, because of illness, injury, or damage to the person or property of the aforementioned child/teen in connection with said activity. In the event of emergency, I may be reached at the following numbers:

Youth Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Home Phone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Cell Phone Number)

Please note any information we need to know about your youth (medications, allergies, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
In case of emergency and I cannot be reached, please contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name - Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

T-Shirt Size

\_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL

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### What to Bring to Holden

Each **person** should bring:

- ✓ Warm clothes, including a warm jacket
- ✓ Some lighter clothing in case it's warm and sunny
- ✓ Personal toiletries, including hand soap
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Swimsuit – one piece preferred, or an appropriately modest suit (for the sauna)
- ✓ Sturdy shoes or boots
- ✓ Bible and pencil/pen
- ✓ Work gloves, safety glasses (if you have them)
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ A sturdy, reusable water bottle
- ✓ Ca\$h For two travel meals and a little– for ice cream, craft supplies at free time, bookstore purchases (Holden doesn't take debit cards/credit cards; they do accept checks)
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ If we stay at a church: sleeping bag and pillow.

Each **group** should bring:

- ✓ Talent for the second evening talent show - how you are gifted ☺
- ✓ Materials for your part of the closing worship service (You will receive your worship assignment in April)
- ✓ An offering for Holden Village during the closing worship.

Holden Village provides bedding and towels, lunch and dinner on the day of arrival, three meals on the second day, and breakfast and lunch on the day of departure.

### What NOT to Bring to Holden

- Any electronics (including cell phones, CD players, game gear, etc.)
- Items that require electricity (such as hairdryers, curling irons, etc.); Holden generates their own power and there is simply not enough electricity for them
- Items that produce fire or sparks (lighters, etc.)
- Clothing with inappropriate slogans or themes

## MORE INFORMATION

Registration information and forms are also available online at [www.tlc.edu/holden](http://www.tlc.edu/holden).

Questions about program or registration can be directed to [holden@tlc.edu](mailto:holden@tlc.edu).