

Dear Youth Leader,

August 11, 2008

We are excited about this year's **IMPACT** our annual Youth Discipleship Weekend, coming up November 21-22. The theme this year, **Transform**, is focused on Romans 12 and we will be exploring how God desires us to follow His will instead of living in the ways of the world. Our prayer is that this event will help us to become more God-focused in how we live out our faith and that each of us will continue to be transformed by God in the way that we think & act. We strongly encourage you to consider bringing some of your students to this event to further mentor them & assist in their spiritual journeys. This letter is an invitation for you and your youth group to attend this exciting opportunity and be challenged to live out a life of faith! Here are some of the highlights of the weekend:

- **Sid Koop**, our guest speaker for Impact '08, is passionate to help teenagers know, love and serve Christ in tangible ways. We had such an amazing response to Sid a couple years ago that we had to invite him back. Sid is the father of two boys, Payton (6) and Cole (3) and the husband of his wife, Jen (no age necessary...but she is very cool!). He has spent the last 9 years in full time youth ministry, his first 4 as a youth pastor in Canmore, Alberta and his last 5 as part time Director of Student Ministries at the E-Free Church of Lethbridge. When he is not working at the church, he is traveling with Truth Matters Ministries, communicating the truth of Jesus Christ with students across Canada. In his off time, Sid is desperately trying not to drown as he tackles his new hobby, triathlons...very short triathlons. Sid is definitely looking forward to once again challenging us during Impact!
- **Free Servant** will be leading us in a time of dynamic praise and worship through out the weekend.
- **Concert of Prayer** will be a time in which we corporately will pray for opportunities in serving God and responding to His call.
- **Service and ministry opportunities** in Steinbach and Winnipeg.
- **Special discipleship seminars** by some of SBC's professors and an excellent opportunity to explore the possibility of coming to college as a student.
- **Special youth leader** group seminar, discussion & prayer time led by Sid Koop our guest speaker.

Enclosed is a poster for you to place in your youth rooms or bulletin boards. Impact 2008 begins with registration on Friday at 4:30 pm and ends Saturday evening at 9 pm. This will be a solid time of spiritual growth, youth group bonding, & fellowship with others that will change you and your youth. We look forward to hosting you and your youth group at Impact. Note that our registration deadline is Friday, November 14. Register early to ensure you will be able to participate in this exciting weekend. If you have any further questions visit us online www.sbcollege.ca or feel free to contact me at: 1.204.326.6451(ext. 243) or email me at gfriesen@sbcollege.ca

In Christ,

Garth Friesen
Director of IMPACT 2008

Important Stuff You Need To Know About Impact 2008

- Nov. 21-22, 2008. Registration begins at 4:30 pm in our south front entrance. Proceed here before going to your accommodations as you will obtain a schedule, instructions, etc. Supper is served at 6:00 pm in the dining hall. First main session begins at 7:00 pm. Impact concludes Saturday evening with our final session ending by 9:00pm.
- Our cost is \$59 per person (\$49 for out-of-province students and leaders). Impact is open to anyone from Grades Nine and up. Impact is definitely the most affordable youth weekend out there!
- Especially for leaders:
 - We strongly encourage you to stay with your students in dorm as it is an amazing opportunity to further connect spiritually with them. You may be billeted in Faculty and Staff homes for your comfort if staying in dorm is not appealing to you but we ask that you have some of your leaders stay with your youth. However, you must let us know by the registration deadline if you are not prepared to stay in dorm.
 - If you have made your own accommodation arrangements please also inform us of this as well.
 - You are invited to a youth leader equipping & discussion time with Sid and we may this year invite you to join the youth during the service opportunities.
- What you and your students should bring:
 - Sleeping bag and pillow.
 - Money for Tim Horton's runs, snacks, souvenirs, etc.
 - Personal items, such as clothes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
 - Bible, pen, and paper (bring these to the sessions & seminars).
 - Work and outdoor clothes if students sign up for certain service opportunities (students should be prepared to be outdoors).
 - A willingness to put your faith into action through a service opportunity.
- Online registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 14, 2008. If you are unable to register with us via the Internet you can fax us the information at (204) 326-6908.
- For any further information feel free to contact SBC by email or phone.

For Our Out of Province Guests:

We appreciate the extra time and effort it takes to bring a group to Impact from another province. To help facilitate your journey here, we have some options for you to consider.

- Discount of \$10 per person, bringing the registration to \$49 per person.
- Free night's stay in our dorms over Saturday night to give you a decent rest before the journey home.
- Free breakfast the next morning if you choose to stay overnight. We invite you to attend a worship service in one of the local churches on Sunday morning.
- For a reasonable fee of \$5 per person we offer you a choice of either a bag lunch for the road or a hot meal with our students at 12:30 pm. Payment will be due at registration.
- We need to know by our registration deadline if you want to accept any of these options.

Impact Mission Statement:

“We partner with the Holy Spirit to design a powerful weekend for teenagers and their leaders that will challenge, encourage, and spur them onto greater love for Jesus Christ and a desire to reach out and impact their world.”

Key Result Areas:

1. Worship & Prayer

We will worship God throughout the weekend through corporate praise and worship, prayer and in small group discussions.

2. Biblical Instruction

We will communicate the Scriptures through a main speaker, devotions, seminars, etc. in order to inspire and equip young people to effectively serve God.

3. Ministry & Service Opportunities

We will offer a variety of opportunities for young people to serve and minister to people, thereby sharing the love of God with others.