



ELEVATION RETREAT

Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2026

Church and Leaders Packet



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The 2026 Elevation Winter Retreat is done in partnership with local churches from the DOXA Network in Scarborough, Ontario.

Our desire is to partner together for God's Kingdom purposes to see youth impacted holistically with the mission and message of Jesus through a winter retreat. During this retreat we will be united together under the banner of God's Kingdom.

The 2026 Elevation Retreat is designed with both jr. high and high school youth in grades 6-12.

Retreat Location:

Ontario Camp of the Deaf, 236 Blackstone Crane Lake Road, Parry Sound

Cost:

- Regular Price: \$125 per person (*\$25 deposit per-person deadline Dec 22, 2025*)
- *\$50 per youth worker based on a 1:10 ratio for each gender youth attending (ex: if you have 6 females and 7 males you bring 2 youth workers, one female and one male. Any additional youth workers above your ratio will pay full price).*
- Cheques made out to: Youth Unlimited with DOXA Retreat in the Memo.
- Online Registration and payment is available. Reach out to doxatoronto@yugta.ca for more info.

Deposit:

A \$25 deposit per person is requested to secure the number of spots your group wants to attend Elevation 2026. Space is limited; booking for groups is first come, first serve.

Transportation:

Each group is responsible for its own transportation and not included in the cost of the retreat. Many churches have coordinated transportation to keep costs lower for their students, and we encourage you to make the necessary arrangements for your group.

What to Bring: Energy and enthusiasm, Bible, Notebook, Warm Casual Clothes, Toiletries and towel, Boots and indoor Shoes/Slippers, Toboggans, Sleeping Bag and pillow.

Registration: Must be filled out by each student and adult participants for all retreat attendees.

We are looking forward to having you join us for Elevation Retreat 2026.

Elevation Retreat Team
Sue Banik (DOXA lead)
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ELEVATION SCHEDULE | January 30 - February 1, 2026

Sunday - January 25, 1:30 pm

Location to be Determined

FRIDAY - January 30

7:00 Group Registration and Room Assignment

8:30 **Session One**

10:45 After Party

12:00 Curfew

SATURDAY - January 31

8:00 Youth Leaders Morning Gathering

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 **Session Two:** Workshops

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Afternoon Activities and Free Time

5:30 Dinner

7:00 DOXA's Main Event

8:30 **Session Three**

10:30 After Party

12:00 Curfew

SUNDAY - February 2

8:00 Youth Leaders Morning Gathering:

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 **Session Four**

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Final Clean Up & pack vehicles to head home

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Theme: **Adventuring with God**

Planning Team: Sue Banik, Charlene Boreland, Kirushanthan Krishnapillai, Paul Offor

Registration:

- Complete forms for all youth attending
- Complete forms for all adult volunteers attending.
- Cheque payable to Youth Unlimited ("DOXA Retreat" in Memo) or pay online.
- Each young person and leader will be placed in a group for activities, serving and cleanup.
- Food allergies and special needs deadline, January 18, 2026.
- Email breakdown of guy/girl students and leaders by Sunday, January 18th to doxatoronto@yugta.ca

The Importance of Small Groups

During the sessions, we will give leaders directions/questions for you to work through in your small groups of 6-8 people. A part of experiential learning is getting young people to dialogue, asking questions and learning from peers. When young people have input, they learn and own the subject matter in a much deeper way. This helps us teach according to different learning styles (feeler, doer, thinker and reflector).

Teams

All youth and leaders will be splitting into teams when they arrive at Elevation for fun competitions throughout the weekend. We ask leaders to fully participate and help in leading their groups during the variety of activities. Points will be awarded during the weekend for team participation, results from activities and games, team spirit throughout the event, etc. These teams also aid by being Serve and Clean up teams for meals and sessions. Assignments of these teams will be announced on Friday night.

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Facility Care

Every youth group is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their sleeping areas and washrooms.

ELEVATION PLAYLIST

