



# ELEVATION WINTER RETREAT

**Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025**



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The 2025 Elevation Winter Retreat is done in partnership with local churches from the DOXA Youth Workers 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 2025 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: \$120 per person (*\$25 deposit per-person deadline Dec 22, 2024*)
- *\$50 per youth worker based on a 1:10 ratio (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 or attendees can register online.
- Online Registration is available. Reach out to [doxatoronto@yugta.ca](mailto:doxatoronto@yugta.ca) for more info.

**Deposit:**

A \$25 deposit per person is encouraged to secure the number of spots your group wants to attend Elevation 2025.

**Transportation:**

Each group is responsible for its own transportation. 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, Snowboards, Toboggans, Sleeping Bag and pillow, dress-up items for Saturday-themed dinner, **"I'm a Fan!"**

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

We are looking forward to having you join us for Elevation Retreat 2025.

Elevation Retreat Team  
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## **ELEVATION SCHEDULE | January 31 - February 2, 2025**

### **Sunday - January 26, 1:30 pm**

GracePoint Church, 3143 Sheppard Ave., East, Scarborough, ON M1T 3J7

### **FRIDAY - January 31**

7:00 Group Registration and Room Assignment:

#### **8:30 Session One**

10:45 After Party

12:00 Curfew

### **SATURDAY - February 1**

8:00 Youth Leaders Morning Gathering

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Session Two: Jr. High & High School Workshops

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Afternoon Activities and Workshops

5:30 Themed Supper - "I'm A Fan!"

*\*dress by showing your fan support.*

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

## **ELEVATION Information | January 31 - February 2, 2025**

Theme: Speak Life

Speaker: Pastor Greg Banik, Heron Park Baptist Church

Band: Tabitha Mah and the Elevation House Band

Meals and Food: Ruthanne & Scott MacGregor

### **Registration:**

- Complete forms for all youth attending
- Complete forms for all adult volunteers attending.
- Cheque payable to Youth Unlimited (bring to the retreat) or pay online.
- Each young person and leader will be placed in a group for activities and cleanup.
- Food allergies and special needs deadline, January 20, 2025.
- Email breakdown of guy/girl students and leaders by Sunday, January 26th to [doxatoronto@yugta.ca](mailto: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).

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### **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 Team Captains 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.

### **Saturday Themed Supper - "I'm A Fan!"**

We invite each individual and/or group to take part in our dress-up supper for Saturday night. This year's theme is "I'm A Fan," where we can showcase all the various interests in our community. This can include shows, movies, books, hobbies, musicians, bands, activities, sports teams, etc. These dress-ups can be group dress-up ideas or individual participation. We ask that all dress-ups be age-appropriate (grade 6-12), non-offensive, non-violent in nature or have any real/pretend weapons.

### **Theme: Speak Life Resources**

[What does it mean to speak Life?](http://GotQuestions.com) (GotQuestions.com)

[TobyMac Speak Life](http://youtube.com/TobyMac) (youtube.com)

### **Facility Care**

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

## **ELEVATION PLAYLIST**

