

5. Briefly explain how committed you are to the youth group at Calvary Bible Church.

6. Briefly describe your relationship with Jesus – be sure to include when you met Him, any important details leading up to that, what He has done in your life, what you are currently doing to keep that relationship growing.

7. Describe one thing that you are looking forward to about this trip, including the entire pre-trip process.

8. Describe one thing that you are not looking forward to about this trip or the pre-trip process (be honest).

9. How can we best pray for you during this pre-trip process?

MAINE EVENT 07 COMMITMENT

By signing the following I am committing that I am “with you with all of my heart.”

I commit to doing the pre-trip requirements including consistent devotions, Scripture memory, book study, as well as whatever it takes to raise my support for this trip. **I COMMIT** _____

I am committing to my Maine Event 07 team that I will not abandon them when needed, whatever that may look like. **I COMMIT** _____

I am committing to be at all the regular scheduled meetings or to notify Jeff ahead of time, not missing more than 20% of the scheduled meetings. **I COMMIT** _____

I am committing to love my team mates and to encourage them in whatever ways that is possible. **I COMMIT** _____

I am committing to do what it takes to raise the support for this trip. **I COMMIT** _____

I am committing to team unity both before and during the trip, I will not be dissenting or condescending; I will act in love, obey those who are over me, and lovingly support the success of this team. **I COMMIT** _____

By filling out and signing this application, I am committing to do what is best for the team. If my desire is to do one job but God can use me best in another job, I willingly submit to do what is asked. If I am placed under the authority of someone younger than, or less experienced than me, I will continue to follow and respect them as they deserve. If the leaders of the trip feel that I, at any time, would be a distraction to the trip rather than an asset, I will willingly step aside and agree not to be part of the Maine Event 07.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____



Trip Requirements –

To participate this year on the Maine Event 07, you will be required to complete a list of requirements. These requirements are more stringent than the past and will be met, or you will not be able to attend this year's trip. The requirements are not "busy work." Each requirement is designed to enhance the training process – as well as provide for a smoother, more effective trip when we do arrive in Maine.

Application –

Anyone interested in becoming a team member of Maine Event 07 this year must fill out an application. Just because you have filled out an application does not mean that you will be attending the trip. If you fail to complete the listed requirements, or if for any other reason your leaders of this trip feel that your presence would be detrimental to the trip, you will be asked to withdraw from the team. All applications must be completed in full and turned in before you can move to the next step of your requirements.

Devotions –

Spending time with God on a regular daily basis is crucial for the success of each individual team member. You will be required to have personal devotions 5 out of 7 days in a week. Although there is no one devotional that all students would agree on, we chose to require that each team member does the exact same devotional. This will enable the rest of the group to know what you are learning, provide for better accountability, and hopefully develop an ongoing conversation among team members about their current devotional study. We will all use the book entitled "Community" which is available for \$10 at the church. This book coincides with each Wednesday night Youth Group meeting. Devotions will be checked at regularly scheduled meetings.

Scripture Memory –

There will be a list of verses given to you. You will be required to memorize your verse, or verses, for each meeting. We will test each other on these verses at the group meetings. You will not be able to attend Maine Event 07 if you do not memorize at least 80% of these verses.

Meeting Participation –

The pre-trip meetings are equally as, if not more important than, the trip itself. If you desire to be a part of this team you must attend the regular meetings. If you know in advance that you cannot make a specific meeting, you must tell Jeff at least one day before the scheduled meeting. If you were responsible for anything during that meeting, you must have someone else cover you for whatever it was you were responsible to do.

We recognize that it is impossible to attend every one of the meetings due to work schedules and family vacations; therefore, you may miss up to – but not more than – 20% of the meetings. And, you are still required to have an excuse and let Jeff know before the date of the meeting.

If you show up to a meeting unprepared (not having completed the assignments due that meeting) it is counted as a missed meeting. You are only allowed to miss 20% of the meetings. Do not come unprepared to a meeting.

Book Study –

We will be choosing a book that all team members will read to prepare for the trip. This will be a book that will be discussed while on the trip. You will be responsible to write a one page paper describing details of the book and how it impacted your life. The books will be given to you after we receive your application.

Raising Funds –

We have tried many methods in the past for bringing in moneys for these trips. The LEAST effective method is having the Youth Pastor write one letter and mail it out to the whole church and then hope that some money comes in and covers everyone for the trip. We DO NOT like this method because it enables team members to become lazy and complacent. We want you to have more of a sense of ownership on this trip, and we want you to participate in the raising of funds. You will be required to participate in whatever way the church decides to bring in the funds for this year's trip.

To stay at Blueberry Mt. and accomplish the work that we need to accomplish, it will cost us an estimated \$300 per person for this trip. We cannot do the trip without bringing in that money.

In the past we have made a rule that students would have to pay a set amount of money out of their own pocket toward this trip, and then we would trust the Lord to provide the rest in whatever way He sees fit. For 7 years the figure that each student was responsible for has stayed the same. The trip now costs us a lot more today than it did 7 years ago; therefore, we have to raise the amount that we are expecting from you. Each team member is required to pay \$120 out of his/her own pocket for this trip. The first installment of that money (\$50) must be in by July 1st. The remainder of that money must be in by August 1st.

\$120 does not even cover the room and board while we are there, and it is not enough to make the trip happen. We still need to bring in an additional \$180 per person. So, as a team, we will be actively pursuing whatever way God decides to use us to bring in those funds. If you sign on as a team member, you are committing to participate in whatever method we choose to bring in the funds for this trip. If you do not participate in whatever we choose to do, you will be asked to withdraw from the team.