

# AVALANCHE 2012 AT TREETOPS RESORT

Dear Families of OCCYG,

This year I would like to take our students to a Ski Retreat called **AVALANCHE 2012**. It will take place February 18-20, 2012. (Rochester and Troy schools are off from school on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>). On this retreat we will be joining the Chinese Alliance Youth Group along with several other churches from the Great Lakes Alliance District.

The retreat is designed for Jr. & Sr. High students to spend a weekend **engaging** with their personal relationship with God and to come back refreshed and renewed. The retreat will be at **Treetops Resort** in Gaylord, MI and skiing at **Boyne Mountain**. If you don't like to ski or snowboard, **Boyne Mountain** has an indoor waterpark. The cost for the retreat is a great value at **\$135** (which includes lodging, 5 meals, conference, transportation, chaperone costs and a T-Shirt). The Lift Ticket at the slopes is an additional **\$60**, Equipment Rental is **\$40**, and the Waterpark is \$45. **We are working on finalizing a group rate for ski lessons for first time skiers, which are required to prevent any accidents.**

This year, our speaker will be **Mike Gmetro**. Mike is a very engaging speaker with a powerful testimony. **Attaboy** a Christian band from Huntington, IN, will be leading our worship time this year as well.

Our theme for 2012 is **Unstoppable**. We are going to be talking about the things we might view as **Unstoppable** in our lives and how ultimately the only **Unstoppable** thing is Our God.

*"For nothing is impossible with God."  
Luke 1:27*

Enclosed in this packet, you will find all the materials need to register for this event: individual registration forms; a parental authorization & medical release form; and an Oasis Release Form.

Please note that all registration forms must be returned *with full payment by December 25, 2011*

We encourage you to invite your unchurched friends. This event will be spiritually challenging to you and your Christian Friends, but the gospel message will also be clearly presented. And honestly, unchurched kids know what they're going to get when they come to a church event, so bring them...we want them!

Please check out the websites for Treetops and Boyne Mountain:

<http://www.treetops.com/>

<http://www.boyne.com/BoyneMountain>

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Parents, if you are thinking to send your child (children) to the Great Lakes District Ski Retreat this year, let me highlight a few key issues:

- 1) This is amazing opportunity to for your child to be Spiritually **RECHARGED**. This is not just a fun event it is a spiritual growth event!! They will not want to miss this!!
- 2) We **NEED** Adult Sponsors-Anytime we send students to a retreat, we must provide adequate adult supervision. We are asking parents to help drive and chaperone to meet the required student/adult ratio of at least 6 to 1 (that is one adult per six students). Sponsors will be staying in rooms with students. We must send male and female sponsors. We need to have enough vehicles as well.

This is an amazing opportunity to worship and grow with your child while showing that their spiritual walk with Jesus is a priority to you as well. You can have some fun as well along the way whether you choose to relax with students at the water park or hit the slopes with the group skiing.

**Each Driving Sponsor's \$135 Retreat Cost is paid for & Gas Money for the Trip @ \$10 per seat.**

If you want to come as a family with your spouse and children that is welcomed. The retreat rate is still the same for each person besides the driving chaperone. Also, Boyne offers a free ski lift ticket to all children 8 years old and under.

- 3) Non-Skiers - What if you have a child who wants to attend the retreat, but doesn't want to ski? Boyne Mountain offers non-skiers the option of either snow tubing or an indoor waterpark.
- 4) What to Bring - **WARM CLOTHES!** Bibles, toiletries (the usual stuff), notebook, pen or pencil, winter outerwear (Yes, this includes Hats and Gloves!!), Ski or Snowboard Equipment and a swimsuit. We are asking that girls bring a 1-piece suit, or wear a t-shirt while at the pool. Also a few sleeping bags may be needed as we will have 5 people in some rooms.

**MONEY for ONE (1) Meal during our travels home.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or drop me an e-mail. I give thanks for the opportunity to minister to your children and share God's love with them once again this year. Look forward to seeing you on the slopes!

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# AVALANCHE

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### Schedule of Events

#### **Saturday, February 18**

- 03:00PM–06:00PM Registration and Check-in at “The Inn” (NOT at “The Lodge”)
- 06:00PM–07:30PM Dinner (Chinese Group Trays Delivered)
  - 07:30PM Doors open for Session 1 (Convention Center)
- 08:00PM–09:30PM Session 1 (Convention Center)
- 09:30PM–10:00PM Small Group Sessions
- 10:00PM–11:30PM Late night activity in Session room or Free Time (game rooms, arcade, pool, prayer room)
  - 12:00AM Lights out

#### **Sunday, February 19**

- 07:30AM–08:30AM Breakfast (Convention Center)
  - 08:30AM Group leaders pick up box lunches at Registration table in Inn
  - 08:30AM Boyne Skiers/Snowboarders/Avalanche Bay depart
  - 09:00AM Ski/Snowboard Rentals / Avalanche Bay Water Park Opens
  - 12:00PM Lunch (Spicy Bob’s Box Lunches)
  - 05:00PM Return to Treetops
- 06:00PM–07:00PM Dinner (Convention Center)
  - 07:30PM Doors open for Session 2 (Convention Center)
- 08:00PM–09:30PM Session 2 (Convention Center)
  - 09:30PM Small Group Sessions
- 10:00PM–11:30PM Free Time (game rooms, arcade, pool, prayer room)
  - 12:00AM Lights out

#### **Monday, February 20**

- 08:00PM–09:00AM Breakfast (Convention Center)
- 09:00PM–10:00AM Pack & Check out
  - 10:00AM Doors open for Session 3
- 10:15AM–12:00PM Session 3
  - 12:00PM Head for home (lunch on way home - pay on your own)





**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FORM**

I hereby give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the GREAT LAKES DISTRICT AVALANCHE SKI RETREAT to be held on February 18-20, 2012 in Gaylord, MI.

I hereby release and indemnify the GREAT LAKES DISTRICT OF THE C&MA, OAKLAND CHINESE CHURCH, its staff, volunteers and the CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

I also understand that if the conduct of my child is determined to be disruptive, destructive, or dangerous; or if my child is found in possession of illegal substances such as drugs or alcohol, I will be notified immediately and my child will be sent home at my expense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM**

In the event that reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any medical treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of my child to any hospital reasonably accessible.

This authorization does not cover major surgery(s) unless in the concurring medical opinion of two other licensed physicians or dentists, it is necessary for such surgery(s) to occur.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Address

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City/State/Zip

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Area Code and Phone Number

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Emergency Contact Number

Medical Needs and/or Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSURANCE INFORMATION**

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Policy Holder

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ID# or SS#

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Insurance Company

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Policy #