

Worshiplude 2023

Worshiplude is a winter worship and fellowship event for youth and young adults (ages 10+) hosted by the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region (EOR) of the United Church of Canada that coincides with Winterlude in Ottawa. It's been happening for over 20 years! Worship + Winterlude = Worshiplude. Groups plan and lead their own activities during the day and gather Saturday night for a collective worship and dinner.

Who:

Worshiplude is for youth and young adults ages 10 + and their leaders.

Cost:

\$10 per participant. Cash or cheque (payable to EOR – Worshiplude 2023). Payment is required upon arrival at Rideau Park United Church.

What's for Dinner:

Pizza (Vegetarian, Pepperoni, Cheese & GF), Drinks, Veggies and Dip, Fruit and Dessert.

Where:

[Rideau Park United Church](#) (2203 Alta Vista Dr, Ottawa, ON K1H 7L9)

Schedule:

Friday, February 3

- Groups arrive in Ottawa
- Stay with Host Churches

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Rideau Park United Church

- 4:30pm Worship Starts
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 7pm Alt Spaces Events

Sunday Feb. 5

- Attend your host churches Sunday Worship and then head home.

What are the best parts of Worshiplude?

One word: Beavertails!

Seriously though, Worshiplude gives youth and young adults a chance to experience Winterlude in Ottawa. The city comes alive to celebrate winter and offers experiences only available when it's cold out – like skating/walking on the Rideau Canal a [Unesco World Heritage](#) site. But the real heart of the Worshiplude weekend happens on Saturday night. We gather together at Rideau Park United Church to share a unique worship experience, eat dinner together and explore Alt Spaces with friends old and new. Worshiplude creates moments and it is in these moments that we build and strengthen our faith as the body of Christ that is the Youth and Young Adults of the United Church of Canada.

What are the Alt Spaces Events?

Alt Spaces are pop-up spaces throughout Rideau Park United Church where Worshipers participants have the opportunity to share, engage and have fun.

This year:

Open Mic – bring your instruments and collaborate or borrow one of our frame drums to beat out a tune or maybe a ukulele to strum and stroll.

Improv & Paper Bag Theatre – Are you up for the challenge?

Hungry Hungry Humans – like Hungry Hungry Hippos...only LIFE SIZE.

Peace Forest – Meditation Space

Art Hub – crafty creations

Fiber and Threads – Weave, Knit, Crochet, Embroidery enthusiasts

Nice Ink – Tattoo space (it's washable)

Boardgames and Hang – relax and charge your phone!

Candlelight Labyrinth

Plus a few surprises!

Can you Host an Alt Space?

Hosts are needed to help set-up and lead Alt Spaces. You are not required to stay in the Alt Space the entire night. Set-up the space, host participants, float around and enjoy.

Registration:

Please fill out the Youth Group Registration Form [HERE](#).

Let us know you're coming, even if you are not staying overnight. We need numbers for food.

Registration deadline for Overnight Groups, **Monday, Jan 30th**.

Final Numbers for Dinner by **Friday, Feb. 3rd**.

Require Accommodations:

If you require accommodations for your group, you will be assigned a Host United Church in Ottawa. We ask that host churches offer breakfast/snacks each morning and offer opportunity to participate in Sunday morning worship when/if possible. Youth group leaders will be provided with contact information for their host church and asked to make arrangements/communicate with them directly for arrival times, keys, building access codes etc.

Don't Require Accommodations:

If you do not require accommodations or are traveling for the day only please plan to be a Rideau Park United Church for worship service and activities starting at 4pm. Worship is at 4:30pm

EOOR YAYA Travel Support

All EOOR Youth and Young Adult groups have access to funds towards the cost of travel to Worshiplude. Please contact Dana for further details.

Questions:

Contact Dana Ducette, Minister, Youth and Young Adults EOOR
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