

Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria
The Valley of the Mother of God

Welcome to the Valley of the Mother of God, a Christian Retreat Centre, serving church groups, Christian schools, Christian retreats, conferences and individuals.

The Valley is a place dedicated to offering Christian teaching in a Biblical Christian spirit, physical and mental relaxation. Come to the Valley for solitude, development, growth, serenity and fun that provides an opportunity to glorify God through the enjoyment of the magnificent nature from sunrise to sunset with 308 acres landscape and scenery.

Discover inner peace; share in spiritual activities by spending time away from the hustle of the world, using the church, the library, and the meeting rooms.

There are various outdoor activities, basketball, volleyball, children's playground, mini-golf, and slopes for tobogganing. A section of the Bruce Trail goes through the Valley in addition to a long stretch of walking trails surrounded by God's beautiful nature, forestry, a brook and ponds. The indoor is equipped with games like, ping pong, pool tables, foosball, board and electronic games, a book store and a gift shop.

Your seminars and lectures are supported by available audiovisual equipment: projector, TV, DVD player, screen and white board and several meeting rooms, we also welcome groups for a day retreat or a sleepover, with full catering service.

A weekly "Coptic Orthodox" Liturgy is held on Saturdays at the Valley.

Best Regards,
The Valley Team

Agreement – contract - Registration

Requirements within 2 weeks of booking confirmation:

- This agreement signed and returned
- Registration form (or updated list)
- A deposit of 25% to guarantee booking
- A copy of accident coverage insurance certificate
- A simple list with basic information for all expected participants signed by the group leader.

Requirements at least one week prior to function date:

- A detailed schedule / program for your retreat / conference
- Facilities required (Church, meeting rooms, sports complex, outdoors .. etc)
- Rooms allocations and distributions with names
- Updated occupants List
- Special diet request (if any)

If your application is denied, the Retreat Coordinator will be notified through e-mail. The Valley reserves the right to deny any application without giving an explanation.

Cancellation Policy:

- Deposit payment is not transferable to other groups or events.
- Deposit is transferable ONCE to another date for the same group and event "upon availability"
- If cancellation is requested more than 30 days prior to function, 50% is refundable
- If cancellation is requested less than 30 days prior to function, no refunds will apply, and this might affect future bookings.

Agreement

Our group agrees to abide by the rules and regulations governing the Valley. Further, applicants/Archdiocese agree to indemnify and hold harmless the owner from any damage, loss of property, and injury to person while on the property. We understand that our group will provide a copy of our Accident Coverage Insurance Certificate. We will also be responsible for any damage incurred to facilities or equipment during our stay at the Valley.

Church Name: _____ City: _____

Church Priest / Group Leader / School Principal Print Name: _____

Visit Date: from _____ to _____

Total Updated Number of attendants' _____

For accommodation: # of Females _____ # of males' _____ (This information is Optional)

Signature Priest/Group leader: _____ Date: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS

To be signed by each individual who is over 18 or by the parent/legal guardian for others.

The guest group will be responsible to satisfy itself that the participants of any activities have the requisite skill, provided any necessary supervision by responsible persons and see that all individual safety requirements are observed by participants and The Valley of the Mother of God shall have no responsibility for any accident or injury.

Without assuming any liability, and in the interests of safety, in the case of any use of any of special facilities, The Valley of the Mother of God reserves the right, through any of its responsible employees, to insist upon all appropriate safety rules and procedures being observed and upon any degree of supervision it considers advisable being provided by the guest group, and to limit or terminate the use of any such special facilities as it may consider advisable.

I agree as a precondition to my participation in all events organized by "The Valley of the Mother of God" and/or "the Agents" including but not limited to: Gym, rock climbing, sports complex, Bouldering, Archery, Zip Lining, Biking, Snow Shoeing, Volley Ball, Foot Ball, Basket Ball, Hiking, Tobogganing, Mini Golf, Horse Shoe, Canoeing .. etc. (Collectively referred to as "the Activities") and in further consideration of "The Valley of the Mother of God" allowing me to do so, that I will be strictly bound by the terms of this release of liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement ("the Agreement").

In the event that a guest requires medication, X-ray, or treatment beyond that which is possible, the guest group will be charged with the additional expense of transportation and special care. It is the responsibility of the guest group to notify the affected guest's family.

I/We authorize the administration of any first aid treatment necessary at The Valley of the Mother of God, and in case of medical emergency, give permission to the Physician selected by the guest group staff or sponsors to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my child as named above. Every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians before such action.

I grant permission to The Valley of the Mother of God or any third party authorized to use photos, videos or any other recording or reproduction of my child in any medium for use in promotional materials and/or as otherwise seen fit by The Valley of the Mother of God

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges The Valley of the Mother of God and their respective members, agents, volunteers, employees, officers and directors (the "Releasees") from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands resulting from any loss, injury or damage to person or property which has arisen or may arise including any programs or otherwise, unless any such loss, injury or damage may have arisen by reason of the negligence of the Releasees.

The undersigned agrees that any and all actions arising out of this agreement or the use of The Valley of the Mother of God will be governed by the laws of Ontario, Canada and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Ontario, Canada in any and all such actions.

Name of Group: _____

Date of Trip: _____

Name of Participant: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Signature of Guardian / Participant (if above 18 years of age): _____

General Regulations

1. Regulations concerning the facility

- Stay within boundaries as indicated by signs.
- No wandering on grounds before sunrise or after sunset, unless it is your group's schedule
- Be a Godly steward of sports facility, furniture, and all common utilities.
- Maintain cleanliness of the place (both outdoor and indoor)
- Washrooms/showers to be maintained clean, respecting other users'
- Conservation of water, heat, electricity benefits all users. Please consider the Valley more than you would even at home.
- Reorganize rooms to original condition, after usage.
- Please bring your own towels, we do not provide any.
- No open fire for maximum safety (candles, fireworks), camp fire to be arranged for with administration, depending on weather conditions.
- Accommodation is strictly separated by gender.

2. Regulations concerning attendants

- Control of level of sound for both individuals or Audio Visual
- Music/videos displayed should honour our Christian values
- Abide by your groups schedule both in time and whereabouts
- Respect of others' rights and maintaining discipline of the Valley.
- In reverence to Chapel/sanctuary/church no food or drink is allowed.
- In compliance with our Christian beliefs, smoking, use of illegal drugs/alcoholic beverage, profane or vulgar language is not allowed on all premises, otherwise dismissal without refund will apply.
- Dress code is to be governed by Christian modesty, non-revealing, and no inappropriate logos. Keep your purity and don't be a stumbling stone to others.
- No physical contact (intimate or rough)

3. Miscellaneous Regulations

- For personal safety and well being of the group, please report any injuries to your group leader/administration.
- No pets are allowed.
- Any damage to property caused by a member of your group will be charged back to the group with consequences on future booking.
- Forgotten and misplaced items are kindly delivered to the reception desk (lost and found)
- Check in/check out times are to be respected unless previous request is approved
- No outside food allowed; all meals are served by the Valley
- Weapons: sharp items, arms, or instruments that are used to endanger others' safety are not allowed on the premises

The on-site Director of the Valley will use personal discretion as to how to handle any breaches either through group leader or directly with individuals depending on gravity or urgency.

Check list for group leaders

Thank you for choosing the Valley for your upcoming retreat. May our Lord use this time for the Glory of His Name and the spiritual growth of His children.

- Within one week of receiving booking confirmation,
 - Contract to be returned duly signed,
 - A copy of accident coverage insurance certificate,
 - Down payment of 25%

- At least one week prior to event:
 - Schedule of activities
 - List of names and genders
 - Audio & Visual equipment required
 - Special diet requests
 - Remind your group to bring towels and toiletries, (Linens & Covers upon their wish)

- Day of arrival
 - Leader checks in for group along with individuals' forms
 - Payment of balance
 - Review of guidelines
 - Review of schedule and sign out for any equipment, connection cables or extensions
 - Receive room keys
 - The best way to reach the Valley is by typing "The Valley of the Mother of God" on google Maps.