

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, bonfire, 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, fooseball, 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

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Requirements within one week of booking confirmation:

- This agreement signed and returned.
- Registration form (or updated list)
- A deposit of 25% to guarantee booking via e-transfer to valleypayment@cccnet.ca
- 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 **prior** to announcing it to your group in case some timings need to be changed when other groups are available at the same duration
- Rooms allocations and distributions with names.
- Updated occupants list.
- Facilities required (Church, meeting rooms, sports complex, outdoors .. etc)
- Signed Release of Liability and Waiver of Claims form signed by each parent/guardian who's child(ren) will be using the sports complex and/or gym area.
- Menu options confirmed.
- Special diet request/food allergies (if any).

Room assignment is at the Valley's discretion.

No eating inside the rooms.



No moving around of furniture, mattresses and/or bedding otherwise a fee would be charged.

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Should the number of guests reduce drastically from what was stated in the initial reservation request, a penalty of 25% of the difference is to be charged to the group.

The remaining balance is due on Check-in day.

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.

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: _____

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), campfire to be arranged for with administration, depending on weather conditions.
- Accommodation of youth without parents, Sunday school retreats, children camps is strictly separated by gender.
- Lights are out at 10:00 pm.

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)



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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 time is 4:00 pm and check out time is 11:00 am.
- Late check out will be charged another night's stay.
- 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, unless you are staying at St Peter's House or using the kitchen at St Joseph's.
- St Joseph's kitchen is strictly used for those staying at St Joseph's Inn only – no combination of buildings.
- Kitchen at St Peter's house is strictly used for those staying at St Peter's House only - no combination of buildings.
- 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.

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Check List For Group Leaders

Thank you for choosing The Valley of The Mother of God 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% by e-transfer to valleypayment@cccnet.ca or cash or cheque payable to The Valley of the Mother of God mailed to 1245 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga, ON L5V 2M4.

- **At least one week prior to event:**
 - Schedule of activities
 - List of names and genders
 - Audio & Visual equipment required.
 - Amenities required.
 - Menu options confirmed
 - Special diet/allergies requests – if any.
 - 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 due by cash or cheque payable to The Valley of the Mother of God.
 - 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.

- **Day of Departure:**
 - Room-check-out at 11:00 am and all keys to be handed to the Administration Office. Fees would be applied for late check outs and missing keys.


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