

## **Dear Great Escape Work Crew Applicant:**

Thank you for your interest in working with Youth Conference Ministries (YCM) at the Great Escape Rockies at Silver Cliff Ranch (Nathrop, CO). We are excited about this summer and are confident that Christ will be glorified.

The work crew experience will be intense, exciting, exhausting, spiritually challenging, and fun all at the same time. The main focus for the week is serving the camp by working hard. The work crew experience is very different from being a camper at the Great Escape. The purpose of the week is to show middle school students the love of Christ and to serve them and their leaders wholeheartedly without complaining. Talk this over with your parents and youth ministry staff, if after prayerful consideration, you feel motivated to serve with us in this capacity this summer, please fill out the application and return it to Bret Speigelman no later than April 15, 2022. We will make notifications of acceptance by May 1, 2022.

Bret Speigelman  
Hope Presbyterian Church  
8500 Walnut Grove Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38018  
Bret.Speigelman@hopechurchmemphis.com

### **Work Crew Information and Details**

**Age Requirement:** You must have completed your JUNIOR year of high school to be considered for work crew.

**Cost:** The total cost for work crew is \$100. This will cover room and board for the week. This DOES NOT include transportation from your home to Silver Cliff Ranch. You will be responsible for getting yourself to Silver Cliff Ranch and back home.

**Dates:** You will need to arrive at camp Sunday, June 12, 2022, by 5:00 pm. You will be finished with work crew duties on Saturday, June 18, 2022, by 9:00 am.

**Application Process:** Please send your application and form to Bret.Speigelman@hopechurchmemphis.com  
Once we receive your application, we will contact your references and make decisions based on your answers to the questions on your application and the recommendations of your youth (or college) pastor. Space on work crew is limited, and it is possible that not everyone who applies will be accepted. If you are accepted, you will be notified by May 1, 2022.

# The Great Escape Rockies – 2022

## General Information (Make sure parents see this page.)

**Age Requirement:** Work Crew participants must have completed their Junior year of high school by June 2022.

**Cost:** The total cost of The Great Escape for work crew is \$100. All money will help offset your room and board while attending the conference. The money will be due after work crew selections have been made. Checks can be made payable to YCM. This does not include transportation costs or spending money.

**Work Crew Director:** The work crew director for TGE is Bret Spiegelman. You will report directly to the director. TGE staff will work alongside you each day.

**Time Requirement:** You will need to arrive at camp Sunday, June 12, 2022, by 5:00 pm. You will be finished with work crew duties on Saturday, June 18, 2022, by 9:00 am.

**Lodging:** While at the Great Escape, the work crew will stay together in cabins at Silver Cliff Ranch (site for the conference). Males and females will obviously stay in separate rooms.

**Transportation:** Each student needs to secure his/her own transportation to and from Nathrop, CO.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.  
Bret Spiegelman 901-507-1879.

# TGE Rockies Work Crew Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Class \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Director's Name/Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Director's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Director's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Questions:

Please answer these on a separate sheet of paper to mail or in a new document to e-mail.  
Be sure to send the above information as well.

1. When and how did you become a Christian?
2. What is your involvement and what are your responsibilities in your church?
3. Briefly describe your spiritual journey over the past year. What did being a Christian mean in your life in relation to your family, peers, and ministry?
4. Why do you want to be on work crew? What do you have to offer? What do you hope to gain?
5. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
6. Would those that know you best describe you as: a hard worker, not a hard worker but not lazy, lazy, a slug, highly functioning sleepwalker. (BE HONEST- some slugs have been vital components of successful work crews.)
7. Are you applying for work crew with a boy friend or girl friend? If so, flip a coin and the winner can apply this year and the loser can apply next year. Thank you.

## Work Crew Prerequisites (Please mail this form to work crew boss)

Read and initial the items below after careful observance of each one:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus in my life and I have a personal relationship with Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am committed toward growing and maturing in my relationship with God through personal study, prayer, worship and active attendance at church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are both Godly and "above reproach", knowing that my lifestyle is a model for the students at Great Escape.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have completed at least my sophomore year of high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have discussed this opportunity with my parents (if still under their authority) and they have given their consent for me to apply for a position on work crew.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to adhere to the guidelines set by the work crew director regarding work crew relationships.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree that if, after careful consideration, the work crew director and the Great Escape Rockies planning team determine that my behavior necessitates my removal from work crew, I (or my parents) will be financially responsible for my immediate transportation home.

Work Crew Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If still under parent authority – parent sign below that you have read and understand the responsibilities stated above.

Parent Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Work Crew Reference

**To be filled out by Youth/College Director, Pastor or other adult**

Student's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone # (this is important!) and email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the following with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent.*

Student's willingness to serve:

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's passion for Jesus:

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's work ethic:

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Maturity:

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you foresee any problems or situations that might keep this student from serving wholeheartedly for the entire week?

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please scan or take a photo and return to:**  
**Bret Spiegelman | [bret.Spiegelman@hopechurchmemphis.com](mailto:bret.Spiegelman@hopechurchmemphis.com) | 901-277-3554 cell**