

# **B.C. Federation of Labour**

## **Young Worker Retreat**

**SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009**

The B.C. Federation of Labour will be holding the 2009 Young Worker Retreat at Camp Jubilee on September 25-27, 2009

**Last year, the camp was an amazing success and brought together over 50 young workers from across the province.**

**Who should attend?**

Anyone who is a union member and between the ages of 19-30.

The workshops are developed so there is something for the young worker who is at their first union event and workshops for those who have been active for awhile.



# YOUNG WORKER RETREAT SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009 CAMP JUBILEE

Young union members between the ages of 19- 30 are invited to meet other young activists and learn about the labour movement and where they fit in.

If you are interested in learning about the labour movement or are just wanting to meet other young union members, this is the place to be.

The Retreat will be taking place at Camp Jubilee. It is a beautiful location nestled in the mountains on the Indian Arm. There will be a number of activities and workshops over the three days. As the name states, this is a camp, and it is not luxury resort.

Retreat participants will be sharing cabins, and you will be required to bring a number of things:

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow(s)
- Ear plugs- you will be sharing a cabin with up to nine others
- Towels
- Extra shoes
- Flashlight
- Personal toiletries
- Food will be provided, but if you would like other food and beverage for your personal use, you will have to bring that as well
- If you play an instrument, bring that too!

Check-in will be at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Government Dock in Deep Cove.<sup>1</sup> If you are coming in from out of town, you may need to arrange with other young workers from your union to pick you up and take you there. You may want to check out the Gen-U Facebook page to connect with other young workers. (*See last page for map.*)

Since you will be camping, you may want to bring extra clothes and nothing too fancy.

**The cost of the Retreat is \$200.00 and will cover accommodation, meals and Retreat fee.**

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<sup>1</sup> Directions to Deep Cove – Go over the Second Narrows Bridge (Ironworkers Memorial Bridge). Take the first exit, Eastbound, off the bridge and onto the Dollarton Highway (if you end up on the Mount Seymour Parkway, don't worry, it goes the same way). Continue East until Dollarton Highway becomes Deep Cove Road and finally turns into Gallant Avenue. The Government Dock is right between Deep Cove Canoe & Kayak and Panorama Park. Day parking is available at Panorama Park. If you are staying overnight, drop someone off at the dock with your luggage and drive a couple of blocks into the residential area to park. **Please be aware of any posted parking signs.**

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**RETREAT AGENDA**

**Friday, September 25, 2009**

3:00 pm	Arrive at location near dock to register and get room assignments
4:00 pm	Boat leaves for Camp
4:45 pm	Room check-in
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Evening Session

**Saturday, September 26, 2009**

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 - 12:30 pm	Full day workshops
12:30 -1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 - 5:00 pm	Workshops Continue
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Evening Session

**Sunday, September 27, 2009**

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30-11:30 am	Skill Building
11:30-12:30 pm	Pack up and clean up
12:30-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-1:30 pm	Closing session
2:00 pm	Boat for return trip

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

There are set times to get the boat to the camp- if you miss it, you will be left behind!

➤ Meal times will be as follows:

Breakfast	8:30 am
Lunch	12:30 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm

- There will be coffee, tea and fruit available between the meals.
- Smoking is only permitted in designated areas.
- Food and drinks are not permitted in your cabin.
- Bathrooms are on a septic system - this means nothing can go in other than toilet paper. There will be garbage cans in the washrooms for other disposable items.
- While it is understood that participants are all responsible adults, the consumption of alcohol will be limited until after workshops and evening sessions have adjourned.
- You can also bring a tent and camp in a common camping area. If you would prefer to do this, please let us know so we do not assign you to a cabin.

# WORKSHOP OPTIONS

## **1. Advanced Leadership/ Mentorship**

This workshop is for those young workers who have been active in the labour movement and want to increase their skills.

Because this is an advanced workshop, this will only be open to young workers who are currently active. This includes:

- *Committee Members*
- *Young Worker Facilitators*
- *Young Worker Chairs from their Unions*

This group will also be asked to take a leadership role both during and after the retreat. As part of this, they will become one of the central contacts to young workers in the Gen-U network and the contact for the young workers in their regions. This group will also be required to develop an action plan that will engage young workers in their unions, Labour Councils or community groups.

## **2. Organizing Young Workers**

This workshop will look at ways to get young people enthusiastic about unions and activism. Some areas this workshop will focus on are; engaging young workers, creating and maintaining young worker committees and talking union.

## **3. Introduction to the Labour Movement**

This workshop is for those people who are members of unions, but are not quite sure what that means. You will learn about the labour structure, laws and history, as well as, opportunities for involvement.

## **4. Labour and the Environment**

Confused by terms such as “blue/green alliance”, “cap and trade”, “just transition” and the “green economy”? This workshop will help you through some of the lingo and address some of the environmental and climate change issues that we are facing, and look at ways to ensure that we are working towards sustainability.

## **5. Globalization**

It is not easy being young in the global economy. Statistics show that 45 percent of the world's young workers live on less than \$2.00 (US) per day and 18 percent live on less than \$1.00 (US) per day. This workshop will look at the effects of globalization and how it affects us in our daily lives.

## **SKILLS BUILDING**

These short skill building seminars will give participants tools to continue to work with their unions and in their communities.

1. Action Planning
2. Resolution Writing
3. Direct Action
4. Surviving Meetings

# YOUNG WORKER RETREAT

## REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009

Name:(Last): \_\_\_\_\_ (First): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_(Home) \_\_\_\_\_(Cell)

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

### This section to be filled out by the union:

Union Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ranking Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Ranking Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Privacy Statement: The personal information provided in this registration form will only be used for the purposes of session registration and will not be sold, shared or otherwise provided to any third party other than the B.C. Federation of Labour for registration purposes, unless it is for the purpose of academic research that complies with appropriate standards of confidentiality. The B.C. Federation of Labour may use the contact information that you have provided to contact you, or provide you with additional information in the future.

**Please take a few moments to fill out the following questions:**

1. Are you currently active with your union? \_\_\_\_\_

a) If yes, what positions do you hold, and what committees are you involved with?

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b) If no, is this your first union function? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What community groups have you been active with?

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3. Do you have any special accommodation needs? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any mobility challenges? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have any special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Preferred roommate(s): (there will be up to 10 per cabin and no co-ed cabins)

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## Workshop Options

What full day workshop would you like take? Please give us a second and third choice in case your first choice is full.

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What skills building workshop would you like? Please give us a second and third choice in case your first choice is full.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the registration form with your cheque to:

B.C. Federation of Labour  
200-5118 Joyce Street  
Vancouver BC V5R 4H1

or

Fax to: 604-430-5917

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