

INFORMATION PACKET

SUMMER
Rock Youth
INTERNSHIP

JULY + AUGUST 2026



OVERVIEW

The Rock Youth Summer Internship is an 8-week intensive program designed to help high school students (Gr. 9-12) grow deeper in their faith as disciples of Jesus while getting the opportunity to serve and lead in the Rock Youth and Rock Kids Summer Program. It's also an opportunity to build deeper friendships while serving alongside peers.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Rock Youth Summer Internship is designed to be a four-day volunteer part-time "job". Students will volunteer approx. 14 hrs weekly for 8 weeks on Sunday mornings, Monday evenings, and Tuesdays & Thursdays during the day throughout the summer. Students will spend their time in team bonding, spiritual formation, and work cohorts. That's at least 112 hours in volunteer time (which looks great on a resume!)

- 2 hour (approx.) a day will be focused on students' spiritual formation and leadership growth as they are given an opportunity to socialize as a team and participate in spiritual formation through prayer, bible study, and other activities.
- 2 hours (approx.) a day interns will be divided into work cohorts where they will work on different projects and develop skills that can aid them as they serve the church.
- Additionally, we may plan optional special trips and activities outside of regular hours. For example, all RYSI interns will be invited to participate in our Trailblazers Camp on August 13-15. This is a special student leadership experience for RYSI interns and Rock Youth High school students interested in taking more intentional steps towards growing in their faith and leadership during the 2026/27 school year.



VISION

We desire for Rock Church to be full of teens who own the ministry like it is their own, because, well... it is! We want to give students a chance to take a step deeper into developing and using their gifts in their local church alongside others their age.

Our heart is to capitalize on the summer season with these students to help them grow in their faith, help them discover and grow in their gifts, and create space to empower them as leaders as they find places to serve.

We desire to give students a summer full of experiences and memories that will leave a mark on their life. We intend for this placement to feel like and be viewed as a part-time job while balancing the fun you can have in everyday work as a follower of Jesus. We pray that this program is fun and encouraging to the teenagers who participate, and transformative in their lives.

One of the best investments we can make is into upcoming generations. We want to pour into our junior high and high school students because we know that this season of life is vital and formative for their faith. Studies show that around 75% of individuals accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour before the age of 18. We know that these investments are worth it. We want our students to know God, grow in their faith, discover their purpose, and make a difference.

COMMITMENT

The expectation for this program is that students are committed to their work hours in the same way as they would be to a part-time job. Students are expected to be in the building and working on the task at hand during all allotted work times.



TIMEFRAME

This program takes place over the summer with 8 applicable work weeks. Hours will be served on Sunday mornings (7:45am-10am or 10:15am-12:30pm), Monday evenings (6pm-9:30pm), and Tuesdays and Thursdays (9am-1pm). Students will also be expected to attend and serve at Kids Camp (July 13-16) and an optional Trailblazers Camp (Aug 13-15).

Week 1: July 2nd.

Week 1: July 7th, 9th, 12th (Kids).

Week 2: July 13th-16th (Kids Camp); 13th (Youth), 19th (Kids).

Week 3: July 20th (Youth), 21st, 23rd, 26th (Kids).

Week 4: July 27th (Youth), 28th, 30th; August 2nd (Kids).

Week 5: August 4th, 6th, 9th (Kids).

Week 6: August 10th (Youth), 11th, 13th-15th (optional Trailblazers Camp), 16th (Kids - optional)

Week 7: August 17th (Youth), 18th, 20th.

Rock Youth from July 6th - August 17th (Excluding August 4th)

Rock Kids from July 12th - August 16th

ELIGIBILITY

The Youth Summer Internship Program has a goal of finding 20-25 Students between Grades 9-12 who are passionate about faith and leadership. Students must be going into said grades in the 2026-2027 school calendar year.

Students will be required to fill out an application for this program.



FAQ

How much does the program cost?

- This program costs \$75.00 to participate. This will cover the costs associated in running RYSI - materials for students, fun experiences, and more. Additional costs will apply if students want to participate in the Trailblazers Camp on August 13-15, and Splashifax. If cost is an issue, please reach out to Ty and Micah at youth@rockchurch.ca

My student would like to participate but on some of the scheduled dates we have other plans. Can they still participate?

- It is highly recommended that students are present for all scheduled times, however, if there are some dates with conflicts, a solution may be able to be worked out. Please mention this upon applying.

My student would like to participate but is unsure if they will succeed, what would you recommend?

- They should still apply. This program is designed for students to grow and work in a pressure-free environment with others their age. In past years, we've seen testimonies of students nervous about this but flourishing by the end of the summer!

Is this designed for students who want to go into vocational ministry someday?

- No. Regardless of what your student ends up doing after high school, this program is designed for all teens who wish to serve their church whether in a volunteer or vocational capacity in the future. This program is meant to grow your teen in the local church now and empower them for mission in the world!



FAQ

What is the benefit to my student participating in the Youth Summer Internship Program?

- Other churches that have facilitated similar programs have found significant positive changes in students throughout these key summer months - and the last number of years we have seen this be the case with many students. It can also function as a catalyst for helping whole families get more invested in the local church.

If my student is unsure of applying, why should they consider going for it anyway?

- We believe this program will accelerate growth in your student's relationship with God and help them develop a servant's heart for others. It will also help them discover their gifts and push them outside of their comfort zone as they're challenged to lead their peers in different contexts.

What is Trailblazers Camp?

- For more information on our Trailblazers Camp, please see the next page.



TRAILBLAZERS CAMP / TRAILBLAZERS COHORT

Trailblazers Camp is a special student leadership experience for anyone in Rock Youth interested in taking more intentional steps towards growing in their faith and leadership during the 2026/27 school year.

On this weekend, we will be relaunching a 10-month program running from September 2026-June 2027 called the "Trailblazers Cohort," that all RYSI interns and Rock Youth high school students can join if they choose to.

A trailblazer is someone who pioneers a new path, often in uncharted or challenging territory. The term originally referred to people who marked trails through the wilderness so others could follow. Really, it's anyone who is a leader, innovator, or groundbreaker - setting the course for others to follow.

The prevailing narrative on young people in the church today presents a bleak picture. It can feel like we're living in a wilderness spiritually. A trailblazer is a young disciple who is on fire for God - willing to step out from among their peers to pave a new path and write a new narrative for our generation.

So what is the Trailblazers Cohort? This is a group of 15-20 high school students who are committed to being the change in their generation, contending for revival in our day. They're done with lukewarm faith, superficial friendships, and apathetic discipleship. They're hungry for more. The Trailblazers Cohort is for high school students who are serious about their faith and becoming the difference-makers our generation desperately needs.

We ran our first ever year in the 2025/26 school year, and are excited to relaunch for the 2026/27 school year. During this time, our team is committed to journeying with students in the Trailblazers Cohort to cultivate spiritual passion, discern vocational calling, and develop commitment and resilience. We will do this through covenant-based community and practice-based challenges. For more information, please email youth@rockchurch.ca.



WHERE:

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222 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville, NS, B4C 2R4

WHEN:

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Kids Camp: July 13th-16th

Optional Trailblazers Camp: August 13th-15th

For further questions, please email: youth@rockchurch.ca.

Applications along with signed contract can be submitted in person or emailed to youth@rockchurch.ca.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 23rd, 2026

**PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE DATE: On or before June 25th, 2026
(Notified via parent and student emails)**

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