



You've heard products advertise new look, same great taste right? Well, that's us this year! It's **Cloud 9 - 2015!** New look, same great retreat! We wanted to take a moment to invite you to consider attending Cloud 9 this year. **Oct. 23rd- 25th, 2015**

First, check out our website at www.cloudretreat.com and our great videos at <https://vimeo.com/cloud9retreat/>. Be sure to check out our Facebook Cloud9youthretreat to see why we think you should join us!

Online registration will start August 1, 2015, so start talking about Cloud 9 to your youth group this summer. Wash some cars! Bake some brownies! Summer is the best time for fundraisers!

Group registration forms can be found online. This is the only thing you will send in this year. You will keep track of your individual registrations on your own. The cost of Cloud 9 is \$99 until September 28th, \$109 until October 19th, and after that, it's \$119.

Why change things?

- Last year, we made the transition of running Cloud 9 by committee. We have a leadership team in place who have planned and prepared, and we felt that maybe this change would be best represented outwardly by a new logo. We are grateful to David (a former intern) for thoughtfully creating the new logo based on his knowledge of Cloud 9.

- We have changed our t-shirt company, and the deadline for our order is earlier. So we can only guarantee t-shirt sizes for groups that register by September 28th. While we will still strive to have shirts for everyone, sizes will only be guaranteed for September registrations.

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Proposed Schedule



Friday

5 - 6pm Dinner (extra registration required)
(Merrilat Center)
6 - 8pm Arrive and Register (Merrilat
Center)
8pm Leader Welcome and Orientation (The
Forum)
8pm Opening games (Gymnasium)
8:30 Opening Worship (Gymnasium)
9:15 First Teaching Session & Ministry Time
10:30 Snack (Gymnasium)
11pm In Cabins & Lights Out

Saturday

8am Leaders Breakfast / (Merrilat Center - The Atrium)
8:30 Breakfast (Group A) / (Merrilat Center)
9am Breakfast (Group B) / (Merrilat Center)
9am Leaders Meeting (The Forum)
9:30 Opening Worship (Gymnasium)
10:15 Second Teaching Session & Ministry Time
12pm Lunch (Group A) / (Merrilat Center)
12:30 Lunch (Group B) / (Merrilat Center) 1:05 Workshops
1:05 Workshop I
2:15 Workshop II (possible games option for middle schoolers)
3:20 Free Time (Paintball at 4:00pm - preregistration required)
5:30 Dinner (Group A) / (Merrilat Center)
6pm Dinner (Group B) / (Merrilat Center)
6:45 Evening Worship / (Gymnasium)
7:30 Third Teaching Session & Ministry Time
9:30 Saturday Night Event
11:30 In Cabins & Lights Out

Sunday

8:30 Breakfast (Group A) / (Merrilat Center)
9am Breakfast (Group B) / (Merrilat Center)
10am Pack-up, Clean-up, Check-ou (Gymnasium)
10:30 Opening Worship (Gymnasium)
11:00 Testimonies
11:45 Communion
12:15 - Video
12pm Clean up, Pack & Go Home
12:30 Lunch (additional registration required) / (Merrilat Center)



Cloud 9 is a place to gather, worship, grow, and hear from God. The weekend includes relevant talks, transformative worship, and helpful workshops.

The Facility:

Camp Michindoh is a great facility that is on a nice little lake in Hillsdale, MI. We are the only people at the camp, which makes it convenient. The camp offers cabins with bunk-beds and bathroom facilities. Four meals are served (breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday and breakfast Sunday) in a buffet style in the dining hall, which is located in the center of the camp. The main meetings are located in the rec center, which is a multipurpose facility that holds all of us. Seminars are held in the main lodge in different rooms throughout the conference center. Check out the camp at www.campmichindoh.com.

The Retreat:

This retreat focuses on worship and hearing from God. Our hope is that this retreat will help your students, and really all of us, connect on a deeper level with the Father. Throughout the teaching, extended worship, and ministry time, students will gain practical skills for hearing his voice and recognizing those promptings from the Spirit that open the door to God's extravagant grace.

The Worship:

Shaun Garth Walker has been leading the worship for the last few years. He is heading up a team of student worship leaders this year as well, as part of the mission of Cloud 9 is to raise up the next generation of leaders.

The Talks:

There are four main sessions throughout the weekend with three of those featuring three talks. The talks will focus on a theme, determined by our speaker. Though sometimes it doesn't seem like the kids are paying attention, the Spirit is working throughout the weekend and the truth shared from the front sinks in.

The Ministry Time:

Ministry time is a sweet time in which the students are allowed to respond to what God stirred in their hearts during the talk. Leaders from all of the groups are available to pray with the students in pairs and are asked to pray with same sex students (guys w/ guys, girls w/ girls).

The Workshops:

This year, the workshops will be connected to the main session talks. All of the workshops are lead by pastors and leaders from the region. There are two sessions that allow the students to hit two different topics. Additionally, during the second session, there is an organized game time for middle schoolers who aren't up for sitting through a second workshop.

Free Time:

There is a scheduled free time on Saturday for two hours in the afternoon, after the workshops. There is a whole list of free time activities that include camp activities or just taking a nap! Free time is just that, free.

Expectations:

Cloud 9 is led by a team of youth leaders from all of the Great Lakes Region. Pastors and leaders are asked to attend a couple of leaders meeting, participate in the roundtables designed for connecting with other leaders, pray with students during ministry time, and help your students stay engaged and have fun!



Group Registration Form - Please mail, fax, or email in with your

Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Leader(s): _____

Email: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Male _____ Female _____

Fri. Dinner _____ persons _____ Sun. Lunch _____ persons _____

T- _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL (+ 2) _____

Please return form along with payment payable to:
Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor
Attention: Cloud 9 Leadership Team
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Workshops Letter

This year, we'd like the workshops to correlate to the main sessions. We feel that this will give the whole weekend a more cohesive feel and give God an opportunity to work in our students lives throughout the weekend. The following is a list of topics that we have put together based on the theme for this year:

The workshops are a vital part of the Cloud 9 experience. Because of this, we are asking that **returning*** churches sign up to plan and lead at least ONE workshop. Please include your **TOPIC (from the list above)** in your workshop description.

Name of Workshop:

Workshop Description:

Workshop Leader:

Church:

Directions to Michindoh Retreat Center

4545 E. Bacon Road Hillsdale, MI 49242 <http://www.michindoh.com/>

From Ft Wayne: (approx. 1 hr 30 min)

Go North on I-69 to Michigan - 47 miles

Continue North on I-69 to US 12 - 13 miles

Go East ® on US 12 to State Rte 99 just before Jonesville - 16 miles Go Southeast ® on State Rte 99 (road jogs) - 5 miles

In Downtown Hillsdale go East (L) on E. Bacon Rd - 4 miles Michindoh is on your right

From Battle Creek (approx. 1 hr) / **Kalamazoo** : (approx. 1 hr 30 min) Go East on 94 to I-69

Go South on I-69 to US 12 in Coldwater

Go East (L) on US 12 to State Rte 99 just before Jonesville - 16 miles Go Southeast ® on State Rte 99 (road jogs) - 5 miles

In Downtown Hillsdale go East (L) on E. Bacon Rd - 4 miles Michindoh is on your right

From Adrian : (approx. 40 min)

Go West on State Rte 34 to State Rte 99 - 29 miles

Continue West 3 mile to Lake Pleasant Rd

Go North ® on Lake Pleasant Rd to E Bacon Rd (follow airport signs - road jogs) Go East ® on E Bacon Rd for 2 mile

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From Toledo : (approx. 1 hr 15 min)

Take I-80/90 West to Hwy 15 (Exit #2)

Go North ® on Hwy 15 to M99 in Michigan

Continue on M99 to M34 intersection

Go West (L) 3 mile on M34 to Lake Pleasant Rd

Go North ® on Lake Pleasant Rd to E Bacon Rd (follow airport signs - road jogs) Go East ® on E Bacon Rd for 2 mile

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From Jackson : (approx 40 min)

(When you give these directions to a guest, make sure the back roads are clear.)

Go South on 127 to US 12 - cross US 12

Go about 2 mile and veer to the right (staying on 127)

Go through Addison to Church Rd (look for green road sign) - 8 miles (after you veer) Go West ® on Church Rd to Waldron Rd - 2.7 miles

Go South (L) on Waldron Rd 1 mile to E Bacon Rd

Go West ® on E Bacon Rd - 7.4 miles

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From Indianapolis : (approx. 3 1/2 hrs) Go North on I-69 to Michigan

Continue North on I-69 to US 12 - 13 miles

Go East ® on US 12 to State Rte 99 just before Jonesville - 16 miles Go Southeast ® on State Rte 99 (road jogs) - 5 miles

In Downtown Hillsdale go East (L) on E. Bacon Rd - 4 miles Michindoh is on your right

From South Bend (approx. 2 hrs) / **Chicago** (approx. 3 1/2 hrs) Go East on I-80/90 to I-69.

Go North on I-69 to Michigan

Continue North on I-69 to US 12 - 13 miles

Go East ® on US 12 to State Rte 99 just before Jonesville - 16 miles Go Southeast ® on State Rte 99 (road jogs) - 5 miles

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From **Grand Rapids** (approx. 2 hrs) / **Holland** (approx. 2 1/2 hrs) : Go South on 131 to I-94

Go East on I-94 through Battle Creek to I-69

Go South on I-69 to US 12 in Coldwater

Go East (L) on US 12 to State Rte 99 just before Jonesville - 16 miles Go Southeast ® on State Rte 99 (road jogs) - 5 miles

In Downtown Hillsdale go East (L) on E. Bacon Rd - 4 miles Michindoh is on your right

From **Findlay** (approx. 1 1/2 hrs) / **Columbus** (approx. 3 1/2 hrs) : Go North on I-75 to I-80/90

Take I-80/90 West through Toledo to Hwy 15 (Exit # 2) Go North ® on Hwy 15 to M99 in Michigan

Continue on M99 to M34 intersection

Go West (L) 3 mile on M34 to Lake Pleasant Rd

Go North ® on Lake Pleasant Rd to E Bacon Rd (follow airport signs - road jogs) Go East ® on E Bacon Rd for 2 mile

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From **Cleveland** (approx. 3 1/2 hrs) :

Go West on I-80/90 through Toledo to Hwy 15 (Exit #2)

Go North ® on Hwy 15 to M99 in Michigan

Continue on M99 to M34 intersection

Go West (L) 3 mile on M34 to Lake Pleasant Rd

Go North ® on Lake Pleasant Rd to E Bacon Rd (follow airport signs - road jogs) Go East ® on E Bacon Rd for 2 mile

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From **Ann Arbor** (approx. 1hr 15 min) / **Detroit** (approx. 2 hrs) :

Go West on I-94 to 127 (just before Jackson)

Go South on 127 to US 12 - cross US 12

Go about 2 mile and veer to the right (staying on 127)

Go through Addison to Church Rd (look for green road sign) - 8 miles (after you veer) Go West ® on Church Rd to Waldron Rd - 2.7 miles

Go South (L) on Waldron Rd 1 mile to E Bacon Rd Go West ® on E Bacon Rd - 7.4 miles

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From **Lansing** (approx. 1hr 15min) :

Go South on 127 to I-94 (Jackson)

Jog East on I-94 a couple miles

Continue South on 127 to US 12 - cross US 12

Go about 2 mile and veer to the right (staying on 127)

Go through Addison to Church Rd (look for green road sign)- 8 miles (after you veer) Go West ® on Church Rd to Waldron Rd - 2.7 miles

Go South (L) on Waldron Rd 1 mile to E Bacon Rd

Go West ® on E Bacon Rd - 7.4 miles

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