

# PYRROS

## Application

PYRROS = *Fiery Red, The Color of Fire*

Dear Youth,

So you've decided to pick up a PYRROS Application form! Well that's awesome! Please take the time to read through the stuff at the beginning 'cause it tells you what PYRROS is all about and what you're getting yourself into ☺!!! If you want to be a positive spiritual influence in our youth ministry, grow, and you're willing to be challenged and put in some effort of your own, you'll have a lot of fun, you'll grow deeper in your faith, and you will see God move in new and exciting ways! I'm excited that you're interested, so read on and fill it out. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask me.

Peace,

Graham McMahon  
Pastor to Youth

## Questions you might be asking:

**What is PYRROS?** PYRROS is a team of youth that desires to be a positive spiritual influence on others in our youth ministry through setting an example in attendance, service, spiritual growth and maturity, leadership, and through genuine caring relationships with others.

**Why call it PYRROS?** We use the Greek word PYRROS to describe youth that desire to be fueled by discipleship and blaze like fires in their world: in other words, they want to burn *fiery red* (see Matthew 5:14-16).

**What is the purpose of PYRROS?** The purpose of PYRROS is to cultivate youth into radical disciples of Christ who are discovering, developing, and using their God-given gifts within the church and the outside world. This will be done within the context of a team of youth and youth staff that is unified, accepting, respectful, and encourages the use of all the unique gifts each individual has to offer.

**What will PYRROS look like?** There are three aspects to PYRROS:

1. PYRROS will kick off in September with an overnight retreat (tentatively). The emphasis of this time will be fun, bonding, and growing in our faith.
2. Every 4 to 6 weeks on a Sunday after church (or at another prearranged time) there will be a team meeting with all the youth and the youth staff involved in PYRROS. Meetings often include youth activity brainstorming, updates, and feedback, discussing the roles youth will play in making them happen, creative teaching times, games with lessons, times of hands on application, and opportunities to have fun together and bond as a team. Most meetings are only 2 hours long, but sometimes we will do activities that will require an afternoon. The team meetings will begin in September and end in June.

3. Every now and then, there will also be a meeting with the youth pastor or a youth sponsor. Youth will be paired up with another youth and will meet with the youth pastor or sponsor. Some youth might meet on a one-on-one basis depending on numbers. This time will be scheduled when it is convenient for the youth and the meeting can occur anywhere (coffee shop, park, church, someone's house, etc). The emphasis of this time will be to hang out, see how life is going, and to discuss how youth are meeting the challenges presented in the team meetings. These meetings will also begin in September and end in June.

**What are the requirements for joining PYRROS?** In order to join PYRROS you must:

- Be a Christian who desires to go deeper in their faith, grow closer to God, and be a positive spiritual influencer in the youth ministry
- Be teachable, accepting, respectful, and a team player (you don't need to be perfect, we just want people who want to learn how to love God and love people better)
- Desire to see your pre-Christian friends become Christians
- Be willing to discover your gifts, put them to use, and contribute to the youth ministry and/or the ministry of the church (this won't happen overnight, but you need to be willing to start).
- Choose and commit to one ministry opportunity in Fuel 4 Fire (see application)
- Still be in high school next year and at least entering into grade 8
- Be willing to commit to attending the PYROSS retreat, team meetings and the one-on-one/two-on-one meetings as much as possible (missing them is only a last resort and if you have to miss one, you need to inform the youth pastor)
- Be an active and contributing participant as much as possible in the different aspects of Fuel 4 Fire (Fuel 4 Fire Nights, Infernos, Sunday School, and Sunday Services) – perfect attendance is not a requirement, but making Fuel 4 Fire a priority and budgeting your time so you can do your best to attend as much as possible is expected
- Fill out this application and hand it in to the Youth Pastor
- Talk with the Youth Pastor about your application to PYRROS
- Read the Core Values of Fuel 4 Fire and sign that you support them, and will do your best to make them a reality in this ministry
- Sign and live up to the *PYRROS Covenant* (see attached page)

## Application:

Please take your time filling this application out. One-word answers will not be acceptable, so take time to put thought into your answers. We'll be discussing your application in our meeting together in July, so give me something to talk to you about!!!

### Basic Information:

Name:

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Address:

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Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

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Grade you're going into: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

**About Yourself:**

Favorite Thing(s) to do for Fun:

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Favorite Type of Music/Favorite Band:

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Favorite Movie: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Beverage: \_\_\_\_\_

What Are You Good At (Talents): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other involvements you are expecting to participate in next school year (sports teams, plays, clubs, plays, etc):

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**Your Relationship with God:**

1. In your own words, explain what it means to be a Christian:

2. Please share when and how you became a Christian:

3. Please share what you are doing to continue to grow in your faith in Christ:

4. Please explain how you have been (or plan on being) a positive spiritual influencer in our youth ministry:

5. Please write a brief paragraph explaining why you want to become a part of PYRROS:

6. Please pray about the following ministry opportunities and circle at least one\* that you are willing to commit to:

- Worship Ministry (playing an instrument, singing, running power point, etc)
- Drama Ministry (plays, monologues, and skits)
- Teaching Ministry (leading devotions, leading small groups, preaching, sharing testimony, etc)
- Tech Ministry (website, photography, videography, power point, other: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Publication Ministry (designing advertisements, logos, youth bulletin boards, powerpoint presentations)
- Audio/Visual Ministry (running sound, taking pictures, shooting video, editing, etc)
- Administration Ministry (contacting youth, accounting, snack bar, etc)
- Prayer Ministry (praying for others, leading prayer groups and meetings, praying on youth nights)
- Program Ministry (brainstorming, helping with, leading, setting up, and cleaning up events, games, and any other aspects of the youth ministry, etc)
- Service Ministry (reaching out to others through practical works of service)
- Other Ministries: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you sign up for one ministry opportunity, it does not mean that you have to do all of the things involved in that ministry, ex. if you sign up for Worship ministry and you want to run the PowerPoint but don't play an instrument, then that's cool!

## PYRROS Covenant

Being a part of PYRROS means you represent the ministry of Fuel 4 Fire both inside the church and in the community. Because you are a part of PYRROS, youth will naturally look to you to see what behavior is appropriate and what being a Christian is about. This covenant is for you so that you know what is expected of you and what the guidelines are for being a part of PYRROS. No one expects perfection, but we hope that you will do your best to live up to these expectations and follow these guidelines.

- ★ Attend every PYRROS Team Meeting and your one/two-on-one meeting (if you are unable to make it to one of these commitments you are to personally phone Graham before you miss it) and do your best to make it to the Overnight Retreat in September
- ★ Participate and contribute actively and positively in the PYRROS commitments, seek to meet the challenges given in them to your best ability, and complete assigned projects
- ★ Always seek to encourage and build up the other members of the PYRROS team, stay away from anything that causes division, and always keep a positive attitude
- ★ Seek to discover your gifts, find ways to use them, and contribute to the ministry of Fuel 4 Fire and/or the Church by participating in a ministry opportunity
- ★ Consistently spend time in the Bible and in prayer
- ★ Commit to pray for your friends, for the ministry of Fuel 4 Fire and the Church, for PYRROS, and for Graham and the Youth Sponsors
- ★ Always respect other people's feelings, bodies, possessions, and property
- ★ Live a life in accordance with God's Word both in your personal life and in your public life (be an example to others in every way). Specifically, this includes, avoiding sexual immorality, drunkenness (because youth are underage and alcohol is the number one abused substance amongst teenagers, all Pyrrros Team members MUST abstain from alcohol completely), illicit drugs, dating relationships that distract you from your relationship with God and with the Body of Christ, gossip, slander, bitterness, dishonesty, and pride.
- ★ As much as possible, regularly attend all youth events and activities and Sunday services (especially Wednesday night youth nights and Sunday services)
- ★ Greet and get to know new youth that come to Fuel 4 Fire events, help out in practical ways without being asked, be a positive and active participant in everything we do, and always seek to encourage a positive attitude and environment amongst the group
- ★ If you are fulfilling a specific role at a youth event, activity, or Sunday service, and are unable to make it, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and you need to personally inform Graham you will not be there and what arrangements you have made
- ★ If you are having difficulty keeping the PYRROS Covenant, approach Graham for help
- ★ If you are unable to keep the PYRROS Covenant, speak to Graham about stepping down until you are able to recommit to it – if you do not approach Graham, you will be asked to step down.

I understand the PYRROS Covenant and the fact that committing to PYRROS means I will be given more responsibility and therefore need to live up to higher expectations. I commit to doing my best to uphold the PYRROS Covenant and to becoming a radical disciple of Christ!

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

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

## Core Values

Our Core Values are who we are as a ministry. They describe what is important to us, what defines us, what we want others to know about us, and how we want to influence others. We have 3 Core Values: **Belong, Believe, Become.**

**Belong** - Fuel 4 Fire strives to be a genuine community, without barriers of any kind, where everyone BELONGS just as they are, no matter where they are at in life and faith. Every person (Christian youth, pre-Christian youth, youth staff, visitor, youth pastor, etc) *belongs* when they participate in Fuel 4 Fire. We encourage an atmosphere of respect and make our ministry a safe place for everyone, regardless of who they are or their background. We want our community to be defined by genuineness, loyalty, inclusiveness, unity, teamwork, unconditional friendship, and uplifting behaviour and talk.

**Believe** - In Fuel 4 Fire, the Bible is the foundation for everything we do in our ministry to youth and is the source of our mission, inspiration, and all that we teach and stand for. We believe it to be the authoritative Word of God, that it is true, life changing, and understandable to any person who approaches it with a sincere heart. Consequently, we feel compelled to make God's Word completely and plainly known to youth by whatever means are most effective.

**Become** - In Fuel 4 Fire, we challenge those who have taken the name Christian by entering into a relationship with God to live a life of discipleship. This means we will encourage them to model their lives after Jesus in their relationships, behaviour, beliefs, and worldview. This is not an arrival point, but a journey and one that is not travelled alone. Youth will be accompanied by Christian adults and other Christian youth who care for them and will walk with them, teaching and encouraging them as they go. Not only does this core value apply to our youth but also to our youth staff – we expect our youth staff to not only be on this journey with Christ as well, but to also be travelling this journey with others, who will walk with them and encourage them along the way.

I have read the core values, I understand them and agree with them whole heartedly, and I desire to live out these core values in my every day life and see them become reality in our ministry to youth.

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