

SOAR Vancouver Program Overview

Have you ever been in a city during a world-class sporting event? The city comes to life with thousands of visitors from around the globe anticipating great things. There is electricity in the air. People are eager. Usual divisions are set aside as people gather around a common focus.

This is what it's going to be like in Vancouver, BC in February and March of 2010. The **Olympic Winter Games** and **Winter Paralympic Games** are coming to town, and we have an opportunity to shine God's light to the nations, without travelling very far. This is a prime time to engage people in conversation about true gold, the life the Jesus offers. Let's go for gold that shines forever!

SOAR Vancouver is a nine-day opportunity for teams and individuals of all ages to proclaim the love of Jesus during these two world-class events. In close partnership with More Than Gold (www.morethangold.ca), SOAR teams will participate in creative outreach, hospitality ministry and social justice projects, caring for the residents of Vancouver and visitors from around the world.

Program Dates

SOAR Vancouver One (Winter Olympics): February 13-21, 2010

SOAR Vancouver Two (Paralympic Games): March 13-21, 2010

Age Requirement

SOAR Vancouver is a multi-generational ministry opportunity. Minimum age without parents is 14. Send a team from your church, or come as an individual.

Program Cost

\$150CAD per person. Includes training, debrief, ministry materials, More Than Gold backpack and hat.

Registration Deadline

Team reservation: November 25, 2009

Individual applicants: November 30, 2009

Full details & Application Online

www.mbmsi.org/soar/vancouver

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Deadline Extended!!!

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Training

On-Site Training will be an essential part of SOAR Vancouver. Starting at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday of the program, you will spend one day receiving training from More Than Gold trainers, learning important things about Vancouver and about the ministries in which you will participate. On the first Sunday of each program, you will spend the day in heart preparation, worshipping together, and catching the DNA of MBMS International. In order to be agents of transformation in mission, we first need to be transformed. The on-site training days are days devoted to letting God meet and transform participants so that they can be better equipped for ministry.

Ministry Assignment

From Monday to Friday, teams will have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus in word and deed throughout Vancouver. There will be a variety of opportunities to interact with international visitors and residents of Vancouver. Some possible ministry engagements will be:

- serving refreshments at various refreshment stations around the city
- helping local churches with their focused outreach efforts
- serving poor and homeless people
- riding city transit to strike up conversations about faith with people
- pin trading (this is a major hobby at the Olympics. More Than Gold has produced pins that can be used to explain the gospel when you trade them with someone)
- creative outreach events in parks (carnivals, concerts, random acts of kindness)
- prayer walks

Each morning and each evening there will be a focused time of worship at the main base. Ministry assignments will take up a large part of each of these days.

Debrief

Debriefing a missions experience well is an essential aspect of processing the experience in a healthy way. All day Saturday, and Sunday until after lunch will be spent celebrating, processing your time as a team, and thinking about how to apply what you have learned when you head home. Teams are free to depart Vancouver after lunch on Sunday.



Frequently Asked Questions

What extra costs are there? You will be responsible for getting to and from your ministry assignments, and to Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship (Coquitlam) on as many days as possible for group teaching and worship sessions. If you choose not to pay full price for SOAR Vancouver (\$425 per person), you are also responsible for providing your own food and lodging.

What if I still need to go to school or work? Can I still participate? Yes. We would love for you to participate. We ask that you participate fully in the days of training and debrief, and if possible come to the home base (Coquitlam) daily, either in the morning or evening, for a time of corporate worship and prayer. Our ideal is that you set aside all five evenings during the week to do ministry. However, if you need more flexibility, the minimum evening commitment we need is three evenings.

Where will my assignment be? You can anticipate having full, long days as you serve on SOAR Vancouver. Each team will be assigned different roles and ministry locations based on your team abilities and ministry needs. Your specific schedule and ministry assignment will be determined closer to the date of the outreach, but come ready to be on your feet all day, dependent on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance, and eager to serve and love a wide variety of people. Assignments will all be in the Metro Vancouver area, accessible from our home-base by public transportation.

How do I register? You can register online at <http://www.mbmsi.org/soar/vancouver/application/>. Email abbotsford@mbmsi.org if you have any questions.

Can I go to an Olympic event while I am in Vancouver? Securing tickets for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games is a challenge. If you already have tickets for an Olympic event that occurs during SOAR, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule. Your ministry assignments will likely not take you inside official Olympic venues, and MBMSI will not provide Olympic event tickets to any SOAR Vancouver participants.

Can I fundraise the cost of SOAR Vancouver? Yes, you can. The cost of your registration (\$150) is tax-deductible and can be paid by yourself or supporters. No other costs related to your time with SOAR are tax-deductible. All gifts will be receipted for tax purposes in early 2010. Because the Canadian government holds Christian charities strictly accountable, we cannot refund any charitable donation for any reason.