

# KADIMA & USY SPRING REGIONAL CONVENTION 2013

EASTERN CANADIAN REGION – UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

THURSDAY, MAY 2 – SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013  
MANSFIELD OUTDOOR CENTER, MANSFIELD, ON

## CONVENTION DETAILS

**Dates/Times** Convention will be held from Thursday, May 2 – Sunday, May 5, 2013. Convention sign-in in London will begin at 1:30 PM, in Hamilton will begin at 3:00 PM, and in Toronto will begin at 4:30 PM. Ottawa will meet at the Greyhound station at 9:00 AM. Convention will begin at Mansfield at 6:30 PM on Thursday and ends at 2:00 PM on Sunday. Please see the transportation section for details on departure and return times.

**Location** This year convention is being held at the beautiful Mansfield Outdoor Center in Mansfield, ON. The location sits on 300 acres of land including forests, fields, a stream, and a pond. The facility is only an hour and a half outside of Toronto and offers a gorgeous camp setting for our convention.

**Application Information & Deadline** Applications can be found online at [www.ecrusy.org](http://www.ecrusy.org). Please ensure you complete the entire application and submit with **full** payment either using our online Paypal system or by cheque to the regional office no later than **Monday, April 15, 2013**. All applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

**Registration Fee** The registration fee for Convention is \$284.00, including transportation, food, housing, and programming. This price goes up to \$300.00 after April 15<sup>th</sup>. You may pay by credit card using our online Paypal system or by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to EASTERN CANADIAN REGION USY. The region does not offer payment plans for Convention. Financial assistance is available on a needs basis. For more information regarding financial assistance please visit [www.ecrusy.org](http://www.ecrusy.org).

**Cancellation Policy** ECRUSY charges for conventions based solely on costs and does not make a profit from our events. As such we cannot provide full refunds after the registration deadline. The following is our cancellation schedule. All cancellations must be made **in writing** to Max Marmer, Regional Youth Director, either by mail, fax, or e-mail.

<b>Cancellation on/before April 15</b>	Full Refund
<b>Cancellation between April 16 and April 24</b>	\$50 Processing Fee
<b>Cancellation after April 24</b>	No Refund

**Transportation** ECRUSY provides transportation included in the cost of Convention. The approximate travel times are outlined below. A more up to date transportation schedule will be included in the pre-convention e-mail.

	Depart (Thursday)	Return (Sunday)
<b>London</b>	2:00 PM	6:00 PM
<b>Hamilton</b>	3:30 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Ottawa</b>	9:30 AM	11:55 PM
<b>Toronto</b>	5:00 PM	3:30 PM

**Rooming** Mansfield Outdoor Center provides heated sleeping cabins equipped with bunk beds and central washroom/shower buildings. The USYer cabins sleep 5 to a cabin while the Kadima cabins sleep 10 to a cabin. **Please Note: pillows, bedding, and linens are not provided and must be packed with the teens.**

**Shabbat** The majority of our program occurs over Shabbat. No matter how much or how little exposure your teen has had with a traditional Shabbat experience in the past, our convention provides a special and unique opportunity to enjoy and participate in the enhancing of Shabbat through interactive, age-appropriate prayer, spirited song and cheering, and fun educational programs. On Shabbat, we refrain from the following: traveling, writing, handling of money, playing radios or musical instruments, and using telephones. **We ask that you have your child leave their cell phone at home. If your child uses their phone during our programs or on Shabbat, it will be taken away until the end of convention.**

**Questions** Should you have any questions before the start of convention you can contact Max Marmer, Regional Youth Director, in the Regional Office at (416) 667-1717 Ext. 106 or by e-mail at [marmer@uscj.org](mailto:marmer@uscj.org)