

## *Beach Worship-Night Planning Guide*

This guide is intended to help PEI Host Churches plan a low-key, beach worship night on Thursday Night during Tidal Impact (July 10). This is an opportunity to hang out at your chosen beach, and help visiting churches experience a quintessential PEI experience; beach worship nights! These are ideas for your group to spring forward from, you do not need to feel bound by these guidelines.

### *1. Choosing the Right Beach*

Prince Edward Island offers many beautiful beaches that provide a peaceful setting for worship. Here are some recommended spots:

- **Canoe Cove Beach** – South Shore Beach in proximity for Cornwall and Charlottetown centric groups. Located at [Lloyd Inman Memorial Park](#) washrooms, parking, lawn available. [Check tide schedules](#) - A great option at low tide. Rising tide will mean you may not be able to set up on the beach, be aware the tide comes in very quickly!
- **Tea Hill Provincial Park** – Located in [Stratford area](#). Beach, Lawn, Picnic tables, and park grounds. Parking and seasonal washrooms available.
- **Tracadie Beach** – A great North Shore Beach with nearby ‘finfolk food’ and dairy bar. Washrooms, parking available. No lawn space, but large public beach area. [Location](#)
- **Chelton Beach** – Summerside area, a less crowded beach with warm waters and a great horizon view. [Location](#)
- **Jaques Cartier** – Alberton, ‘Up West’ area. A provincial park Beach with plenty of room to spread out. [Location](#)
- **Wood Islands** – For groups in the ‘down East’ region of PEI, Wood Islands is a great option, to view the ferry coming in, and spy seals at sunset! The nearby visitor information center will make a good washroom stop on the way. [Location](#)
- **Basin Head** – For groups serving ‘up East’ in the Souris area, Basin Head Provincial Park is a favourite Island location, famously known for its ‘singing sands.’ [Location](#)

 **Tip:** Check the **tide schedules** and **weather forecast** to ensure the best conditions.

## *2. Elements to plan for the evening*

- Some 'fun' - plan to provide frisbees, balls, spikeball, etc.
  - Bonfire (if allowed)
  - Worship - Plan to invite students or youth leaders to lead a short worship set ● Reflective devotional moment (see suggestions below) ● A fun snack!
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## *3. Suggested Evening Schedule*

### *5:30 - 6:00 PM - Arrival & Setup*

- Have frisbees, balls, or spike ball games set up. Lay out blankets and
- set up a bonfire (if allowed), blankets, and any equipment.
- Have acoustic instruments ready if using live worship.

### *6:30 PM - Opening Worship*

- Begin with **two or three worship songs** led by students. Choose songs that focus on awe, peace, and God's presence in creation.

### *6:50 PM - Devo or Testimony Time*

- Ask a student or leader to share a short devotional or personal testimony about how they have encountered God through the first couple days of Tidal Impact.

### *7:00 PM - Reflection & Quiet Time*

Encourage students to take some quiet reflection time to ponder the following questions:

1. Where have you been challenged so far this week?
2. Where has God shown up for you so far this week?

3. What areas of my life do I need to surrender to God?
  4. How can I follow God into what he's calling me to in the coming season?
- Give students **5-10 minutes** of silent reflection. Encourage journaling or prayer walks along the shoreline.

### *7:15 PM - Group Sharing & Prayer*

- Invite those who feel led to share their reflections.
- Close with a group prayer—students can pray over each other.

### *7:30 PM - Closing Worship & Bonfire Fellowship*

- Sing a final worship song or two.
- Enjoy a time of community around a bonfire with snacks (if permitted).

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## *4. Additional Considerations*

- **Permits & Fire Rules:** Some beaches require permits for gatherings or bonfires. Check with PEI Parks Canada.
- **Dress Warmly:** In PEI, especially along the shore, the temperature will drop drastically in the evening. Even summer nights can get chilly by the water. Ensure students have layers!
- **Bug Spray & Flashlights:** Bugs will get bad as the sun goes down, bug spray is a must! Flashlights are essential for safety and the odd lost item.
- **Leave No Trace:** Clean up all belongings and trash before leaving.

## 5. Packing List

### *Worship & Event Essentials*

- ✓ Acoustic guitar (or small speaker if needed)
- ✓ Song lyric sheets or a worship app
- ✓ Bible for scripture reading
- ✓ Journals & pens for reflection
- ✓ Lanterns or flashlights

### *Fun Elements*

- ✓ Speaker for Music
- ✓ Balls, Frisbees, Spikeball
- ✓ Glow sticks

### *Comfort & Safety*

- ✓ Warm clothes or blankets (PEI evenings can be chilly!)
- ✓ Bug spray & sunscreen
- ✓ Water bottles
- ✓ Flashlights or headlamps
- ✓ First aid kit

### *Fellowship & Fun*

- ✓ Snacks (marshmallows, granola bars, etc.)
  - ✓ Firewood & matches (if bonfires are permitted)
  - ✓ Garbage bags (to clean up afterward)
  - ✓ Beach chairs or blankets
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## *6. Extra Considerations*

- **Permits & Fire Rules** – Check with PEI Parks Canada for regulations.
- **Respect for Nature** – Follow “Leave No Trace” principles.
- **Weather Back-up Plan** – If rain is in the forecast, consider an indoor or alternative outdoor location.