

Budgeting Guide for Tidal Impact 2025

Event Dates: July 8-13, 2025

Location: Prince Edward Island

Website: tidalimpact.ca

This resource is intended to help your church plan and budget for Tidal Impact. If you need additional assistance or have questions, feel free to contact our team!

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1. Registration Costs

💰 **Church Registration:** \$150 (one-time, non-refundable fee)

💰 **Participant Registration:** \$150 per person (students and leaders) Participant Registration will be open from mid-march to the end of May

Registration covers accommodations at camps or grants to host churches providing billeting. It also includes costs related to the event, such as meals (breakfasts, lunches, and some suppers), fun activities, rallies, and programming.

2. Pre-Event Planning & Preparation

Consider budgeting for costs related to planning meetings, training, and preparations.

Planning & Training Costs

Youth Group Meetings: Snacks, printing, or travel expenses for regular planning sessions.

Leadership Meetings: Costs for meals or materials for meetings with your team.

Fundraisers: Costs for fundraisers if they will not be recouped

3. Expenses During the Event

During the event, your group will have different cost categories to consider.

Food

✔ **Breakfasts and lunches are included in registration.**

✔ **Some group suppers are included.**



Don't miss PEI's famous dairy bars! Be sure to budget for a stop (or more) at one of the Island's many beloved ice cream spots.



Your team may need to plan for a couple of additional meals (e.g., eating out or preparing food for your group). We also encourage students to bring their own spending money for fun and incidentals.

Tip: Ask your congregation if they can donate snacks, drinks, or meal support!

Transportation

🚗 **Travel to PEI:** Consider ferry, bridge tolls, gas, or rental costs.



Local Transportation: Will you need to rent vans or reimburse drivers for gas?



Parking Costs: Any potential parking fees at mission sites or accommodations?



Important Note:

- **Van rentals can be difficult to secure.** Book rental vehicles **as soon as possible** to avoid last-minute issues.
- **Check your insurance and policies** for driving students. Ensure your drivers are approved under your church's insurance policy.

Neighboring Project Tools & Supplies

- **Project Materials:** Will you need to buy **paint, tools, craft supplies, sports equipment, or other materials** for your service projects?
- **Health & Safety:** Do you need **PPE supplies** (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.) for certain ministry settings?

Team Fun & Recreation

Tidal Impact is more than just serving—it's also about **building community!**

🎉 **Fun events and rallies are included in the registration fee!** However, your group may want to budget for additional recreation:

🎮 A team-building activity (bowling, beach trip, mini-golf, etc.)

🎬 Any special **entertainment** (movie night, games, escape room, etc.)

📅 Costs for the **free evening** (if you choose to plan an outing instead of the one planned by Tidal Impact)

Host Family Gift

📦 Leaving a small gift for Host Families (billets) is a Tidal Impact tradition! And a great way to say thank you! Consider encouraging any students being billeted to bring a small gift to say thank you to their host families. Whether a bag of nice coffee, or a gift card for a family ice cream outing, a small under \$20 investment goes a long way for our incredible host families!

4. Revenue & Fundraising

💡 How will you cover the costs?

- **Participant Contributions:** How much will you ask **each person** to contribute?
- **Church Budget:** Is there funding available from your **church's youth ministry, outreach, or mission** budget?
- **Fundraising Events:** Consider hosting:

🎤 **Talent Night**

🍝 **Spaghetti Supper**

🚶 **Walk-a-thon or Car Wash**


📦 **Silent Auction**


Tip: Some churches have **sponsorship programs** where members can donate towards a youth's trip cost!




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Final Thoughts

 **Budget Template:** Use a simple spreadsheet to track expenses and income.

 **Plan Early:** The sooner you estimate costs, the easier it will be to raise funds!

 **Involve Your Team:** Get your students engaged in fundraising and planning—it builds ownership and excitement!

We're excited to see how your group **makes an impact** at Tidal Impact 2025! 🎉

If you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to reach out.

 Visit tidalimpact.ca for updates and resources!