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**Big Break** Conference – *Panama City Beach, FLORIDA! ! !*

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# Get Ready Get ready for this year’s Big Break 2018!  So start packing your bags for an unforgettable week of fun in the sun and connecting with God! Big Break offers an opportunity to receive some of the best ****training in evangelism****.  Feeling stuck with how to talk to your friends about your faith? Learn how to come alongside their spiritual journey and join hundreds of other college students on the beach sharing about the love of Christ.

# The Big Break Experience Books? Snow? Cold? Ready for Warm? It's time for Spring Break! Looking for a spring break trip that will grant you time in the sun and challenge you in your walk with God? Stop looking; Big Break is your solution. Spend the week growing in your walk with God, exploring biblical truths and learning how to talk to your friends about your faith. Big Break 2018 is Cru’s/ Campus Crusade for Christ's Spring Break conference that gathers students from colleges and universities from all over the country for a week in Panama City Beach, Florida.

### At Big Break you will….

* Worship God to the music of an amazing band
* Hear talks from dynamic, respected speakers, Ben Rivera and Roger Hershey
* Spend some personal time with your Creator out on the white sandy beaches
* Receive evangelism training. Learn how to have a conversation with someone that will point him or her to the gospel
* Experience God's power to change lives, as you trust him to initiate spiritual conversations with other students on the beach
* Hang out with your friends and make new ones
* Eat late night snacks at the local waffle house

**Transportation:** We are Trusting God for great transportation. The usual option is to take cars or vans to Florida. We will leave from campus at 8 am, on Friday. (NMU – March 2nd; MTU - March 9th)   We will hopefully find a place to sleep for 6-7 hours part way to FL. (Louisville, KY is ½ way) We will  arrive into Florida in the afternoon/early evening of March 3rd / March 10th The first Sunday is mostly a free day.   We will leave Panama City, Saturday, March 10th / March 17th, and will be back into the UP in the early evening of March 11th / March 18th  For safety we will have 2 people awake in each vehicle at all times.  The driver & someone “riding shotgun” who will keep the driver awake & navigate.                  
As far as the cost of transportation, please plan on $120 to $170.  The idea here is that the owners of the cars will not pay gas costs and will get an oil change for the use of their vehicles.  This plan is much cheaper than rental vehicles.  A rental car would cost $600-700 plus gas.  We will collect all the money up front and someone will the pay all the bills.  We will rebate everyone at the end, depending on how much we actually spend.

# Housing: We will be staying at the beautiful Edgewater Beach Resort. (Check out the picture on the web page). <http://www.edgewaterbeachresort.com/>

# It’s right on the beach and it has a lagoon type pool. Each hotel room/unit is a condominium, with a fully equipped kitchen. Each has two bedrooms with a double bed and two twin beds, and private bathroom. There is also a pull-out sofa in each unit. They are very nice condo units!! There will be six people sleeping in each unit. (Lots of bonding time) Here are the specifics on the hotel: Edgewater Beach Resort, 11212 Front Beach Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32405, telephone number is 800-874-8686 or 904-235-4044. Please pass this information on to your parents.

# Spiritual Preparation: This will be a great conference and we need to be talking to the Lord about it before we get there. We also need to be prepared to be sharing our faith with people. Please read through the [Knowing God Personally](http://www.everystudent.com/features/gettingconnected.html) booklet with at least two people before we leave for the conference. Pray for our travel, safety, harmony among our group, safe running vehicles and for hearts prepared to hear the gospel.  Pray also for yourself, the speakers, and for opportunities to talk to those who need to know Christ.

# What to Take: PACK LIGHT!!!!!! We only have so much room in the vans. Limit yourself to 2 small SOFT-Sided bags. You can always wash stuff down there. Here are some ideas on what to take along: 1 pair jeans, Shorts, T-shirts, swimsuit(Please be modest!), Sweatshirt (It can be cool at night) Light jacket/ raincoat, toiletries, sunscreen 15+SPF, (your pasty white thighs will fry if you aren’t careful), Bible, Notebook/paper, Pillow for travel, Sandals, Sunglasses, Beach Towel, Small Backpack.

# Finances: *This is the area for you to see God work on your behalf in the greatest way.*

# Conf. Cost: $370 Week 1or 2 (You MUST pay in full & register Online) (Week 1 by Feb. 23rd; Week 2 by Mer. 2nd) IMPORTANT! Housing is limited to the first 1000 people. Registration will close when they are full. Don't get left our Register Early!

# Transportation: $120-170 in cash; due when we leave. Fun/ gifts: $???$ - Friday is free day. Options could include Golf, Fishing, Rentals, etc.

# Food: $95-110 for food as we travel & for food at resort in Panama City Beach. Scholarship money can be used for all these items.

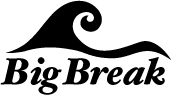
# The Money Solution: God is in the business of providing for our needs.  Money is not a problem for God.  We can trust HIM to provide for us, especially when it will be used to develop us spiritually.  God might supply using a number of means.  But we have seen God supply miraculously by asking for a scholarship.  By writing & asking for a scholarship from your home church or Christian friends or just people that you know exciting things can happen. If you will write 25-30 letters simply presenting your need and the reason for your trip you will be amazed at how generous people will become. (See  [The Big Break Deal](http://miupcru.weebly.com/fund-development.html" \t "_blank) or Scholarship / [Sponsorship Info](http://big-break.com/support/) / Letter)   By personally asking for gifts for a mission trip, where we are doing evangelism, you should find that people are quite eager to give.  Gifts that are given as a tax deductible gift need to be sent to Cru / Campus Crusade for Christ. [See Online giving site](http://miupcru.weebly.com/donors.html).

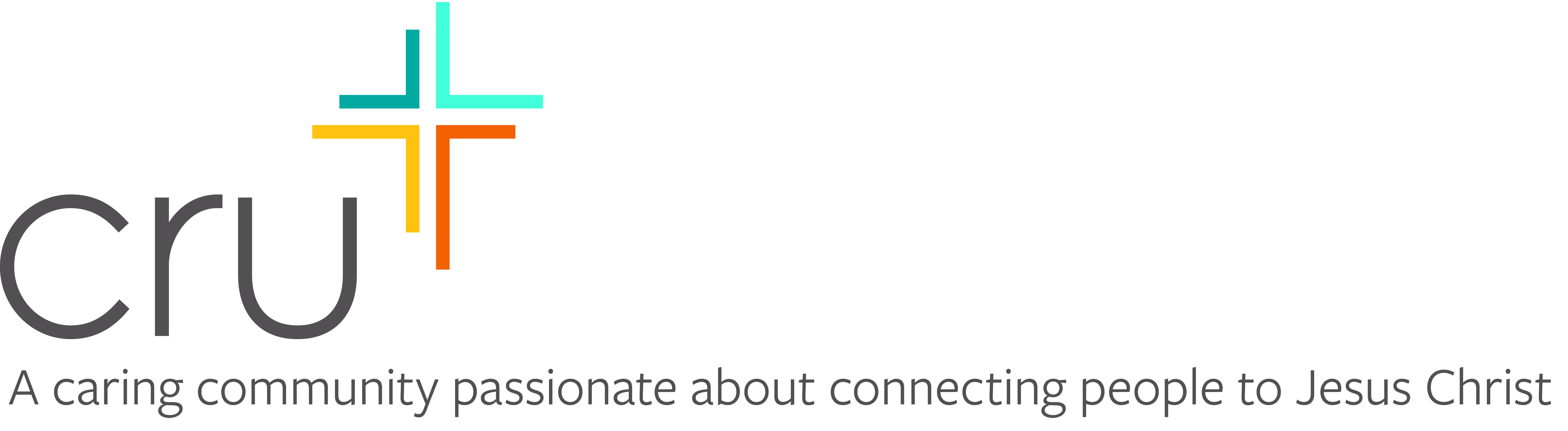
* *Because of the costs to process checks within Cru / CCC, there is a 12% charge for all scholarship checks that are processed as donations.  If a local church is helping you with a donation, that 12% is not applied.*
* *You need to have the checks in hand, before scholarship can be applied to your conference costs.*

# Responsibilities: We will need various people to take on responsibilities for the Trip. If we split up the various jobs 1 person won’t get as stressed out or feel like the tyrant all the time. Let Dave M. know if you are interested in any of these jobs. Other jobs maybe created as the trip goes on.

# Jobs: MoneyMan / Financial Female; Spiritual Guru; Trip Boss; Mrs. Maps / Mr. Shotgun; Chef Tell; Fun Fellows; Lackey

# For More Information: Call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or Dave Michels 906-228-4438 <Dave.Michels@Cru.org>





# February 1, 2018

# Dear

# How are you? How have you been managing the cold? We sure have had some pretty cold and snowy weather here in Marquette at Northern Michigan University.

# I am writing about an exciting opportunity.

As you may know, I'm involved with a student group on campus called Cru or Campus Crusade for Christ. During Spring Break I plan to attend a conference sponsored by Cru in Panama City Beach, Florida, March 3 - March 10. We are trusting God for a group of 20 from NMU and we will be joined by college students from across the country.

I’m sure you may be thinking that Spring Break in Florida is a just a wild party. Cru has been hosting spring break trips for over 35 years. Each day we will be learning about how to apply Biblical principles to our lives and how to talk to others about our faith. Each afternoon we have the privilege and opportunity to head out to the beach and initiate conversations about knowing God. Does it sound scary? It will be, but we are excited to see how God will be using us. We are trusting God that He will give us the opportunity to lead people to Christ.

We will also have some free time and Florida sunshine in March will be very nice!! Our hope is that our campus delegation would not leave what we’ve learned in Florida, but will bring this training and excitement back to NMU to help reach our campus for Christ.

The entire cost for each student about $670. This includes $370 for the Big Break Conference, which includes registration and housing. Transportation and our meals are extra. We are hoping to drive 5-6 vehicles down to Florida. That should be about $120. Food should cost about $95-110. The rest is a 12% administrative cost with Cru.

I am writing to ask if you would consider helping me attend this conference. Would you consider giving a donation of $50, 75 or $100?

We are trusting God to provide through a number of people. If each of us can find 10 people, who will give $50-100, we will meet our needs. Any Gifts can me made payable to Cru or Campus Crusade for Christ and sent to me or our Cru Staff Director, Dave Michels. (913 High St., Marquette, MI 49855)

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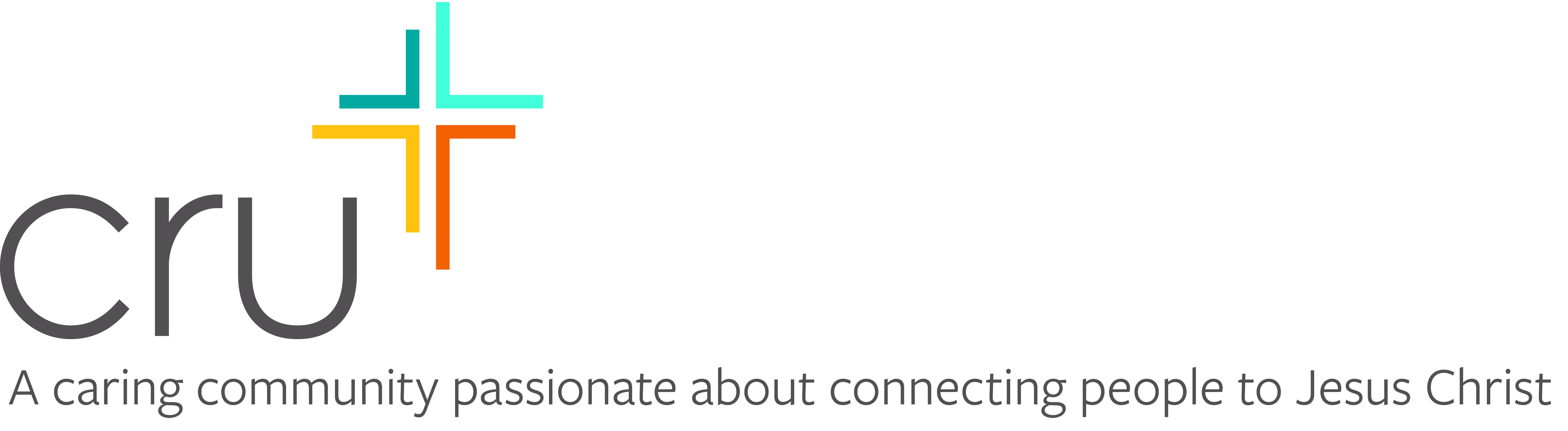
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