

PREPARING FOR ANDY'S IMPACT ASSEMBLIES & WORKSHOP

1. **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:** A quality sound system with 1 microphone, a music stand and a chair.
2. No screen or projector required. I do not use Power Point
3. I will report to the office at least 30 minutes prior to my program. Please have someone available to greet me.
4. I have accommodated audiences in all seating situations: chairs, bleachers, floor: 25 to 1500 students.
5. When promoting me to your students please do not refer to me as a "motivational" speaker as I find that this causes a negative anticipation of my talk. Please use words like "entertaining", "exciting" or a "unique" presentation.
6. I will provide a typed introduction for one of your student leaders to use in the assembly. It is also below.
7. The presentations will run 45 to 70 minutes, depending on the time you give me.
8. A cheque for the fee, payable to "Andy Thibodeau Programs Inc." is due on the presentation date or received within 3 weeks after the presentation date.
9. **FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION** - It is an excellent idea to provide each teacher with a hand-out (which I can supply) and suggest a 20 to 30 minute debrief immediately following my program. Students forget key points quickly unless there is follow-up. Please don't provide this summary to the students as the element of "surprise" helps me.
10. **POSTER CAMPAIGN** - Prior to my speech, have your leaders create posters that highlight the key messages of my presentation. Put the posters up as soon as I leave! (See suggestions on the contract). You have spent excellent money to have me and these suggestions will help your students get the most from your investment!
11. **UPCOMING EVENTS LIST** - A key part of my presentation is to promote past and upcoming events at your school. Please email me by the night before my visit a list of 10 to 15 examples from the following categories: noteworthy sports championships or upcoming big games, drama productions, music events, fun activities like dances, dress up days or spirit weeks, and the charities you support and what you did to help them. I will incorporate these examples into my presentation. If you can work on this list the week before my arrival, it ensures that nothing gets missed and you can consult all leadership groups in the school. The more specific, the better. For example, "fundraised for cancer" would be better if described as "raised about \$1000 from the Terry Fox Run and a bake sale in September. We have the Relay for Life coming up in May".
12. **NO SCHOOL LOGO GIFTS PLEASE!** After 25 years of traveling, I have been very blessed to receive numerous t-shirts, pens, mugs and water bottles. For me, the gift is to speak at your school. Thank you!
13. To contact me at any time with questions, call my cellular at **519-851-3014** or email andyspeaks@rogers.com

THE WORKSHOP CHECKLIST (IF CHOSEN)

1. The workshop is appropriate for 30 to 175 student leaders who can be involved in a wide area of activities: students' council, clubs, yearbook, charities, teams and "potential" leaders. Any room type will work for the workshop.
2. Many schools will send "potential" leaders from the younger grades to participate in the workshop. My program will encourage them to take on further leadership opportunities at your school.
3. The workshop is 45 to 120 minutes long, depending on your schedule, and does not require a microphone.
4. You will be given a handout to copy for participants. I suggest that executive leaders take notes.
5. I highly recommend inclusion of the leadership group advisors in this workshop, as it will help in the follow-up.

ANDY THIBODEAU'S INTRODUCTION FOR CANADIAN AUDIENCES

Our guest speaker today is Andy Thibodeau (Tib o dough). Since 1992 Andy has delivered thousands of fun presentations to schools and conferences across North America. Millions of people have seen him speak in all 10 provinces, the Yukon and 40 American states.

Andy has lived his entire life in London, Ontario. He has his history degree from King's College at Western University.

Andy's best friends are his wife Lizz and their daughters Torry and Isla (eye la). **Please welcome, Andy!**