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STAFF INFORMATION 2024

The Camp Committee has been able to arrange a camp site for 2024. God willing camp will be held at Hall Farm, Athelington, Eye, Suffolk IP21 5EJ. The details are as follows:-

Saturday 3rd August – Friday 16th August

led by Mr Tom Mawson (Kesgrave, Suffolk)

This will be for campers 9 - 17 years.

Deadlines for Application:

31st March 2024 (for those who would like a cabin) or 28th April 2024 (for those who do not). Late applications may not be able to be accepted.

Please also be aware, that this year staff applications will open two months prior to camper applications so that we have a good idea of the number of staff we are expecting before the campers apply. We would therefore request that you apply as soon as possible to ensure that campers are able to be accepted when they apply.

Requirements for Staff

If you would like to join the team you must be a **baptised member of your church** and be willing to join in the leadership of young people. **Staff must be 19 or over by 01 September 2024.**

All Staff must agree with the following statement:

“On camp we expect staff to demonstrate their Christian faith in an active, and with God’s help, righteous manner and to teach (if appropriate) the young people in a doctrinally (AGBCSE Statement of Faith) sound manner. If you do not believe that you will be able to do this, please speak to the Secretary before applying to serve to camp.”

It is also a condition of acceptance that you are in receipt of an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service, which is less than 3 years old. Our Policy for Obtaining an Enhanced Disclosure states that all DBSs must be renewed every 3 years. Please note that if you are applying for an Enhanced Disclosure for the first time as a member of staff this must be received by the Secretary, and agreed, before your application will be accepted.

We realise this may be a big commitment but although it is hard work, it is very rewarding. We would encourage you to prayerfully consider whether you could do this. If you do not have the time to spare for the whole of camp but would still like to help, please think about joining us for part of the time.

Dedication Day

If accepted you ***will be required to*** attend the Planning Day on ***Saturday 8th June 2024 at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring, Herts HP23 6AA.*** ***If you are unable to do so, please contact the Secretary BEFORE submitting your application*** as the Committee have agreed that the Planning Day is an important part of the planning for camp and forms part of the camp training programme for all staff.

Advance Party and Rear guard

Pioneer camp takes a lot of work to set up and clear up. Advance party takes place on the weekend before camp begins (3rd – 5th August). All tents must be erected, kitchens set up, sports pitches marked out and various other tasks completed. Rear guard begins once the campers go home on Thursday (15th August) and is generally completed by Friday morning.

Please consider whether you are able to assist with either or both of advance party or rear-guard and please indicate on the application form if you can do this as this will help with the planning. If you can assist with rear-guard and remain on site Thursday night into Friday, we will share in a take-away meal on the Thursday evening (a small donation may be required) and a light breakfast on Friday morning and everyone should be away from the camp site by mid-morning.

Cabins

For camp 2024, the Committee are pleased to be able to make available 8 log cabins which will be available from **5.00pm on Friday 2nd August to AM Friday 16h August inclusive** at a maximum cost of **£325.00 PER PERSON (please note that this is PER PERSON and not per bed)** for the duration of camp whether you are attending short or long camp. Please note that this cost is in addition to your normal camp fees. Allocation of cabins will be at the discretion of the Committee and you will be advised of your cabin allocation with your camp acceptance letter following the May Committee. A deposit of £25 per person will be required after notification of successful allocation, and the balance must be paid, along with staff fees, by **Saturday 8th June 2024**. **Please be aware that you may have to share a cabin with other members of staff.**

If you choose to use a cabin this year, and you have under-age children (0-8 years), please note that there will be a charge of £100 per child, which is payable at the same time as your cabin fees. Please be aware that the cabins can only be booked through the Camp Secretary. Please **DO NOT** contact Athelington Hall as the cabins have already been booked by the Committee and you will be directed back to the Secretary. Bookings must be made via the Staff Application Form.

Staff fees

		Children aged 5-8 inclusive	Additional Fees for late payment
Full Camp (9 nights)	£100.00	£20.00	£10.00
Short Camp (5 nights)	£65.00	£10.00	£10.00
Daily Rate	£10.00	£2.00	£2 per day

Please note that staff fees for 2024 have not been increased, but if you have difficulty with payment, please speak to the Secretary before 8th June 2024.

If staff and campers are attending from the same direct family a 10% reduction will be applied to their fees. This reduction does not apply to cabin costs or under age fee

The above figures are the **minimum** amount it costs to feed you whilst at camp. If you are able to make a larger contribution the treasurer would be happy to receive your gift. In order to assist the Treasurer with the budget planning for camp all staff fees must be paid on or before **Saturday 8th June 2024** by bank transfer. Any fees not paid by 8th June 2024 will incur an additional fee as stated above.

Bookings

Please go to <https://brushfire.com/pioneerchristiancamp/pioneer-christian-camp/563509> and use the password **STAFF 2024** to start your application.

The online booking site for campers who are children of staff will be open on the same date as the applications for staff (1st November 2023) so please book your campers in at the same time as you complete your staff application. Bookings for all other campers will not open until 1st January 2024 so please do not share the above information with other people at this time, unless they are applying to be a member of staff. Notification of the camper booking date will be sent out to all campers in mid/late December.

Please note that it is camp policy that no young person should be prevented from coming to camp due to lack of finance. If you have a child/children in your church who may be prevented from coming to camp for this reason please speak to the Secretary for further information. Equally, if anyone is considering applying to serve as a member of staff but is put off by the cost, please also ask them to speak to the Secretary for further information. In both of these circumstances, it is our policy to contact the sending church in the first instances to ask if they might be able to contribute towards the cost.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Hollman." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a period at the end.

Gill Hollman
Secretary