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STAFF INFORMATION 2026

God willing Pioneer Christian Camp will be held at Hall Farm, Athelington, Eye, Suffolk IP21 5EJ.

The details are as follows:-

Friday 31st July – Friday 14th August

led by Mr Tom Mawson (Kesgrave, Suffolk)

This will be for campers 9 - 17 years.

Deadlines for Application:

31st March 2026 (for those who are requesting a cabin) or 30th April 2026 (for those who are not).

Applications will open on 1st November 2025 for staff and their children only (including foster children) so that we have a good idea of the number of staff we are expecting before camper applications open on 1st January 2026. 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**. **Staff must be 19 or over by 31st August 2026**. Staff who are 18 on 31st August 2026 may apply to be a junior leader but please speak to the Skipper before applying.

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 (Grace Baptist Association 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 at 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 we ask that you make every effort to attend the Planning Day on **Saturday 13th June 2026 at Hayes Lane Baptist Church, Hayes Lane, Bromley BR2 9EA**. If you are unable to do so, please contact the

Secretary before submitting your application as 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 down. Advance party takes place on the weekend before camp begins (31st July – 3rd August). All tents must be erected, kitchen set up, sports pitches marked out and various other tasks completed before the children arrive. Rear guard begins once the campers go home on Thursday (13th August) and is generally completed by Thursday evening.

Please consider whether you are able to assist with either or both of these and indicate on the application form if you are able to 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 (for which a charge of £5.00 per person will apply) and a light breakfast on Friday morning and then everyone should be away from the camp site by mid-morning.

Cabins

For 2026, 7 log cabins will be available from **5.00pm on Friday 31st July to 10.00am on Friday 14th August 2026 inclusive** at a maximum cost of **£375.00 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 on a first come, first served, basis 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 non-refundable deposit of £100 per person will be required on application**, and the balance must be paid, along with staff fees, by **Saturday 13th June 2026**. **Please be aware that in order to maximise the use of the cabin beds, you may be asked to share a room with another member of staff. However, if you request to have a room to yourself you will be asked to pay for both beds in the room.**

If you choose to use a cabin this year, and you have under-age children (3-8 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 to camp 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)	£105.00	£20.00	£10.00
Short Camp (5 nights)	£70.00	£10.00	£10.00
Daily Rate	£10.00	£2.00	Nil

Please note that staff fees for 2026 have been increased, but if you have difficulty with payment please speak to the Secretary before 13th June 2026.

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 fees.

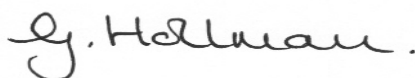
The above figures are the **minimum** amount it costs to feed you whilst at camp. If you are able to make a larger contribution the Treasurer would be happy to receive your gift. In order to assist the Treasurer with the budget planning for camp all staff fees must be paid on or before **Saturday 13th June 2026** by bank transfer. Any fees not paid by 13th June 2026 will incur an additional fee as stated above.

Bookings

Please go to <http://bit.ly/pioneercamp2026> and use the password **STAFF2026** to start your application. You can also use this link to **book your own children** into camp at the same time as you complete your staff booking. This includes anyone who is a foster carer and is looking after children who will be attending camp as campers. However, **PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO BOOK PLACES FOR ANY CAMPERS WHO ARE NOT YOUR OWN CHILDREN OR FOSTER CHILDREN, as these bookings will not be accepted.** Bookings for all other campers will not open until 1st January 2026 and notification of the general camper booking date will be sent out to all campers in mid/late December. Please do not share the above information with other people at this time, unless they are applying to be a member of staff.

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 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 instance 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