

## HOLIDAY CAMPS GENERAL INFORMATION

At CYC, we acknowledge God as the Creator of all things. Our foundation lies in the understanding that He has goals that are in alignment with His nature and perfect character. Subsequently, our mission and mindset move out from this centre as we place God and His vision as the measure of all that we do.

CYC is therefore committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and we believe that it is fundamental to influence and nurture a spirit of encouragement, humility, respect, generosity and community mindedness amongst our guests. We value the uniqueness of every child and it is our ambition to provide a camp that embraces and nurtures the individuality of each student.

Camping provides children with opportunities for exploration of self and growth in confidence that can't be facilitated in a classroom environment. As well as nurturing communication and team building skills, our programs encourage children to develop the ability to think creatively and analytically by providing challenging, interactive and engaging outdoor learning experiences.

Below you'll find some information that may be helpful in preparing your child for camp. A final confirmation letter will be sent via email, 2 weeks prior to camp outlining things such as the proposed programs, times of bus transport to and from camp, the camp theme and anything else that might be specific to the camp. If you don't receive a confirmation letter 2 weeks prior to camp, please first check your junk mail, then contact the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office during business hours, or via email.

### GENERAL INFO

- Our Holiday Camps are part of a Christian ministry program, and all campers are expected to participate in all camp activities, including study times and devotions.
- To maintain a positive camp atmosphere, no bullying, bad language, discrimination, sexual misconduct or damage of property will be tolerated. Upon initial acceptance into camp, all campers will be sent a camper's code of conduct, which they must read and agree to before coming to camp. Please note; in the event a camper is expelled from camp due to breaches of this code of conduct, no fees will be refunded.
- It is requested that campers do not bring items to camp that take away from the atmosphere and community of camp, such as iPods, MP3/CD players, computer games, TVs, radios, mobile phones, computers etc. or any dangerous or illegal items. Smoking and alcohol are not permitted on camp. All phones brought to camp will be confiscated and stored securely, being handed back at the completion of camp, so as to comply with our Child Protection Policy.
- All staff and volunteers involved with campers and guests have completed a reference check, including the Queensland Government's Working With Children Check or equivalent check from their state or country.

### PRIVACY INFO

- Information included on the camp application form is subject to our privacy policy. Name and address details are used by the director and leadership of camp for sending information prior to and following camp and is not released to third parties. Cabin and/or team leaders are briefed on any medical/behavioural conditions that may require special care during the camp. In the case of a hospital visit, Medicare and family doctor details etc. are released to the hospital to allow the best care for the camper. Our complete privacy policy is available upon request.
- Digital and/or video cameras may be used throughout the week, and all campers may appear in these photos/videos. Photos and video footage may also be used for promotion of future camps. Due to the nature of taking photography/video on camp, especially in group settings, photo/video permission is a requirement of camp. We are unable to make exceptions.

### FINANCE

- Our Holiday Camp fees are already heavily discounted; however, we do have sponsorship funds available to those in financial need. These are considered on a case-by-case basis.



### A NOTE TO AGENCIES

- It is important to note that camp is designed for campers who want to be there, not for campers who are being "sent". Our Holiday Camps are exactly that, holiday camps - they are not respite care.

### SWIMMING AND WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

- Swimming and water-based activities are often a popular part of camps. These activities take place primarily at the Tallebudgera Creek, Tallebudgera Surf Beach and Burleigh Heads Beach. On occasion, other swimming locations, theme parks, pools and creeks are visited as part of the camp program.
- Water-based activities include things such as swimming, canoeing, raft making, waterslide, tubing, surfing, body boarding and stand up paddling. All swimming and water-based activities are fully supervised by qualified staff and, where appropriate, floatation devices and other safety equipment is used.
- Campers are encouraged to participate in all activities.
- If you have any questions or concerns about swimming and water-based activities on camp, please contact the office prior to camp, during business hours.

### WHAT TO BRING

- Clothing
  - Enough clothing for the duration of the program (shirts, shorts, long pants, warm jumper, underwear, pyjamas, swimwear, rain coat)
  - Skins/bike pants or similar can be worn under board shorts to help prevent chaffing
  - Please avoid bringing expensive clothing and shoes. Please ensure clothing is modest (short shorts and low-cut singlet tops, along with offensive slogans are not appropriate) and suitable for the activities.
- Bedding
  - Pillow
  - Fitted sheet
  - Sleeping bag/doona/blanket
- Toiletries
  - 1 x beach towel
  - 1 x bath towel
  - Toothbrush & toothpaste
  - Soap, washer, shampoo & conditioner
  - Personal prescribed medication (please ensure you follow the instructions under *Medication* below)
  - Insect repellent (no aerosols)
  - Deodorant (no aerosols)
  - Sunscreen (no aerosols)
- Footwear
  - 1 x pair of enclosed shoes (walking/dry land)
  - 1 x pair enclosed shoes for water. These can be old shoes or booties. Thongs and other non-enclosed shoes are not acceptable. Campers who do not have water shoes will not be permitted to participate in some activities.
  - 1 x pair casual footwear (thongs etc)

Casual footwear (thongs) may be worn during non-activity time at the Centre and should be worn in bathrooms. Covered footwear must be worn when in the dining hall (during meals).  
Protection from the sun

  - Suitable hat
  - Sunscreen
  - Board shorts (skins/bike pants or similar should be worn under board shorts)
  - Long sleeve sun shirt that can be worn in the water (rashie or similar)

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Electronic equipment, including mobile phones. In keeping with CYC's Child Protection Policy, mobile phones brought to camp will be confiscated for the duration of the camp.
- Any drugs not prescribed by a medical doctor. CYC is a drug and alcohol free venue.
- Clothing that could be considered offensive (certain t-shirt slogans, revealing clothing)
- Expensive clothing. Clothing can sometimes be damaged or lost, whilst on camp.

### **GETTING TO AND FROM CAMP**

CYC provides buses to and from camp from numerous stops throughout Brisbane, Toowoomba and Ipswich. The times and exact locations are based on the specific need for the camp. The confirmation letter (sent two weeks prior to camp) will outline the times and locations of the bus stops.

Alternatively, parents are welcome to take their child to and from camp. The specific start and finish times for each camp will be outlined in the confirmation letter.

### **POCKET MONEY**

At most camps, there are opportunities for campers to buy souvenirs or snacks, such as when campers visit a theme park or 10 pin bowling ally. CYC also has a vending machine onsite. We suggest campers bring a small amount of pocket money (up to \$20) in small denominations. During the registration process at camp, campers place their money in the *camp bank*, to be withdrawn incrementally through the week at the camper's request.

### **MEDICATION**

If your child requires medication whilst on camp, please complete the detail all requirements and medication in the medication section, whilst registering your child. Any medication provided must be provided in a Webster Pak (available from most pharmacies). The Webster Pak should be signed in during the registration process at the beginning of camp, or for those travelling via bus, handed to the bus driver. At the conclusion of camp, medication will be signed out to the parents/caregivers. Please ensure:

- All medication is presented in a Webster Pak
- All medication clearly labelled with your child's name
- The online registration form details the type of medication, the required dose and frequency.

Please note, medication not presented in a Webster Pak cannot be accepted by CYC. If you have any questions/concerns regarding the medication process, please feel free to contact CYC during business hours prior to camp.

### **CONTACTING YOUR CHILD**

CYC understands that camp can be a stressful time for any parent. Rest assured that within minutes of saying goodbye, your child has made new friends and is not thinking about you nearly as much as you're thinking about them! In saying this, in the event that your child has a case of homesickness or needs to speak with you, CYC will contact you. Your child's experience whilst on camp is our first priority.

If you need to contact your child, please call the office during business hours. If your call is urgent and outside of business hours, please refer to the confirmation letter for the camp specific contact number.