



Moravian summer camp 2017

Saturday 5th August – Friday 11th August

Dovedale House, Ilam, Ashbourne, Derbyshire

<http://www.dovedalehouse.org/>

Information for parents and participants

Moravian Summer Camp is a residential holiday for young people aged 10-17 who have contact with the Moravian Church. It is overseen by Joy Raynor, the paid youth and children's worker, but the hard work is done by volunteers who are members of the Moravian Church across England and Northern Ireland.

Camp is divided into two groups by age – Juniors and Seniors – each with age appropriate activities. However the camp is together for many activities and the leadership team try to ensure that the different age groups spend time together as well as apart. Worship and meals are always spent together and there will be games sessions and activities done together too.

For 2017 Summer Camp is moving to the Peak District. Dovedale House is set in the beauty of the Derbyshire peaks, surrounded by countryside. The accommodation is in dormitories equipped with bunk beds and plenty of storage space. The bedrooms are on two floors so boys and girls will be on different floors. The young people can choose who they share a room with although we do try to keep Juniors and Seniors in separate rooms. The showers and toilets are in blocks on each floor. Bedding is supplied. More information and pictures of the house can be seen on <http://www.dovedalehouse.org/> .

Transport to the centre is the responsibility of parents BUT leaders will be on Flybe flight **BE479** from Belfast City to Manchester at 13.45. Leaders will be on the return flights **BE478** at 14.15 from Manchester to Belfast City. The journey to and from Manchester Airport will be organised. Flights from other airports were investigated but either leave too early in the morning, or arrive too late. If these times are not suitable for you we will endeavour to meet flights at other times. Please do not book any alternative flights without discussing it with Joy.



The camp will be led by Phill Battelle. Here are a few words from him:

Hey everyone! I'm Phill Battelle; you may know me from such great Summer Camps as 'Rock 2015' and 'Reach 2016'. Well this year we are going to 'UNLOCK 2017'! I do hope to see you all there as eager and enthusiastic as ever. This year we will make Camp great...again.

He will decide, in consultation with Joy, on the rest of the staff team which will then be confirmed by PYCC.

The cost of the camp this year is **£295** with a £20 discount for booking before 16th April 2017. A deposit of £50 and the booking form is required to secure a place. The deposit cannot be returned after 18th June unless

another young person takes the place. We will also require a Health Form, with as much information as possible. Places are limited so book as soon as you can. Confirmation of your booking will be sent by email where possible (to save postage). Final payments are due 18th June.

Please send the booking form to: Lindsey Newens at Church House, 5-7 Muswell Hill, London, N10 3TJ. The deposit can be paid by Cheque or by BACS. The balance can be paid in instalments to suit. Cheques should be payable to 'Moravian Union Inc' and BACS payments to 'CAF BANK Ltd, The Moravian Union, Account 00023436, Sort code 40 52 40, and labelled **SC 'your child's name'** (eg SC J Raynor). Please notify lindsey.newens@moravian.org.uk when a BACS payment has been made and retain a copy of the receipt from your bank as proof of payment.

If you are on low income and need assistance please contact your minister, or Joy Raynor as we can direct you to sources of funding. Please do not let money be a reason to miss this great opportunity. We will treat all information in confidence.

More information is available from your minister, PYCC district representative or Joy Raynor, Provincial Youth and Children's officer.

Contact Joy on 01753553549 or 07713853184 or joy.raynor@btconnect.com or via Facebook messenger

Further information

Special Needs

We make every effort to include *all* young people on the camp, so tell us beforehand what your child's needs are and we'll do our best to make sure he or she won't miss out. However, certain physical activities may not be suitable for everyone. An alternative will be arranged if possible. The facilities provided at the centre are beyond our control and may need investigation to find out if they are suitable for any particular disability. Please contact Joy Raynor to discuss the needs of your child.

What rules are there?

There are some rules to make sure that everyone's stay is as enjoyable and safe as possible and all campers must agree to keep them.

- Smoking, alcohol, drugs or other illegal substances are not permitted anywhere at camp.
- Potentially dangerous objects, weapons or replicas of weapons etc. (e.g. knives, guns etc.) must not be brought to camp.
- Medication, including over the counter medicines, should be handed in to the first aider. These may be returned to the young person at the discretion of the first aider and with the parent's permission.
- We reserve the right to send home any child whose behaviour is compromising the enjoyment and wellbeing or safety of others. In these circumstances we expect you to collect your child. If you cannot collect them you will be liable for any expenses incurred in returning your child home.
- If your child causes damage to fittings or equipment you may be asked to pay for repair or replacement, and your child may be sent home.
- If they deliberately trigger the fire alarm you will be asked to pay the fire service call out fee.
- Campers are expected to be responsible about what photographs and videos they take and post on social media.

The camp behaviour policy will be sent out with the kit list.

Health and Safety

All camp team members are required to work within the Moravian Church's Safeguarding Guidelines. They will all have recent DBS or AccessNI clearances. They will exercise all reasonable care in looking after the young people at Summer Camp. In return, the young people are expected to co-operate with the leaders.

Activities provided by outside contractors all have appropriately trained and checked instructors, risk assessments and insurance.

Our own staff will lead informal sports and games as part of the overall programme which will have been risk-assessed before the holiday begins.

Each age group has their own allocated First Aider, responsible for the health of the group. It is important you inform them of any infectious diseases your child has been in contact

with in the two weeks before the camp in addition to completing the Heath Form as fully as possible. If there is a change in details between booking and the camp please ensure the camp leaders have up to date information.

Photography and publicity

Photographs and videos taken during the camp may be used for publicity in print and on our web site. Full names will not be displayed. If you do not wish to have your child's photograph used in this way please ensure you have indicated this on the booking form. Failure to refuse permission will be taken as consent. We cannot be responsible for any photographs or videos taken by campers and posted on social media.

Clothing and pocket money

Casual clothes will be suitable for most activities and a full kit list will be sent with the information pack a few weeks before the holiday begins. Clothes may get muddy and wet so please ensure your child brings enough changes to allow for this. There'll be a disco one evening and the children usually like to dress up a bit for that.

All activities are included in the cost of Summer Camp so pocket money is only required for shopping during the off site excursions. We suggest not more than £20—£30 per child.

Electronic devices and phones

It is unrealistic to expect the young people to leave these at home but the church will not accept any responsibility for damage or loss of any electronic equipment (tablets, laptops, mp3 players, cameras etc.) or mobile phones. They remain the responsibility of the young people unless given to a leader. We recommend that the minimum is taken and they are insured by you. We have no idea how much phone signal there will be at Dovedale House for mobile phones. The variation between different networks may mean some young people will have signal and others none. Young people will be expected to be responsible in their usage of phones and other technology and inappropriate use may lead to confiscation.

What about insurance?

We strongly recommend that you take out insurance to cover belongings, especially electronic items, personal accident or in case you need to cancel.