

**Summer 2001
EXTRA**



Newsletter

Stop Press...

Three camps cancelled

As reported in the last newsletter, the Trustees had to face the possibility of cancelling all this summer's camps – unless more leader's applied by mid June. A final decision was made at a special Trustees meeting held on 22nd June. Read more inside.

Activities camp to go ahead

The worst case scenario of no camps at all for 2001 was avoided with a last minute increase in leaders for our Activities camp. This will now go ahead as planned. This is good news as it fits in well with what God was saying to the Trustees about the future. Read more inside.

Other news;

- New tent appeal success (back page)
- Details of camp setup weekend (inside)



Camp setup weekend

Even though we are only running one camp this year – we will still need to put together a camp site!

We are after some strong-handed help for the weekend of July 21–22.

For safety, supervision, and feeding reasons we don't want too many people on site at the same time. Please contact us well in advance so that we can get organised and make sure your help is utilised and rewarded (food!).

Contact Mark Wolstenholme on
01725 552388 / setup@hdcyc.org.uk

If we're not expecting you —
GO TO THE BEACH !

Setup programme;

Saturday (16 helpers needed)

Erect marquees (5)

Move heavy kitchen equipment

Sunday (16 helpers needed)

Fit out kitchen, plumbing, drainage

Complete marquees

Mon-Fri (help organised)

Tents, sports equipment, electrics, miscellaneous items.

MISSION STATEMENT

Caring / Challenging / Supporting

Our STRATEGY is;

To provide excellence in camping at all levels in a safe and caring environment.

To provide a challenging experience of adventure and discovery in order to develop individual personal skills.

To train young people in God's Word and to develop their spiritual maturity through a dedicated Christian leadership.

To challenge young people to "Know Christ, to Serve Christ and to Make Him known" in their future lives.

Our STRUCTURE will aim;

To use dynamic, well-trained and qualified leadership, who are able to stimulate self-reliance, resourcefulness, a love for God, and a dependence on the Word of God.

To have corporate worship, fellowship and instruction based on God's Word - the foundation of our camps.

To provide a structured programme of activities with controlled freedom of choice and participation.

To make Health and Safety a key priority, insisting that all leaders hold appropriate qualifications in accordance with current legislation.

✓ Activities Camp

✗ ~~Discipleship Camp~~

✗ ~~Girls Camp~~

✗ ~~Boys Camp~~

Notice of cancellation

It is with deep regret that we have decided to cancel all our summer camps, except for Activities. We have been unable to get enough volunteer leaders in time to provide the level of safety and care required for the Boys, Girls and Discipleship camps. Cancelling any camp is something we try very hard to avoid but the safety of the children entrusted to our care is paramount.

We apologise for the disruption that this late cancellation will cause, but we ask that everyone will understand that we will not run a camp which isn't safe or legal.

This has been a difficult year, first with the uncertainty over Foot and Mouth, and now with a lack of leaders. Next year we will need to start afresh with a new direction from God. If you wish to discuss anything about these cancellations please contact us.

Brian Collie
Administrator

What does this mean:

— For the future?

So serious were the implications of these cancellations and the reasons behind why they happened that the Trustees have been holding a series of meetings to discuss, pray and seek direction from God.

Up until the 23rd June, no one involved could answer the question “was there a future for H&D?” It was if God was waiting for us to get to our lowest and weakest point before answering! On that morning He spoke several times from His Word and through more than one person that he wanted us to take the risk of starting anew. It wasn't a call to put things right from the past, but to bring every aspect of the organisation before Him and look at it anew. This was something that we had begun to do already in a piecemeal way, but now God was saying to do it as a whole and before Him.

All this needs to be done in the short time before the next camping season. If you are excited about taking risks for God with us, please let us know.

— Financially?

Cancelling all of the camps would have put an almost unbearable financial strain on H&D. Because of the up-front costs of camp we would have faced a deficit of about £7000. Thankfully, by running the Activities camp, we should halve that deficit. This will make for a difficult start to our new future, but we look to God to provide.



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to the
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Do we have the right address?
If your address has changed or you are no longer the church contact for H&DCYC please let us know. We are happy to keep you on our supporters list unless you indicate otherwise. Thank you for your interest and support of camps. This is a valuable work for God amongst young people but we cannot do it without volunteer help.

Tent appeal – first response

The SOS appeal for funding towards new ridge tents has been answered, praise God. Money for three tents has been pledged; which is a great start to our investment programme. Hopefully we can get these tents ordered for the Activities camp. Watch the web site for photos in the autumn.

Just because this year has almost been a washout doesn't mean that we should allow the future of God's work to be threatened by not investing now.

Please pray about the finances and if you can help, via gift aid or fund raising ideas, please speak to David Smith (020 8997 7800) or Des Young (01980 619358) respectively.

Next newsletter (due out in October)

Full report on Activities camp and news about the fresh-start H&D and how you can get involved...