



## Big Weekend 2021 Information for Parents

We know that allowing your child to go away for the weekend can feel like a big deal. At CYM we are passionate and experienced in residential children's work, and it's really important to us that your child is safe, happy and has an amazing time with us. Below is some information about what we'll be exploring over the weekend which we hope will allow you as a parent to relax and enjoy a peaceful few days.

Although we are a Christian organisation and will be learning lots about God over the weekend, you do not have to be a Christian to come. Anyone in years 4-6 is welcome.

### **Theme**

*Don't you know? Haven't you been listening? Yahweh is the **one and only** everlasting God, the Creator of all you can see and imagine!*

*He never gets weary or worn out. His intelligence is unlimited; he is never puzzled over what to do! He empowers the feeble and infuses the powerless with increasing strength. Even young people faint and get exhausted; athletic ones may stumble and fall.*

*But those who wait for Yahweh's **grace** will experience **divine** strength.*

*They will rise up on soaring wings and fly like eagles, run **their race** without growing weary, and walk **through life** without giving up.*

Isaiah 40:28-31 TPT

Big Weekend 2021 will look at what it means to trust a limitless God when we feel limited. While this is partially related to the Covid-19 situation, we know it is also very relevant to a lot of the challenges and issues children (and adults) were facing before the pandemic and are likely to continue to be facing afterwards. The heart behind the weekend is to help children to understand the limitless love, strength, peace and joy of God and how trusting him can help them through any challenges life throws at them.

There will be four main teaching sessions each followed by time in streams to give us the opportunity to unpack the topics further.

### **Streams**

After each main session, children will split off into their chosen streams, where a variety of themed activities will help us to open up the topic from the main session and create opportunity for discussion and reflection. The streams we are offering are: creative (using art, writing, music, and making things), active (using sport and physical activities) and adventure (using games, challenges and exploration). Children will have the opportunity to choose their stream before they come to the weekend.

### **Activities**

As well as the main sessions, we have put aside lots of time for fun, games and spending time with friends. We work really hard to make sure there is something that appeals to everyone and we encourage children to give everything a go, but we will never force anybody to take part in something with which they are not comfortable.



## **Safety**

Our team is made up of experienced Children's Workers, many of whom are CYM staff, Primary School teachers or involved in children's work in local churches. They are all DBS checked, have up to date safeguarding training and follow our strict Child Protection Policy. Children will be signed in upon arrival and signed out again when they leave at the end of the weekend. There will always be at least two qualified First Aiders on site, and every activity that we do is risk assessed. We will ensure that we are fully compliant with all COVID-19 guidance.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Lucy ([lucy@c-y-m.org.uk](mailto:lucy@c-y-m.org.uk)) with any questions or for any more information.

If you would like to see Christian Youth Ministries' Child Protection Policy, please contact our Director, Simon Scott: [info@c-y-m.org.uk](mailto:info@c-y-m.org.uk)