

F.A.Q

YMCA CT Summer Camp 2017

When will the camp take place?

Camp dates: Thursday 14 December 2017 to Sunday, 17 December 2017.

Where will the camp take place?

SOS Outdoor Centre – Villiersdorp – Just over an hour’s drive from Cape Town. It has a Mountain and River Site – and both are surrounded by unique Fynbos – which is indigenous to the Western Cape.

How is the YMCA involved with the camp?

Every year we take school kids (Y-Zoners from our programmes) out on a camp during the December holidays. These children come from severely challenged socio-economic areas – broken families – some have been subjected to drugs and violence – some have no families – many have never left their homes – and the aim is to afford them a few days away from their home environment – to experience another kind of life. We want to end the year off by spoiling them “by providing a camp free of charge.”

Who is involved with the camp?

Our dedicated team of trained staff and volunteers will see to the needs of the children for the duration of the camp. Safety is of great importance to us and we will endeavour to allow these kids a “never to be forgotten experience!”

How are the campers supervised?

Campers are divided into groups according to age. Each group has a Group Leader. There is a Senior Team of Leaders who oversee the smooth running of the camp under the watchful eye of an experienced Camp Director. Campers are NEVER left unattended.

What does the campsite have to offer?

Bundu Bush (obstacle course); Rock climbing wall; Canoeing, hiking trails; swimming pool (campers are not allowed near the pool without supervision) and sports field for teamwork activities; etc... which will enable us to keep the campers occupied with loads of fun activities and teach them various forms of life skills too.



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What is the accommodation like at the campsite?

The Mountain site consists of 5 x 32-bed Dormitories styled rooms; separate male and female ablution facilities. It also has a large dining/meeting hall; a fully functioning kitchen; grassed play areas; braai and campfire areas; etc...

What if my child gets hurt or sick on the camp?

We will have a Camp Medic who is trained in First Aid. He/she handling minor injuries only. For more severe cases – campers will be taken to the local doctor and the parents will be notified.

What is the cost for a Y Participant to go on this camp?

“Sponsored campers” pay R1 100 p/child to attend the Y Summer Camp (this includes food, accommodation, transport to and from the camp site) - We encourage all YMCA participants to contribute R200 towards the camp by raising funds using the raffle forms provided by us.

Can I send my child on camp even if they don't attend a YMCA programmes?

Yes, you can send your child(ren) to the camp. The cost per child is R1300.

How can I as a non - member of the YMCA get involved?

Our [#1kidCAMPaign initiative](#) is to enable all our Y Zone children to attend the camp. So, your sponsorship or donation towards sending a child (children) to the camp is already a great help. Or, if you prefer to “donate in kind” (sporting equipment; food items; etc...) for the camp – that would be greatly appreciated.

Interesting Facts:

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors - we were able to send 87 youngsters on a camp last year. We hope to increase the number for this year.

For more information

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