

CREATION FEST

Creation Fest Youth Leaders Guide

What is Creation Fest?

History & Vision

Creation Fest began in the summer of 2002 in Woolacombe, North Devon, as a one-day event and developed into a three-day festival. In 2009, Creation Fest moved to The Royal Cornwall Events Centre (Royal Cornwall Showground) in Wadebridge and extended into a full seven-day festival.

Creation Fest exists in order to share the good news of the God who has created us and loves us, of His Son, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us, and of the Spirit who guides us. Our desire is that Christians would know and love Jesus more as they stand on the authority of Scripture, and that churches would come together in greater unity.

We are excited to announce that at Creation Fest 2017 we will be expanding our provision for young people. Our heart is to provide a programme that is easily accessible for youth leaders in the South West of the country and beyond to bring their young people to. We have a passion to see young people encounter and connect with God in a way that is transforming and enables them to stand up for Jesus and live out their faith in everyday life. Our desire is to accomplish this by encouraging:

Community

We see community as essential to Christianity. Community is the context in which discipleship was designed by God to take place. There are a number of ways in which we encourage young people to engage in community during their week at Creation Fest.

Separate camping area - Our new youth camping area, Plot J, has been designated for youth leaders and their youth groups to have a separate area designed to build community and encourage creativity. Specifically designated for under 18s, camping with their youth leaders.

Sports

Sports are a great way to develop community. It provides opportunities to get to know new people, to develop inter-personal and teamwork skills. During the week there will be plenty of opportunity for young people to engage in a variety of sporting activities, led by the Youth for Christ team.

Chill Space

Each evening, we will host a Youth Club from 7–10pm with a chill space, active cafe, and space for casual conversations in our teen venue.

Evangelism

Our passion is to share Jesus and see young people transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. During the week there will be opportunity for young people to hear the gospel and to hear stories of people from around the world whose lives have been changed and transformed by Jesus. We partner with Christian Skaters, Youth for Christ, SWYM, 4Front Theatre, Faith Rx and a variety of other teams for creative evangelism.

Discipleship

We desire to see young Christians encouraged and built up in their faith.

We have a varied programme for young people to connect with that we pray will encourage them in their daily walk with Jesus. Each morning (10am) and evening (6pm) will include a teen celebration service with relevant teaching, dynamic worship, creative integrations, small group discussions, and afternoon workshop options to dig deeper in faith!

Additional Information

How do I book camping?

Simply go online to www.creationfest.org.uk/camping to book your summer adventure! (Booking opens 20th January 2017)

How much does it cost?

Early Bird pricing is £12 per adult, per night and £6.50 per under 18, per night. Bring your own food but admission to the event is FREE!

How do I travel to Creation Fest?

By road...to Wadebridge, PL277JE

By rail & local bus, via National Express (bus) or Bodmin Parkway (train)

What will I do when I arrive with my young people?

Check in at our camping offices, meet our friendly welcome team, set up your tents, and join in the celebration! Our big kick-off is Saturday 5 August from 7pm in The Big Shed, but your youth group can arrive from Friday 4 August if you'd like to set up early.

What do I need to consider before bringing a group to Creation Fest?

- Leaders must be 18 or over.
- Leaders must be DBS certified.
- Provide contact information - As a leader you are responsible for the care of the young people that you bring. If required we will need to contact you and then it will be your responsibility to call their home.

What will we need to bring?

- We would suggest that you do not bring any valuables with you. Tents cannot be secured and anything that you bring will be your responsibility.
- We have a suggested kit list which is included at the end of this guide.

What other camping facilities are available?

- Showers (May be busy at peak times, please be patient.)
- Electrical Hook up (additional charge)
- Phone Charging (in the camping offices)
- Freezer Packs (in the camping offices)
- FREE Car parking
- First Aid
- Tesco...just across the road

What time do I have to leave by?

- Our final event finishes at 10pm on Friday 11 August in The Big Shed. Hit the road no later than noon the next day!

Are there any camping rules during the duration of our stay at Creation Fest?

- At Creation Fest we love to see different people enjoying the camping facilities. We therefore seek a culture of respect on the campsite, both for property and other campers. Therefore there are some rules that campers would be expected to adhere to. This is not to

restrict but to ensure that all those campers are not only safe but have an enjoyable time. Feel free to check our website for a full list of camping rules.

What is the daily programme at Creation Fest?

- Teen Venue...
 - 10am - Morning Celebration
 - 1pm – 5pm - Afternoon spiritual, creative and practical workshops
 - 6pm - Evening Celebration
 - 7-10pm - Chill out Cafe OR join the live music and Gospel preaches in The Big Shed
 - 10pm - After hours party
 - 12 midnight - Bedtime!
- PLUS 13 other amazing venues with live music, skate park, fitness factory, outdoor pony experiences, and much more!

Will our young people be expected to attend all the sessions that are provided?

- Although we will not force anyone to attend any events, we would ask you as youth leaders encourage your young people to attend the various key celebrations.

Suggested Kit List

Tent & Sleeping Stuff

- Camping chairs
- Folding tables
- Solar powered or electric lanterns – please don't use gas inside tents!
- Tents should be fully waterproof and sturdy, able to withstand the glorious British summer weather! This means an intact, attached ground sheet and waterproof lining. Avoid flimsy pop-up tents designed for one use at festivals - they give in to the wind and rain very quickly!
- Tent for female leaders
- Tent for male leaders
- Tents for male youth
- Tents for female youth
- Sleeping bags (bring a few spares and keep them in the car!)
- Roll mats/camping bed/air bed to sleep on
- Tent pegs (bring spares!)
- Rope/guide rope (for weather proofing tents if windy)
- Mallets

Kitchen Stuff

- Cool box
- Ice blocks (you can exchange them for frozen ones in the camping offices)
- Washing up rack
- Calor gas canister
- Connecting tube and clamps/clips to secure to your cooker
- Camping stove
- Lighters
- Washing up bowls
- Teapot
- Cafetière
- Water bottles (large ones for drinking water)
- Tables
- Tea towels
- Kitchen roll
- Black bin bags for general waste
- Recycling friendly bin bags for cardboard, plastic and glass

- Washing up cloths & scourers
- Cooking pots
- Frying pans
- Utensils (spoons, ladles, spatulas, tongs)
- Washing up liquid

Kit list for young people

- Tent (with poles & pegs) or arrange to share with your friends (in single sex tents!)
- Air bed, camping bed or roll mat
- Sleeping bag (or a duvet and sheet to fit your air bed)
- Pillow & pillowcase
- Plate & cutlery for meal times
- Tea towel
- Torch (with spare batteries)
- Bible, notebook & pen
- Toiletries & towel
- Warm clothes – enough for a week
- Underwear & socks – enough for a week
- Two pairs of trainers/shoes (in case one gets wet/muddy)
- Skateboard/scooter & helmet (if you plan to use the park!)
- Waterproof jacket & trousers
- Wellies and thick socks

Find out more?

Email Festival Coordinator Sarah Yardley, sarah@creationfest.org.uk

OR visit creationfest.org.uk to explore our resources and activities.