



CREATION FEST

YOUTH LEADERS GUIDE

2020

So you want to bring your group to Creation Fest?

Firstly, we're so excited that you want to join us! We've put this guide together to give you all the information that you'll need to plan a fantastic week away in the glorious Cornish countryside. We've included everything that we hope you will find useful, and that will make your jobs as youth leaders easier - from an overview of the programme to practical hints and tips, including forms and packing lists.

What is Creation Fest?

Creation Fest exists to celebrate the good news of a God who loves us through festivals, events, and gatherings designed to creatively communicate the Christian faith and inspire others to do the same.

We love to celebrate the joy of walking in faith, and invite men and women, young and old, artists and accountants, seekers and sceptics to discover the free gift of God, Jesus Christ.

Our aim is to put on brilliant, free, fun events that bring Christians closer to Jesus, and that are accessible and attractive to those who don't know God, or who are on the fringes of church community. At our annual festival, we have a skate ramp because it lets us talk to skaters about Jesus. We run a full kids and youth programme so that families can come and grow in their faith together. We bring in great Christian bands because music is its own language. We run an arts stream, fitness programme, bonfire nights, barn dances, silent discos, late night film screenings and much, much more so that the largest possible audience is drawn in, coming for the fun but staying to hear the good news of a God who loves them.

So what can my young people expect?

Oh... just a little bit of everything that's fabulous and fun. The Creation Fest Youth Village is a whole mini-festival just for young people. Designed to be accessible to all, it's the perfect place for your young people to invite their non-Christian friends, or youth leaders to bring those on the fringes of church life. Once here, your young people will find new ways to engage and go deeper with God, high-energy fun, games and activities, a place to kick back and relax, and loads of content specifically designed to help them discover the extraordinary journey of life and faith.

Our two main youth venues, **Riptide** (for years 7-9) and **Pipeline** (for years 10-13), run a jam-packed daily programme that includes morning sessions, small groups, seminar streams, evening celebrations and fun activities, all specifically designed for young people. It's not all compulsory, and young people are welcome to attend as little or as much as they'd like – although we'd obviously encourage everyone to get stuck in and prioritise the morning meetings!

Growing up in faith is best done with friends, and so we love to partner with organisations such as Youth for Christ, Reboot, Tearfund and The Message Trust who last year delivered a killer set of talks around identity, living in truth, living with questions and living extraordinary.

Want to chill out? The Cove youth café and the Youth Lounge are open daily for snacks, drinks, games and more!

SO, WHAT CAN MY YOUNG PEOPLE EXPECT?





WHAT ELSE IS ON OFFER?

After Hours

Silent discos, barn dances, bonfires and fireworks – our late-night youth programme means that the fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. From open mic nights to freak shakes and silent discos, tell your young people to get some sleep in now...

Life on a Mission

Because why should a festival just stay on site? As well as learning and growing in their faith, give your young people the opportunity to put their faith into practise and join a Creation Fest outreach team. Throughout the week, we run events at nearby towns and beaches to share the good news of the God who loves us and invite people to Creation Fest. Full training and supervision provided.

Skate Park

One of the coolest venues on site, the Creation Fest skate park is the largest free-to-attend skate park in the South West. Whether pro or beginner, bring a skateboard, scooter or BMX and be a part of all that is the Creation Fest Skate – don't forget your helmet.

What's on when?

The Skate Park is open from 12:00 – 22:00 daily, with a packed programme that includes skate comps, pro demos, open sessions, skate devotionals and specific times for beginners, advanced and girls skate.

Register to skate

The skate park is free, but young people will need to register online or at the park. For under-18's, this requires parental consent so don't forget to share the link with your young people and their parents/carers before you come.

Sports Zone

With at least three different sports taking place at any one time on our street pitches and sports cages every afternoon, plus the Match of the Day on the sports field, there's something to keep everyone busy. Expect all the favourites as well as some more unusual offerings, all overseen by qualified coaches who love pausing to pray and share stories every hour, on the hour.

Arts Workshop

The Arts Workshop is a creative space to connect with God through arts. Daily workshops include all kinds of activities from collages to collaborative dance, pottery to poetry, watercolour to writing, led by inspiring artists from all over the world.

There's a small charge of £2 for some arts workshops to cover materials.

Fun Zone

It just isn't a festival without some fun! The fun zone includes rides and games, inflatables, face painting, graffiti art, a slip 'n' slide, as well as some fun interactive experiences from our partners, such as the MAF Rescue Challenge and the Compassion Experience truck.

Most fun zone activities require tokens, which can be purchased from the Information Point in the Big Shed.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT CREATION FEST

And what about youth leaders?

Because we're not just a youth festival, there's loads going on across the site for all ages, making it the perfect place not only for youth groups but families or whole-church groups too.

The Deck

A café just for parents and youth leaders. This is the place for great coffee and conversation, with workshops designed to encourage you in your work with young people. Part of the Youth Village, it's the perfect spot for supporting your younger young people at a distance.

Kids Programmes

Jesus loves kids, and so do we! As well as Splash, our stay and play provision for children aged 0-4 years and their parents or carers, your children can join Waves (Reception to Year 2) or Breakers (Years 3-6) for daily morning and afternoon sessions jam-packed with fun activities, games, music and great Bible teaching. Plus: workshops for parents and carers and a daily afternoon all-family worship session, Family Time.

Stretch your mind

As well as our morning teaching sessions in the Big Shed, there's a whole host of seminars throughout the afternoon to make you think. Check out the Creation Fest School of Worship, live Q&A panels on the day's hottest topics, daily teatime testimonies and more. Don't fancy the noise of the Big Shed evening celebration? Try Worship and The Word, our smaller, more intimate nightly gathering.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does it cost to get into Creation Fest?

Creation Fest is free to attend, making it super-easy for non-campers to join you for a day (or more!). If you'd like to camp, head to our website for camping prices. Once you're at the festival, everything is free except the fun zone activities, which require tokens (these can be purchased on site) and some arts workshops, which make a small charge to cover materials.

How do we get there?

You can find maps and directions on our website. If you are travelling by road, head for the Royal Cornwall Events Centre, Whitecross, nr Wadebridge, PL27 7JE. The nearest railway station is Bodmin Parkway or you can travel via National Express bus to Wadebridge where a local bus service will connect you to Whitecross and stops right outside the showground.

What do we do when we arrive?

Check in at our camping offices, meet our friendly welcome team, set up your tents, and join into the celebration! Creation Fest kicks off at 12 noon on Saturday 1 August, but you can arrive from noon on Friday 31 July if you'd like to set up early. (Please note: only the campsite will be open on Friday. The main festival site will still be under construction so please keep your young people safe and away from the venues during this time).

Car parking is free, but please ensure your car is moved off the campsite and into the car park as soon as you have unloaded. For health and safety reasons, cars are not allowed to remain on the campsite (apart from designated accessible areas).

How old do I need to be to bring a group?

All under-18s must camp with a youth leader who is 18 or over. It is your responsibility to ensure that your leaders are DBS certified and have adequate safeguarding procedures in place to cover the trip. Leaders are responsible for supervising their young people, and holding contact information for the young people that they bring and emergency contact information for parents/carers.



Are there any camping/site rules?

At Creation Fest we love to see everyone having fun and enjoying the camping facilities. To create a culture of respect, both for property and other campers, there are some rules that campers are expected to adhere to. These are not designed to restrict, but to ensure that everyone remains safe and has an enjoyable time. Our site rules can be found on our website: <https://creationfest.org.uk/summer-festival/camping/site-rules/>

Please have a read through before booking, as doing so implies your consent in abiding by these rules and enforcing them for your group.

What facilities are there?

We have permanent and portable shower and toilet blocks on the campsite, as well as fully accessible facilities. Like most festivals, these may be busy at peak times, so please be patient with our volunteer cleaning team and let us know if you see any problems that might require our attention!

Electric hook-ups and dinner/communal tents can be booked, at an additional charge, when you book your camping.

Phones can be charged and freezer packs re-frozen in our camping office.

What about food?

Onsite: We have several onsite cafés, all serving a great range of hot and cold drinks, barista coffee, cakes, pastries and snacks. There are festival food trucks on the Main Street serving good-to-go fast food from around the globe. These vary from year to year but usually include options such as noodles, tacos, burgers, pizza and more.

Supermarkets: There is a Tesco, Aldi and Marks and Spencer within walking distance of the showground, plus a great selection of shops, cafes and restaurants in nearby Wadebridge town (5 minute drive, 20 minute walk).

Camp cooking: Please feel free to bring a portable stove or BBQ, but please make sure that these are kept off the ground and out of tents. No open fires or fire pits are allowed on the showground but do feel free to join us for the Creation Fest campfire (see programme for details).

What time do we have to leave by?

Creation Fest finishes at 22:00 on Friday 7 August. Hit the road no later than noon on Saturday 8 August.

We're in! What next?

Great! Head to our website to book your camping spot. We've got some great early bird deals and group camping rates, so the earlier you book and the more people you bring, the better value it is for your group <http://creationfest.org.uk/camping>

This is where you can also book additional communal tents and electric hook ups, as well as reserving your spot in our dedicated youth camping area, especially designated for under-18s and their youth leaders. This is the place to be if you want to hang out with other young people, build community and make new friends.

PACKING LIST FOR LEADERS

What do we need to bring?

We would suggest that you leave valuables at home when camping. Although this is a Christian festival, it is open to the public and anything that you bring onto site is at your own risk and remains your responsibility at all times.

Suggested Kit List for leaders:

Camping stuff

- Camping chairs
- Folding tables
- Solar powered or electric lanterns - please don't use gas inside tents!
- Tents: *These 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.*
- You will need single-sex tents for both leaders and young people (unless married).
- Sleeping bag (or duvet and sheet)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Air bed, camping bed or roll mat
- Tent pegs (bring spares)
- Rope/guide rope (for weather proofing tents if windy)
- Mallets

Kitchen Stuff

- Cool box
- Ice blocks (bring enough to rotate and re-freeze in the camping office)
- Washing up rack
- Cooking gas canister + tube and clamps/ clips to secure to your stove
- Camping stove
- Lighter/matches
- Washing up bowl and tea towels
- Washing up liquid and cloths
- Pots and pans
- Crockery and cutlery
- Utensils
- Black bags for rubbish / containers to separate recycling
- Teapot
- Cafetière
- Reusable drinks cup
- Water bottles (large ones for drinking water)



PACKING LIST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Tent (with poles and pegs) or arrange to share with a friend (single-sex tents only please!)
- Air bed, camping bed or roll mat
- Sleeping bag (or duvet and sheet)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Plate and cutlery
- Water bottle
- Mug or reusable drinks cup
- Tea towel
- Torch and spare batteries
- Bible and notebook
- Warm clothes – enough for the week
- Underwear and socks (plus spares)
- Toiletries and a towel
- Two pairs of trainers/shoes (in case one gets wet/muddy)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Wellies and thick socks
- Sun cream and a sun hat
- Skateboard, scooter and helmet (if you plan to use the skate park)



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ROYAL CORNWALL EVENTS CENTRE
WADEBRIDGE, CORNWALL

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This summer we are planning to take a group from *[INSERT CHURCH NAME]* to **Creation Fest at the Royal Cornwall Events Centre in Cornwall**. Creation Fest is a Christian festival where there will be music, arts workshops, a skate park, sports programmes and fun activities, as well as youth meetings that will include Christian music, prayer and teaching from the Bible. If you'd like to find out more, please go to: www.creationfest.org.uk

The dates for the event are 1-7 August 2020 and the cost of the event is *[INSERT TOTAL COST]* per head.

If your child wishes to come, please fill in the attached form and return to me with a *[INSERT DEPOSIT AMOUNT AND/OR FULL PAYMENT AMOUNT, AND PAYMENT DEADLINE(S) HERE]*. Please make all cheques payable to *[INSERT CHURCH NAME]*.

(OPTIONAL: IF CAMPING) This is a camping event so your child will need to bring a tent (or share with a friend of the same sex), sleeping bag, camping mat and warm / waterproof clothing!

Your child will be supervised by members of the *[INSERT CHURCH NAME]* team who will take the group to the event and camp with them. All team members are fully DBS checked and approved. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do feel free to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,

[INSERT NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS]

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PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: _____

CHILD NAME: _____

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____
MEDICATION REQUIRED: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT

NAME: _____
ADDRESS _____
HOME TELEPHONE: _____
MOBILE: _____

- ☐ I give permission for my child to attend Limitless Festival.
- ☐ I give permission for the *insert church name* team to contact my child directly to help make arrangements for the event.
- ☐ I enclose a deposit of *insert deposit amount*.
- ☐ I enclose the full payment of *insert full payment amount*.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____