

Dartmoor



Christian Camp

2023



Who Are We?

The Dartmoor Christian Camp is run by a group of Christians from Whipton Chapel, Exeter and Belmont Hall, Harrow. The leaders of the camp are involved with working with children throughout the year and our desire is to give children an exciting, fun holiday in a Christian environment and at an affordable price. During the week, as part of the daily programme, we will be looking at the Bible to learn together about the Lord Jesus and what He has done for us.

Where is the Holiday?

The holiday is going to be at:

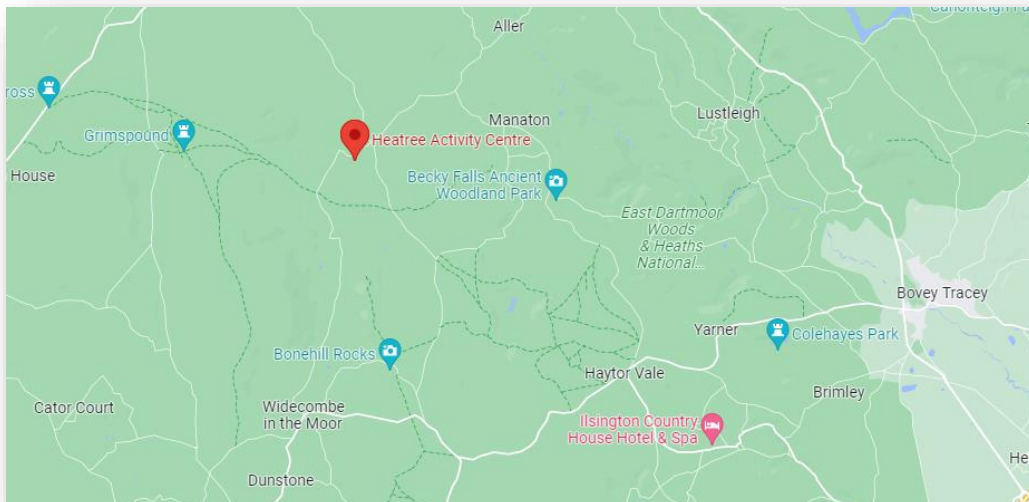
Heatree Activity Centre

Manaton

Devon

TQ13 9XE

<https://www.heatree.org>



Heatree is a well-equipped activity centre hidden away in the Dartmoor countryside. The children will be sleeping in rooms that sleep three or four, with a mixture of bunk beds and single beds. Each room has its own en-suite bathroom and there is a dining room and lounge area.

Heatree has a lot of grounds for the children to play in and with a short walk it is possible to be up on the nearby Tors.



When is the holiday?

The holiday is for one week during August. The dates of the week are:

Saturday 12th August 2023 — Saturday 19th August 2023



Who can come on the holiday?

The holiday is for young people, girls and boys over the age of 10 years old. This means that you must be 10 years old by the 12th August 2023.

They must also be the sort of person who is not going to mind being away from home for a week and participating in lots of different types of activities, both indoors and outdoors.

What are we going to do on the holiday?

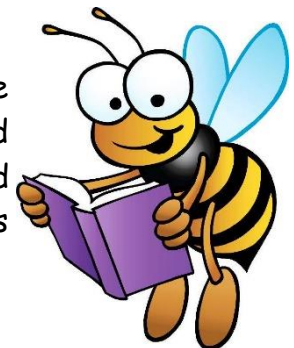
We are hoping to organise a wide range of exciting activities for all to take part in. It is difficult to say exactly what we will be doing at the moment as we are still trying to arrange the activities. However, there is likely to be:



- Outdoor sports such as football, volleyball and rounders.
- Orienteering and treasure hunts.
- Adventure activities like Rock climbing, canoeing. Bike riding, high rope courses etc
- Swimming in local pools and in the sea on visits to the beach.

All these activities will be properly planned and supervised and obviously the children's safety is always the most important factor.

Each morning during the week there will be a 'quiet time', where each room will spend time in reading the Bible together and learning about the Lord Jesus Christ. Each evening we will spend time having quizzes and singing and building upon the ideas discussed in the 'quiet time' that morning.



There will be some free time each day during which there will be a tuck shop. The children will be able to bring a small amount of spending money, for the tuck shop and trips out, which they will put into the 'camp bank'.

How much will it cost?

The weeks holiday is going to cost £80 per person under 18 years old. The cost includes everything: food, accommodation and activities. This is the price for those attending from Harrow or Exeter.

The true cost of a full week's activity based holiday at Heatree Activity Centre would be typically be in the region of £300 per child but we have been able to reduce this cost with a bursary fund and specific giving by the two churches to make this very affordable for the children who attend the youth groups regularly.



This price does not include the price of transport which is free.

How do I pay for the holiday?

A payment of £30.00 deposit per person will have to be paid as soon as possible to reserve your place. **Remember** there are only a limited number of places, so it is first come first served. We will run a reserve list in case there are those who drop out although the deposit is a non-refundable deposit.

You may pay by either cash or cheque. Cheques can be made payable to **Dartmoor Christian Camp**. Or you can pay by the bank **use the following details:**

Bank: Natwest
Account: 30735335
Sort Code: 60-17-19

If you pay via an online payment please use your child's name as the reference. Can you then also you email Suzanne Fenn to let her know the payment has been made. Her thefennfamily@hotmail.com

You will be given a receipt when you have paid the full amount.

The total amount of £80.00 including the deposit or £50.00 final payment needs to be paid by **Sunday 16th July 2023**.

If your child does not attend the youth groups at either Whipton Chapel in Exeter or Belmont Hall in Harrow then please do get in touch if you would like your child to attend. Whilst the cost may be higher it would be good to hear from you and discuss whether your child is able to attend this year's camp.

Can I pay by instalments?

If it will be easier for you to pay by instalments over a period of time, then we do not mind accepting regular payments in this way.

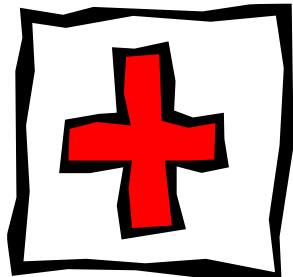
We obviously do not want anybody to be disappointed however the places are limited and we do reserve the right not to accept an applicant.

What else do I need to know?

If there is anything else that you want to know, please don't hesitate to speak to us. If there is any reason why your child cannot come but would really like to, please talk to us and we will see if there is any way that we could help you.

What information do we need to have?

We really do need to know anything about your children that you think will be important. It is essential that we do know all about any medical conditions and any medication that is being taken. There will be instructors and some of the camp leaders qualified with first aid. Any medicines will be kept safely. If your child is suffering around the time of the holiday, from an infectious illness, they cannot come along unless a doctor says that it will be all right.



In the unlikely event of an emergency we might need to contact the parents or guardians. It is very important therefore that we have an address and phone number of where we can get in contact with you during the week. If you are going to be away during the week we then need a name and address of someone who is going to assume responsibility.

We want the holiday to be very enjoyable for all who are on it, organisers as well as children. We do therefore have a few basic rules which we want all the children to abide by. We have outlined these so please make sure that you and your children agree with them before filling in the application form. We feel sure that there will be no discipline problems during the week however if there are any who persistently are disobedient then they will be sent home early as we do not want the holiday ruined for everyone. We would therefore appreciate it if you as parents / guardians are going to be away at the same time as your child that you could leave the name and address of someone who is going to assume responsibility in your absence.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

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How do I apply?

If you do want your child to come to camp, then you will need to fill in an online form at this address: <https://forms.office.com/r/hJR5udFwvM> You can access this by using this QR code on your phone, which takes you directly to the form.



The form will ask for information about child, your contact details, any medical conditions, any allergies and dietary information and your consent for your child to go swimming, walk around a Dartmoor town, to have photos used on social media and also for us to act in an emergency in relation to any medical treatment should this be necessary whilst they are away.

Once you have completed the form, please can you make the payment, either in person by cash or cheque, or online direct into our camp bank account.

Keeping Children Safe and The Camp Rules

We take very seriously the safety of all the children who attend the week's holiday. Each Church has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, all the Youth Workers are DBS checked and have regular safeguarding training. You can find the individual policies on the Whipton Chapel web site www.whiptonchapel.org and the Belmont Hall web site www.belmonthall.org.uk. All of the activities are risk assessed to ensure that they are run safely and the adventure activities delivered by Heatree Activity Centre are run by experienced and qualified outdoor education instructors and all their activities are risk assessed and governed by ALAA <https://www.hse.gov.uk/aala/>

We expect the highest standards of behaviour from the children who attend the camp and below is an overview of the rules that we have set down for the children to follow and ensure that the week is enjoyed by all; both children and the youth leaders.

- If you have any difficulties of any kind, make sure that you speak to a leader who will then be able to help you.
- A high standard of behaviour is expected at all times throughout the week. You will need to have respect for other people, whether on or off camp, and for other people's property.
- You will be expected to act responsibly and sensibly, especially when we are off site. You will show respect for the countryside around us.
- We want you to have a positive attitude towards the holiday so that it can be enjoyed by all.
- You will be expected to participate, unless there is a very good reason why you cannot, in all the activities provided on the holiday.
- There will be different duties that you will have to help with during the week. An example is cleaning up the dining hall.
- You must respond immediately to whatever you are asked to do by any of the leaders on the holiday.
- You must not leave the site of Heatree House at any time without the accompaniment or permission of a leader.
- You must obey instructions given by activity instructors as this is very important for safety.
- You must not leave the building at night time without the permission of a leader.
- Please leave all technology at home bar your phone. However, you will only be allowed to use this at set points in a day to call parents. It cannot be used for listening to music, playing games, messaging friends etc. You are on holiday on Dartmoor!
- Please do not bring any pocket knives etc. on the holiday.
- Smoking is strictly forbidden on the holiday.

