



Cumbria Christian Youth Camp Trust

Leadership Roles at CCYC

What is CCYC?

CCYC is a tented camp held at Braithwaite Memorial Institute, near Keswick in the Lake District. It is arranged each year with the express purpose of telling young people about the Lord Jesus Christ. The camp is for approximately 160 boys and girls between the age of 11 and 16, who are arranged in groups of 8 or 9 under the care of a Tent Leader. The children come from all over Cumbria and a few from other parts of the country. Some have a Church, Sunday School, Youth Club background but others have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Camp activities include inter-tent and individual competitions, indoor and outdoor games, climbing, canoeing, crafts, drama etc. Most of the activities are organised by Camp Leaders except for more technical outdoor pursuits such as rock climbing, ghyll scrambling, etc. The dates for 2025 are Saturday 2nd to Saturday 9th August and the cost is £130 for a leader. A Leaders Preparation Day is also being organised for Saturday 28th June at Hebron Church, Carlisle. Building the Camp starts on Thursday 31st July for those available.

What are the beliefs and aims of CCYC?

Statement of Faith

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and is true in every detail.
2. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God.
3. Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary, rose from the dead on the third day, ascended back to Heaven where He now lives.
4. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only way a person can be saved from eternal punishment.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ will return to take His people to Heaven for eternity.

Aims of Camp

1. To provide a holiday for young people in a safe and caring environment.
2. To teach young people the truth of God's Word and challenge them with the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. To encourage and nurture young Christians in their Faith.

What types of Leaders are needed at CCYC?

Camp needs the skills of committed Christians in four main capacities:

- **Tent Leaders** - Who will be responsible for the care of a group of 8 or 9 children throughout the week.
- **Assistant Tent Leaders** - Usually young Christians or those new to camp, who will assist and support a Tent Leader in their responsibilities.
- **Support Team** - The backup team who have a variety of responsibilities from driving mini-buses to serving at mealtimes to cleaning toilets!
- **Cooks** - Those prepared to get up early, go to bed late and work non-stop all day!!!

How do I apply to come to CCYC?

Firstly, and most importantly, please prayerfully consider if the Lord wants you to come to Camp. If you want to find out more about Camp before deciding, please visit the website (<http://ccyc.uk>), get in touch with one of the Trustees (listed below) or speak to someone who has worked at Camp in the last few years. The Leader Application Form should be returned to Ian Baxter (address details below or email to ccyc@btinternet.com). CCYC will reach out to your **Church Elder/Minister** referee (identified on your form) to ask them to complete the reference form.

Responsibilities of Tent Leaders

The importance of Tent Leaders in camp work cannot be overestimated since they have the greatest contact with the campers. The following list of “responsibilities” is an attempt to outline this role and to give some guidelines as to what is involved. Tent Leaders should be at least 18 years old and be totally committed to the Lord Jesus, to camp and its success.

1. Prepare yourself in prayer and in your walk with the Lord before you come to camp.
2. Attend the monthly camp prayer meetings, whenever possible, and the Leaders Training day.
3. Pray specifically for the children in your tent before, during and after camp.
4. Aim to explain to each camper in your tent at least once during the week:
 - Who Jesus is.
 - Why he died and rose again.
 - How they can know his forgiveness and new life.
5. Adopt a safe and caring attitude with the children at all times.
6. Explain the Camp Safety Code to your campers on arrival.
7. Know the whereabouts of your campers and ensure they are all in attendance at meal times.
8. Ensure the children know how to check in and out of camp when going off-site.
9. When off-site do not take more than 8 campers per leader and stay with the children at all times.
10. Be alert for any problems in your tent. Avoid favouritism or victimisation! Be reasonable, sympathetic but firm and uphold the camp rules.
11. Get involved in as many of the camp activities as possible, as this also encourages the kids to participate.
12. Make sure you know how to look after your tent and know how to keep your campers warm and dry.
13. Do not leave site unnecessarily. If it is essential that you leave site, inform one of the Senior Leaders so they can appoint a new Leader for your campers until you return.

Responsibilities of Assistant Tent Leaders

Assistants are in general younger or less experienced than a Tent Leader and would be allocated to help a Tent Leader on the basis of how useful he/she will be to that particular Leader and how much they will learn from being in that position. Assistants should be at least 17 years old at the start of camp or have their 17th birthday during August following camp. As with Tent Leaders, commitment to the Lord Jesus and to camp are paramount.

1. Aim to share your knowledge of the Lord Jesus with the campers in your tent.
2. Be aware of all safety aspects on site and apply the Camp Safety Code.
3. Assist your Tent Leader at meal times, meeting times and with any duties allocated to your tent.
4. Join in and encourage the campers to take part in all the activities planned for them. (You would **not** be expected to be solely responsible for taking campers on off-site activities.)
5. Be aware of any problems with the children in your tent but pass on the responsibility for discipline to your Tent Leader or a Senior Leader.

Responsibilities of Support Team & Cooks

The Support Team and Cooks are there to provide the ‘behind the scenes’ support which is necessary to have safe and smooth running camp. They should have the following characteristics:

1. Be totally committed to the Lord Jesus, to camp and its success.
2. Prepare yourself in prayer and in your walk with the Lord before you come to camp.
3. Attend the monthly camp prayer meetings, whenever possible, and the Leaders Training day.
4. Be willing to work hard as part of a team.
5. Be aware of all safety aspects on site and apply the Camp Safety Code.
6. Do not leave site unnecessarily. If it is essential that you leave site, inform one of the Senior Leaders.

NB Please do not let these lists of “responsibilities” put you off particularly if this would be your first time at camp. They are meant as a set of guidelines to indicate what is involved as a Leader at camp. There are lots of people ready and willing to help with any questions or problems that you may face.

Leadership Application Form

Name			
Address (please supply a home address if at University)			
Telephone Number		D.O.B.	
E-mail address			
Leadership role	Assistant Tent Leader / Tent Leader / Support Team / Cook		
Church / Fellowship			
REFEREE DETAILS			
Name		Position	
Email		Mobile	
Please indicate below any particular qualifications/skills/experience which you are prepared to use at camp			
Data Protection – Privacy notice			
The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)			
		Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you give permission for your details to be stored in the CCYC database? Do you give permission for your details to be used to contact you after camp about future camp activities? 		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
You will understand the great responsibility in working at CCYC and the need to ensure the highest care and safety for the young people and children. It is therefore necessary to ask the following questions:			
		YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or are criminal charges pending? Have you ever had an offer to work with children declined? Have you ever suffered from any illness which may directly affect you working with young people/children? 		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES was answered to any of the above, please detail the offence/circumstance/illness (all details will be handled in the strictest confidence)			
I understand and agree with the Statement of Faith and Aims of Camp. As a born again Christian I am willing to serve the Lord as a Leader at Camp			
Signed		Date	