

## **Group Leader Information**

### At a glance

Spree SW is a hugely popular camping and activity weekend at the end of June for young people aged from 8 to 17 who come as part of an organised group from their church or Christian youth and children's group.

We provide a complete programme of activities throughout the weekend to suit all interests, including five high-quality spiritual programmes for different age-groups.

### When, Where, How much?

Spree SW takes place at Westpoint Centre near Exeter over the weekend 21st-23rd June 2024. Spree costs £78 per person before the 1st of April and £88 per person after the 1st of April.

### Who is it for?

Spree SW exists to serve local youth and children's groups. The focus is on providing everything for your group so you can focus on engaging with your children and young people enabling them to have a brilliant time together whilst exploring and or growing in their faith.



### Feedback from last year...

"Three of our four 8-11's decided to follow Jesus, 2 of these were kids from our after school club - exciting days ahead."

"Most of our group were new to Spree and a good number weren't from churchbackgrounds. They all loved it, and several committed or recommitted their lives to Jesus.Praise God!"

"One of our non church dads came on a 1-1 for his son and said that he really enjoyed the weekend and might pop along to church on Sundays with the kids!"

### Why should we go?



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#### Build stronger group relationships

Spending a weekend away as a group creates space for building stronger friendships and encounters with God together.

#### Support young people through transitions

Groups across the 8-17 age range help to build community and momentum through the Primary to Secondary School transition.

#### It is great fun!

There is so much to do that children and young people won't get bored and will remember having a great experience at a Christian event.

### What do I need to bring?

#### **Camping Equipment**

It will be important to make sure you have the right amount of tents and camping equipment for your group.

#### Food and Cooking Equipment

Whilst there are food vans on site, most groups bring a catering team to cook meals for their group to keep additional costs down.

#### Your group!

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You may be able to get parents to drop off, or if coming from a distance you might want to hire a mini-bus.

#### Leaders

4 Recruiting a great team of leaders will make your life easier. It is important to get them booked in and DBS cleared as soon as you can.

# How does the spiritual programme work?

We have 5 different spiritual programme venues aimed at different ages and where the children and young people are on their spiritual journey.

We would rather the children and young people settle in a venue that is right for them, so encourage groups to try out venues before deciding for sure. This can sometimes be problematic for leaders, so this could be something to discuss before Spree so your group get the most out of the weekend.

Each venue will include opportunities to respond or receive prayer. We encourage group leaders to take the lead as those that know the children and young people and so venue leaders will guide you through this. More info can be found on venues and teams on the website.



### How do I book?

Our ticket booking system, gives parents the option to book independently with your unique group code. Alternatively you can handle group reservations yourself. Get your group leader booking confirmed first and as soon as you can by visiting:

#### www.spreesw.org