



SVP Holy Island Camp





Information about the Summer Camps



Some of you may have been to Holy Island before, with your school or with your family.

You may have even stayed at camp with your school and already know a lot about it.

The following information will help you if you haven't been before and it will explain what happens during the camps in the Summer.

Where is the SVP Holy Island Camp?



The SVP Camp is situated on Holy Island which is a small island just off the coast of Northumberland. It is about 9 miles south of Berwick Upon Tweed.

The journey to camp takes about an hour and a half. We travel by coach from a central point in Gateshead.

Is it a real island?



Yes, it is a real island but you don't have to go on a boat to get to it as it has a road onto it called a causeway. The causeway gets covered by the sea twice a day for about six hours each time. When it is not covered by the sea, you can drive on and off the island.

When is it?



Hello and welcome to the SVP Ozanam Camp, Holy Island.

2023 Camp dates are as follows:

We will be running 4 weeks again in 2023

Week 1 (22nd July - 29th July)

Week 2 (29th July - 5th August)

Week 5 (19th August - 26th August)

Week 6 (26th August - 2nd September)

Children's applications for 2023 are now open!

Week 1 & 2:
Year 5 and 6

Week 5 and 6:

Year 6 and 7

How much does it cost?

The price for a week at camp is only £150.

(Similar camps around the country charge a great deal more than this.)

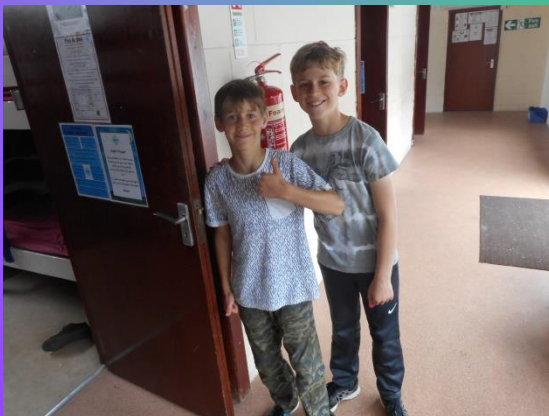
Where do you sleep?



When the camp was set up in the 1950's it was only for boys and it was very basic, with a few tents in a field!

A few years later the camp, that is there today, was built. It has 8 dormitories, each with 4 sets of bunk beds.

We provide you with sheets, pillows and a duvet!!



There's a list of items we recommend you bring on our website.

If any of your clothes get wet on the beach we have a laundry on camp, where staff will make sure your things are washed and dried, if need be.

What is the food like?



Mealtimes are very important to us at camp because we know you will be using up a lot of energy having fun on the island. So, we have breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper! We have a great menu. For example, Sunday roast dinner, fajitas, fish and chips, pizza and lot more!! In between meals there is always fruit, water and juice available in the dinning room for you!



What do you do during the day?

We organise lots of activities for each day. As it is the Summer, we usually have good weather so we are outdoors a lot of the time!

The island is cut off by the tide twice a day, so we often have the island all to ourselves!

We explore the beaches, the sand dunes, the wildlife and the nature, as well as discovering things about the island's historic past!



Here are some examples of the things we do

Beaches



We go to Sandham, North Shore, Devil's Drop (some say, it's the biggest sand dune in the world!!!!) and St. Cuthbert's beach and island.



Outdoor activities



There's so much to do during the week! We go fishing and bird watching, play football and long ball, have 'silly' sports, do a treasure hunt, collect fossils and rocks and explore the beautiful island!



Indoor activities



There's lots to do on camp too! We have table tennis, lots of games, arts and crafts, quizzes and competitions!
In the evenings we have movies, music, walks and sports.



Shopping

You can bring some spending money to camp with you, but you really don't need to bring very much. We set an absolute maximum of £35!

We have a shop on camp that sells cans of pop, sweets, chocolate and ice pops.

We do visit the shops in the village on the island, but there aren't very many!! You will get the chance to buy little gifts for yourself or for some of your family.

The Fudge Shop run a competition with us, each week, to create a new flavour of fudge! If your flavour is chosen, you win a fantastic prize!!



The staff



All the staff at camp are volunteers. Many came to camp when they were children. Some volunteers have been coming to camp for more than 40 years!



The age range of volunteers goes from students to people who are retired! Others do a wide variety of jobs. They all have a huge variety of life skills.



Each one of them gives a week of their time to make sure the children at camp have a fantastic holiday!!!



Reviews

I thought I would miss home because I'd never been away before, but I didn't because there was so much to do all week! I'm definitely going back next year! (Harry, aged 10)

My biggest worry before I went was if the showers were cold but they were really warm!!
(Kyle, aged 9)

I went with 3 other girls in my class. We all shared a dorm together. It was like a sleepover for a week.
(Caitlin, aged 10)

My mam says, I'm always on my phone during school holidays! It was good to do something different and outdoors. (Finn, aged 11)

I met some other people who are going to the same High School as me in September. It's going to make changing schools easier!
(Taylor, aged 11)

Our dorm won the Treasure Hunt! We were the best!! Camp was fantastic! (Lucy, aged 10)

The best things were Devil's Drop and playing football on the beach!! (Liam, aged 11)

The helpers looked after me when I got homesick on the second day! I wanted to go home but they talked me into staying! I'm really glad I did because I did so much that week and met some brilliant friends! (Ellie, aged 9)

I had never been fishing before and it was my favourite thing!! I also loved the food! The hot chocolate at night time was the best! (Joel, aged 12)

How to apply

It's really easy to apply for a place at camp.
Just go to our website and click on the link for
Children's Applications. Our team, Christine and
Sarah, are also available to answer any questions.
Just drop them an email.

Your teacher will give you a letter to take home
with information for your grown-ups to read and
with our website address.



Remember, if you and your friends want
to go to camp together, talk to each
other and get your grown-ups to apply
for the same week as your friends!
There's a box on the application form to
tell us who you want to be with!.