



SVP OZANAM CAMP HOLY ISLAND - 2023

We are delighted to announce, applications are now open for 2023 and this letter is designed to explain our applications process.

For those of you not familiar with our camp, it has been running on Holy Island every summer since 1954 and the aim of the camp is to provide a safe and enjoyable week away in a unique location, where children can engage in a variety of mainly outdoor activities, make new friends and get some much needed time away from screens! The 'camp' is a purpose built hostel, with dormitories containing bunk beds for eight children. The maximum capacity is 64 per week (a slight reduction from previous years), and we are usually full up! The camp is run exclusively by volunteers who are all subject to Enhanced DBS Clearance (Criminal Record Check) and required to undertake annual training. For more information on the camp, please visit our website: www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island

Direct link to application form - https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/children_s_application_form_2023

The application process is exactly the same as last year, so those of you who applied then will already be familiar with it. Our cost for camp is £150 per child, per week. However, we can work with you to agree a payment plan if this would be helpful. We will again be allocating places on a 'first come, first served' basis, so please apply as soon as possible. Online applications can be submitted from our website (address above).

The major change to camp in 2023 from previous years is that all our weeks will now be 'mixed gender' weeks, i.e. we are inviting both boys and girls to attend together. For Holy Island, this means we can now offer completely equal opportunities to both boys and girls. Of course, whilst the boys and girls will attend the same week, they will have separate dormitories, toilets and shower facilities.

This also means that we are able to balance out the age ranges in a different manner. We will be offering a place to both girls and boys currently in Year 7 at school. Historically, most of the attendees we get are in Year 6, so those children will be able to attend all weeks. We are going to target Year 5s for the first two weeks and Year 7's for the final two. Whilst there may be some flexibility on this for siblings and close friends who may be a couple of years apart, we do ask that you apply for the recommended weeks, as it will help us to tailor our approach according to the age profile, with the aim of giving the best possible experience to the children on each of our weeks.

Week	Ages	Start date	End date
Week 1	Years 5 & 6	Saturday 22/7/23	Saturday 29/7/23
Week 2	Years 5 & 6	Saturday 29/7/22	Saturday 5/8/22
Week 5	Years 6 & 7	Saturday 19/8/23	Saturday 26/8/23
Week 6	Years 6 & 7	Saturday 26/8/23	Saturday 2/9/23

Please ask your child to talk with their friends before deciding which week to apply for. Although many children attend on their own each year and have a great time, we do tend to get a number of drop outs as children discover that their friends have applied for different weeks and they will not be together. If your child has a best friend or two that they would really like to share a room with, please note that in the comments section of the online form.

If there is anything at all you would like to ask or discuss, please contact our team at any time via the email address below. Unfortunately, due to the fact we are all working full time on our day jobs, we do not have a phone number for you to call. However, if you would rather discuss a matter over the phone, please email us with your name and number and we will call you back as soon as we can.



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