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Emsworth Baptist Church
Youth Work

Welcome Pack





ABOUT US

The youth work at Emsworth Baptist Church (EBC) exists to 'Provide an enjoyable environment, to build relationships and introduce young people to Jesus, teaching them to obey God and equipping them to make a difference in the world'.

AGE RANGE

It is open to every young person who is in school year 7 and above. The events are either for school years 7-9 or school years 10-13.

EBC YOUTH WORK CONTACTS

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Please do not hesitate to get in contact with any of the leaders if you would like to come along or would like to know more about what we do. We appreciate feedback about the youth work whether it is good or bad so please do contact us with any comments. Suggestions, offers of assistance and support are always appreciated.

11-Oct-08



REGULAR EVENTS

School Year 7-9

tRibE

Friday 6:30-8:30

tRibE offers a mixture of outside events (skating, bowling, swimming, play zone, etc) and local 'tRibE nights' which has a café style venue where the young people can chill and chat, along with a large range of activities including football, skating, cooking, crafts, table tennis, pool, PS2 lounge, and a prayer room. A full programme is issued at the beginning of each term and is also available on our web site.

School Year 7-9

tRibEextra

Friday 6:30-8:30

tRibEextra is a termly event that is open to all young people who are in school years 7-9. This event aims to present issues that are relevant to young people from a Christian perspective and to introduce young people to Jesus through the use of music, video, games and short presentations.

School Year 7-9

Sunday tRibE

Sunday 10:30 – 12:00

This group meets every week on a Sunday. The young people attend the first half hour of the main Church service then meet separately to chat, pray, and explore the Bible in a relevant way. This group aims to teach young people to obey God, and equip them to make a difference in the world.

School Year 7+

After Church Group

Sunday: 6:25 - 9:30

The after Church group meets every Sunday after the evening service at the home of a church youth leader. It is open to all young people who attend the evening service. The group is very informal and provides a place for people to chat and eat toast.

School Year 10-13

Youthgroup

Friday: 8:30-10:00

Youthgroup aims to provide an enjoyable and welcoming environment where young people can meet, eat and discuss issues that are relevant to them. The evening consists mainly of talks and discussions that aim to introduce and re-affirm the basis of the Christian faith. Youthgroup socials are also held regularly and involve a mixture of outside events.

School Year 10-13

Cell Groups

Wednesday/Tuesday: 7:30-9:00

The evening starts off with some worship lead by a live band, followed by an opportunity to explore the Bible in smaller groups and to pray together. This group aims to teach young people to obey God and make a difference in the world.



OTHER EVENTS

Sailing Camp

September

Sailing camp takes place at the Chichester Harbour Cobnor Activities Centre, normally during the first weekend in September. It starts on the Friday evening and finishes on the Sunday evening. The activities centre has nine Bosun dinghies, together with safety boats. Life jackets are supplied and accommodation includes dining room, toilets, kitchen, drying room, showers and log cabin sleeping areas. Attendants must be confident in water and able to swim. Places on this camp are extremely restricted and so it may be necessary to limit attendance to certain age ranges, regular members of the youth work and those who are likely to benefit and contribute most to the event. More information can be found at www.sailingcamp.org.uk

Greenbelt

August Bank Hol W/E

Greenbelt is a Christian music and arts festival held at Cheltenham race course. Some of the many activities available on site include live music (with 3 different stages and a number of alternative venues), guest speakers and seminars, visual and performing arts, worship, comedy acts and a whole programme for young people. There is also the opportunity to bring an instrument and go busking, on one of three designated busking stages around the site! More information can be found at www.greenbelt.org.uk

Soul Survivor

July / August

Soul Survivor is a Christian festival held at Shepton Mallet, and is renowned for being a safe, friendly place. We camp along with ten thousand other young people for five days of music, worship and teaching. The week consists of workshops, cafés, seminars, skate parks and live music. More information can be found at www.soulsurvivor.com

St George's House

October

St George's House is a Christian Outdoor Centre catering for groups of young people from youth clubs, schools, church groups and youth organisations. A wide range of activities can be enjoyed during a visit to the house, such as kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling, surfing, mountain biking, crate tower building, sailing, initiative games, archery and orienteering. This trip is in the October half term, and more information about the place can be found on www.sghdevon.org

EBC EVENTS

The youth work is proud to be very much connected to Emsworth Baptist Church life. Developing a culture where young and old alike can learn to relate to one another is a distinguishing feature of the group.

In addition to this youth work there are also a number of activities at the Church that parents or young people may wish to get involved in:

Sunday services	are at 10:30am & 6:30pm and last for about an hour and twenty minutes.
Social Events	walking weekends; meals out; parent and toddler groups
Bible studies	including the Alpha course which is an introduction to the Christian faith.
Children / Youth	M@ch1, Girls Brigade, Special Branch.

For more information about any of these or other activities and events at the church, please contact the church office on 01243 375606.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

To help us in the smooth running of the youth work there are a few things we would like to bring to your attention. Once you have read them please indicate your approval by signing the bottom of the application form provided. If you do not feel happy or would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact any of the leaders (their names and numbers should be on an accompanying sheet).

- 1) ***tRibE***
 - a) Once your son or daughter is at an event they should stay until the end unless they have to be home before then. If they do need to be home before the end of an event we would appreciate it if you could inform us beforehand. This enables us to keep a better track of them in the event of an emergency either at home or at the church.
 - b) We can only accept responsibility for young people once they have been admitted and have registered with us for the evening. We cannot accept responsibility for them prior to this. To register, the young people must pay their subs and have their name recorded in the register by a youth leader. This allows us to establish that (a) we are ABLE to accept responsibility for the young person and (b) that we WANT to accept responsibility.
- 2) ***Youthgroup***
 - a) Once your child is old enough to attend Youthgroup, he or she is not required to stay for the whole duration of the evening, members are free to leave whenever they want. Parents must understand that we can not accept responsibility for their child once they have left the premises. If you would like your child not to leave the premises, and to remain under the care of the leaders for the whole duration of the evening, we would ask that you please inform us in writing.
- 3) About once a month the tribe and Youthgroup may undertake events that are outside the church building this may involve travelling a short distance (e.g. Ice Skating at Gosport). These events are indicated (with a '*') on the programme. If you need to know the exact location or any other information about the event either before or during the event please do not hesitate to contact any of the leaders. We often carry a mobile phone on trips (Tel : 07976 353409 or 07792 708497) for emergencies. Please always obtain a programme from your son/daughter since this will tell you what is on, start & finish times and whether the event is on or off the premises. For other areas of the youth work, events that are held away from the church premises are normally communicated verbally to the young people, so please check with your son/daughter exactly where each event will be held. The leaders will try to ensure that the events finish on time, however especially with outside events, sometimes this is outside our control, so please be tolerant if the group arrives back late. If you are in any doubt to the location or timing of an event please do not hesitate to contact a leader.
- 4) Some of the activities do cost money and whilst we try and keep the cost to a minimum it is not always possible and sometimes we may have to charge a little extra. When this happens we try to indicate the approximate price on the programme.
- 5) The youth leaders can only arrange transport for the young people from the church (or otherwise agreed meeting point) to outside events and back again, we cannot arrange for young people to be taken home. Please make arrangements for your son/daughter to be taken to and collected from the church (or otherwise agreed meeting point) if you feel this is appropriate.
- 6) The youth work has an internet page (<http://www.youthgroup.org.uk/>) which is kept up to date with the current activities and events. From time to time the internet is made available to young people attending the youth work. This access is provided through a filtered web server, which filters out any inappropriate material. We also maintain a number of pages where young people may leave messages and view pictures taken during events. The pictures may be viewed by anyone, and so in the interest of safety we do not link names of young people to pictures. If you do not want pictures of your child to be included on the internet or any other promotional literature then please delete the appropriate section from the parent consent form.
- 7) If you would like your son/daughter to be allowed to participate in all the youth work activities, then please sign the attached parent consent form and return it to us. All information supplied on the form will be kept on a computer and used for purposes associated with the youth work. Information supplied will be kept in accordance with the churches data protection policy and disclosure of any medical conditions will not lead to discrimination of any kind. In the unlikely event of an accident and the parents / guardian not being contactable the form gives permission to authorise necessary emergency medical treatment. Our Safe to grow policy statement and any other information concerning good practice is available on request.

NB: We would ask that this sheet and the accompanying Charter be read before the Application Form is signed.



CHARTER

Whilst these guidelines are not exhaustive they do embody the general guidelines and principles by which the clubs are run. The Charter applies to everyone attending, the leaders as well as the members. The Charter is designed to enable the youth work to run smoothly and make it more enjoyable for all concerned.

Attendance

1. The times of events will be published in a programme. All members will be informed in plenty of time of any change to these times, either verbally or by poster.
2. In the general interests of the success of the club, members are expected to support the club's activities as fully as their school, work and family commitments permit.
3. For safety and logistical reasons the leaders may sometimes have to restrict the number of young people admitted for an evening. Young people will be admitted on a first come first served basis. New people will only be registered if there is room.

Behaviour

4. Honesty is encouraged.
5. No swearing, bad language, bullying (verbal or physical) or fighting.
6. No leaving the premises once club has begun without the permission of one of the leaders.
7. We do not allow the use of alcoholic drink, smoking or drugs on the premises or whilst engaged on club activities.
8. Be polite and considerate to everyone at the club, both members and visitors. Our reputation is dependent on what people see of us and bad reports can make life difficult for us all.
9. If you find yourself in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship at the club we would ask that you do not behave in any way that causes embarrassment or offence to others.
10. Please do not ask leaders and helpers to look after money, phones or valuables. You must take responsibility for anything you bring – if you don't want to lose it – don't bring it!
11. Members are required to respect both Club and Church property and at all times follow instructions from leaders and helpers.
12. If any damage occurs either to the church building or the equipment inform a leader immediately. Accidental damage is to be expected and honesty is encouraged and will not result in any action against the individual.
13. Certain special events may be considered as privilege events and leaders may restrict invitations to such events to:- full members (i.e. no visitors), or members who have earned the privilege and in the opinion of the leaders can be relied upon to behave in a manner which will reflect favourably on the good name of the Club. (Such events would be outside visits, camping weekends, etc).
14. It is intended that members should be encouraged and welcomed at all times. However, if it is considered that a member's behaviour is unsatisfactory then:-
 - (i) The member may be given a 'yellow card' and will be told how long this will last for. Any further unacceptable behaviour while the yellow card is in force will result in (ii) and (iii) below.
 - (ii) A leader may ask the member to leave for that evening and he/she may be escorted home.
 - (iii) If a leaders meeting considers that continuation of membership is not in the interests of the club or the individual, he or she may be barred from some or all future meetings.

NB: The overriding factor for the clubs is for everyone to have fun and enjoy the clubs. So sensitivity to the wants and needs of others should be at the forefront of our words and actions.



Parent's Consent Form

I would like (name of child) to be allowed to participate in the Emsworth Baptist Church youth work. I confirm that I have read the information sheet and agree to his/her taking part in the activities, some of which may be events away from the church premises.

I have no objection to photos that include my child being used on the youthwork internet pages, so long as his/her name is not associated with the pictures.

I understand that, while the adult helpers in charge of the youth work will take all reasonable care of the children, they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury suffered by my son/daughter in travelling to or from or taking part in any of the activities unless such loss, damage, or injury is directly attributable to the negligence of the said helpers in charge of the party.

My child's NHS number is:

I would like to inform you that my child has the following allergy or physical disability or illness:

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which necessitates the following medical treatment:

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(Please note details of any medical condition, allergies or special physical needs will be held in confidence and are needed in order that we can, wherever possible, provide for that need & inform you of any special arrangement that we can make.)

In case of accident, illness or emergency, I authorise the adults in charge to give permission to medical authorities to undertake any treatment necessary for my son/daughter, which might include the use of anaesthetics.

Signed } (Parent/Guardian)
Full Name (Printed) Mr / Mrs

Address:
..... Postcode

Home Tel. Mobile:

Work Tel.

In the event you are not contactable, please give an alternative contact:

Name..... Tel.....

Name and address of family doctor: Name

Address.....

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Office use only:

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