



Crossfire Camp 2020
Leaders Pack

Welcome & Introduction

Hello!

Thank you for requesting more information about Crossfire. Here we have put together some key information to help you promote Crossfire to the young people and leaders you may know.

I have been involved with Crossfire for over 15 years and every year I'm encouraged by seeing young people grow in their relationship with Christ. As a GEAR organisation (Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the URC), Crossfire seeks to organise events that provide space for young people to encounter, explore and respond to the gospel; supporting you in your day to day ministry.

To assist you we have put together the following resources which you may find useful:

- Information pack explaining the details of Crossfire
- Promotional video
- Powerpoint
- Sample program to give you an overview of the weekend

Crossfire has a network of volunteers who are able to visit and promote Crossfire, if it would be helpful to meet one of us just get in touch to begin the conversation.

Should you have any further questions or would like a quick chat to find out more please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ

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What is Crossfire?

Crossfire is a GEAR (Group for Evangelism and Renewal in the URC) organisation and each year we organise events for young people aged 12+ in the United Reformed Church.

We are led by a committee of volunteers who meet throughout the year to oversee the work of Crossfire on behalf of GEAR.

Crossfire Camp is a camp for young people aged 12 to around the age of 18 and takes place across the second bank holiday weekend in May. The weekend is made up of small groups, worship, fun challenges and activities, and talks. Our upper age limit is flexible, please get in touch if you have questions.

What to expect at Crossfire Camp?

Crossfire Camp takes place at a wonderful location called Stathern Lodge. Stathern provides us with a vast amount of space for camping along with plenty of indoor space.

At Crossfire Camp young people are organised into smaller, age relevant, groups called Tribes with each Tribe being made up of approximately six young people and having two Elders (one male and one female leader) who are responsible for the young people in their Tribe. This small group model has served Crossfire very well and helps promote a “family feel” on site, ensuring everyone is cared for throughout the weekend. In keeping with this “family feel” Crossfire is intentionally small (normally attracting between 40 and 60 campers). With this small group format it takes the pressure off any youth leaders who attend with young people as they don’t need to plan or lead the discussions, the times of discussion allow for youth leaders time to meet with their peers who have also brought groups.

Crossfire isn’t a festival, it’s intimacy gives it the feel of a Christian youth weekend. The format is a mix of sessions (sung worship, prayer and a talk from a speaker), fun activities completed in Tribes and time for the small groups to meet after each session in order to discuss the content further. A guest speaker is invited each year who leads four key sessions throughout the weekend after which small groups are able to discuss.

Crossfire is evangelistic in nature and our intention is to share the gospel in a clear and accessible way. The young people who attend are a mix of Christians, non-Christians, churched and unchurched; the small group model of Crossfire allows for the content to be tailored to the specific needs of those who attend as the leaders can meet the young people where they’re at.

Four great reasons to bring a group to Crossfire

1. Crossfire is intentionally small with less than 60 attendees helping young people to quickly make friends.
2. Crossfire is great value; our early booking price is only £30 and we keep that price open for group bookings.
3. All food (including three hot meals per day) is provided by our wonderful catering team.
4. We have enough adult leaders to make the weekend safe and enjoyable, church/youth leader's primary responsibility is to arrange transport to/from Stathern.

How to book

When you're ready to book each young person can be registered by booking online via our website:

<https://crossfirecamp.org.uk/>

As we have to arrange enough small group leaders it's helpful if you can let us know provisional numbers at the earliest opportunity. Just drop us a line at bookings@crossfire.org.uk as this really helps us with our planning.

Where is Crossfire Camp 2020?

Crossfire camp is held at Stathern Lodge:

Stathern Lodge
Back Plungar Lane
Stathern
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
LE14 4EX

What to bring?

- Tent (tent hire can be arranged in advance for a fee from £5)
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Warm blankets
- Plate, bowl, cutlery, cup, tea towels
- Toiletries and towels
- Torch and spare batteries
- Bible, notebook, pens
- Strong shoes/wellies
- Waterproofs
- Warm night clothes
- Suncream

Who is the speaker?

Each year at Crossfire we invite a guest speaker to deliver the content for the main sessions and prepare discussion questions for the small group leaders. In 2020 we're really pleased to have international speaker and globetrotting adventurer Chris O'Shaughnessy returning. You can find out more about Chris on his website (<http://www.chris-o.com/>).

Sample Programme

Friday

7.00pm	Arrivals and setup
9.30pm	Welcome, Ice Breakers, Worship and Small Groups (we call our small groups Tribes)
11.00pm	Hot drinks
11.45pm	Quiet on site

Saturday

8.30am	Breakfast
9.30am	Session 1 and Tribe Time
11.15am	Cuppa
11.30am	Film Challenge
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Session 2 and Tribe Time
4.00pm	Cuppa
4.30pm	Tribal Challenge part 1
6.00pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Worship and Celebration
9.00pm	Campfire
10.30pm	Hot drinks
11.45pm	Quite on site

Sunday

8.30am	Breakfast
9.30am	Session 3 and Tribe Time
11.30am	Cuppa
12.00pm	Tribal Challenge part 2
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Session 4 and Tribe Time
4.00pm	Cuppa
4.15pm	Tribe Time
5.30pm	Free Time and Prayer Spaces
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Worship and Celebration
9.15pm	Hot drinks
9.45pm	Roadshow
10.45pm	Late night walk
11.15pm	Hot drinks
11.45pm	Quite on site

Monday

8.30am	Breakfast
9.30am	Tribe Time
10.30am	Cuppa
11.00am	Celebration and Communion
1.00pm	Lunch, litter sweep and pack up
2.45pm	Goodbye until 2020!