



Let me introduce you please

Maycamp is a high-energy, full-on weekend which runs over the last bank holiday weekend in May. We gather young people from across the diocese and beyond, at Plumpton Racecourse. The weekend consists of 'Main' sessions where we worship, hear teachings and encounter Jesus together. We hold seminars throughout the weekend on current and relevant topics for young people. We encourage you and your youth group to get to as many as possible. Then throughout the rest of the time we offer loads of activities from Slip n Slide to axe throwing, sports to crafting with some practical things in there as well! We also have our infamous Cafe venue which of course is full of all the fun, sweets and snacks and hosts our entertainment, quizzes, discos and general fun!

Why come? - We all know that heading away together as a group can help form great friendships but also gives the time and space for young people to have fun and go deeper with God. Events like this can often work like a catalyst to help deepen faith. It is also a great place to invite your older kids up to youth to meet their new group and start the transition from children to youth. We welcome anyone in Year 6 along to Maycamp. It is also a great place to bring anyone who you have been outreaching to over the year. We have a specific 'finding out more' seminar for those who are thinking about and asking questions about faith.

When? - Maycamp is always on the last Bank Holiday weekend of May and in 2022 we reached 40 years of running Maycamp at this time.

Don't worry if you've missed Maycamp!

Mini Maycamp - Mini Maycamp is an evening event that we hold every November. This is a great time to bring your youth group to get a taste of what Maycamp is like, if you've never been to Maycamp before it gives a tiny glimpse of what it's like.

We cram all the awesome stuff from the weekend into just 2 hours. The activities, games, cafe and of course God. It is also a great time to meet up with the people you spent a weekend with at Maycamp in previous years.

How to join the Maycamp family - Want to come along? Well head over to our website

www.maycamp.org to find out all the information you need or contact the team on

youth@chichester.anglican.org

You can also follow us on Instagram [@maycampuk](https://www.instagram.com/maycampuk)

Get booking!

To book tickets you will need to visit our website or Eventbrite page. There you will book your tickets for both adult leaders and your young people, these are separate tickets. You will need the name, date of birth and photo consent for each of your young people when you book. This is all we need and follows the GDPR guidelines.

You, as a group leader, will still need to collect more information from your group for the weekend so that you can keep young people safe whilst under your care at Maycamp.

We have a generic booking form on our website for you to print off and give to your young people so that you have all the information you need to bring them to Maycamp.

Follow our simple Step by Step guide below to get booked in and ready for camp!

1. Organise your group!

- Get your young people excited for Maycamp – Get them to sign up with you to come along.
- Hold an information evening for your parents and young people – get in touch if you need information or advice on this.
- If you have been before then get your youth to do the advertising for you! Get their stories, photos, videos, TikTok's and Instagram's. They are the best people to get your young people excited.
- Collect their information and money (if you don't already have it) – you can use our form if you like.
- Make sure you are using the website tools to keep your young people excited about Maycamp, play old videos, use the songs from the worship team, talk about the expectations of camp, share testimonies from previous years, look out for the Hoodie Pre Order form, follow us on Instagram @maycampuk
- Download a copy of the programme before Maycamp so you can see what things are happening!
- Order your Maycamp Hoodie before you get to camp and collect them at Info Point when you arrive! Look out for the order form nearer the time.
- Make sure everyone has a packing list! This can be found on our website.
- Plan your menus, and people who are bringing you food if they are close enough.

2. Book and pay for your group's tickets online

- Head to the Eventbrite and get your tickets. Anyone can book, but you must book under your youth group/church. If it isn't listed contact us so we can add you to the list.
- Adult Leaders have a different ticket, the price of this doesn't change, so if you need extra leaders nearer Maycamp you still pay the same cost.
- If you want power for your group while camping, add this to your order at the same time!
- If you have extra people want to come with you then you simply head to the Eventbrite page and buy more tickets.
- You need to book a free delivery ticket to let us know you're expecting deliveries to site – This ticket option is on Eventbrite. It is only for people dropping off or collecting people or food on Saturday or Sunday. Friday and Monday we expect the site to be busy with dropping off and collecting.

3. Complete your Site Needs Form and send it back to ben.sheldon@chichester.anglican.org

- You will be reminded of this nearer to camp, the form is on our website as well. We will ask you how many tents, caravans, marquees you're bringing so we can calculate the size of your pitch.

Finally, it's camp time!

- Group Leaders you can set up your camping area from Thursday lunchtime. Please contact us to arrange this. No one can stay onsite Thursday night for insurance reasons, but you can leave your tents set up, we have security onsite by this point.
- Print off your tickets to give to your young people, or get the QR code ready on your phone to show at the gate on arrival.
- Young People can arrive from 4pm and registration is open at Info Point from 4pm – 6.30pm. If you know you will be arriving after this time, please let us know on youth@chichester.anglican.org
- Arriving at Maycamp, have your ticket/QR code ready to show security on the gate as you arrive. They will show you where your group is camping.
- Find your patch on site start setting up camp, drop your bags with your group.
- **Everyone** needs to come to Info Point with their tickets/QR code to register. When you get there your tickets/QR code will be swapped for an event wristbands and event programme. Registration will be open from **4pm – 6.30pm**. Exceptions can apply please contact youth@chichester.anglican.org
- Free Hog Roast for everyone onsite – 6pm near Team Lounge. This is a great time to meet the team and other groups.
- At Info Point, you will receive all the information you need to for Maycamp and any Hoodies you pre-ordered – please pay on at Info Point.
- There will be a limited number of Maycamp Hoodies available for sale from Info Point – we recommend ordering in advance to avoid disappointment.
- Please remember that anyone coming for the day on a day ticket or coming onsite to collect/drop food or children (Saturday or Sunday only) will need their ticket either printed or on a screen. They will not get past security without it!
- Head to Info Point if you are a day visitor or a late arrival to register.
- If delivering food, you will need to park in the car park and walk to your group (get help from your young people if needed) there are no cars allowed on site during the weekend. You **do not** need to come to Info Point.