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Dear

We are writing to give you the final details, which will help as you prepare for your holiday to Whithaugh Park (26/07/2008 - 02/08/2008). There are **still a few places left**, so if you know anyone who may be interested in coming, then please do let us know.

Please **read carefully** through each section of this letter. If you're unsure about anything, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

### Travel

You will be travelling by coach leaving from the lay-by on **Moor Lane, Woodthorpe, York** on **Saturday 26th July at 1:45pm**. A map has been enclosed. Please can you make sure you arrive **at least 20 minutes** before we depart. When you arrive you will be informed which coach you and your luggage will be travelling in. Ensure that you **label your luggage** with your name.

We are due to arrive back at **Moor Lane** on **Saturday 2nd August at 1:00pm**.

### Kit

Please keep this to a **minimum**, but it should include the following:

Usual holiday clothes, warm clothing, sports wear, trainers, indoor shoes, swimming costume, waterproof coat, strong/sensible shoes for walking (preferably walking boots), a small rucksack/shoulder bag, a plastic drinking bottle, towels, toiletries, torch and a bible. The centre now provides all the bedding, so **no** sleeping bags, sheets and pillowcases are needed.

Additional kit requirements for your chosen activities are as follows:

- Gorge Walking - Advanced: - *Strong Shoes/boots, tracksuit bottom/waterproof bottoms. Wet suits will be provided.*
- Gorge Walking - Intermediate: - *Old training shoes/boots. Arms and legs must be covered.*

### Pocket Money

The average amount brought last year was between £15.00 and £20.00. As in previous years we will be running a Camp Bank. We **strongly** advise that you use this facility so that your money can be kept safe. Anyone wishing to send money in advance can do so to the address above.

### Insurance

We have taken out a holiday and travel insurance policy, which covers us against emergency medical expenses, personal accident, personal liability, organiser's liability and personal possessions. **If you have a pre-existing medical condition your parent/guardian must telephone the Travellers Healthcheck as soon as possible on 08456 582999 to confirm that they will cover your condition and advise of any extra terms or conditions.** Further information about the insurance, including the cover provided is enclosed. Please ensure that you don't bring valuables on the holiday. Our insurance does not cover wilful damage to Whithaugh Park property and unfortunately the parents/guardians of any child causing such damage are liable to meet the costs incurred.

### Whithaugh Park

Our holiday address is **Whithaugh Park, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire. TD9 0TY**. The office telephone number is 01387 375394. In case of emergencies we can be contacted at Whithaugh Park on 01387 375752. My mobile number is 07985 610759. However due to poor reception in the area, this number will not always be available.

### Fees \*

The remaining holiday fees are now due. The total cost of the holiday is £185.00 (excluding any additional activity costs). If you haven't yet paid the full cost of the holiday, your outstanding fees are £ . Please can you send cheques, payable to **York Christian Youth Holidays**, by **Saturday 28th June**.

### Forms

Recently we sent you a variety of forms, including medical, behaviour policy, images consent and an activity form, which were due to be returned. For those of you who still have to return any of these forms, or amend any that have not been fully completed we have enclosed the appropriate forms.

**Note: It is vital that these fees and forms are returned by Saturday 28th June. Failure to do so may result in loss of insurance, loss of activities or possible cancellation of your holiday.**

### Activities

For those who returned their activity form, we are pleased to tell you that your chosen activities will be as follows:

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As mentioned before, places have been filled on first come first served basis. We have tried to accommodate everybody, but certain activities were over subscribed. For the few people that this affects, we have ensured that you will be doing one of your reserve activities. If you haven't yet returned your activity form, you need to contact me **as soon as possible**, to determine which activities are still available.

### Questionnaire

At the end of the holiday, we ask all the campers to fill out a questionnaire about the holiday. This helps to analyse how the holiday went, receive suggestions for future years, and find out what you learnt about the Christian faith.

### Thanksgiving Meeting

When we return on **Saturday 2nd August**, there will be an informal meeting with refreshments at **Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church, The Village, Haxby, York** starting at **7:30p.m.** This will be a great chance for your parents/guardians to find out what we did and to meet the leaders and other young people from the holiday.

If you require any further information, then please don't hesitate to contact me on 01904 705004, mobile 07985 610759 or alternatively you can contact me on our email address [office@ycyh.org.uk](mailto:office@ycyh.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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