

DANGEROUS CAMPING



First Night

WELCOME AND BRIEFING

1. Welcome to Dangerous Camping! I'm X. This weekend is the highlight of my year because...
2. I'm from X church. We exist to...
3. Why do we run Dangerous Camping? There are four reasons. Let me tell you about them now. For each one, I'll make a suggestion of one thing you could do this weekend.

- a. For dads and their children to have great fun together, creating memories and talking about Jesus.

Easy suggestion: Enjoy being together! It sounds simple, but in our busy lives it's not always easy to find time. Take this chance to strengthen some of the great relationships the Lord has given you.

- b. For children to enjoy being together. This is a Christian community so we want to see loads of care and encouragement, with no unkindness or exclusion.

My suggestion for the children: Only say words that encourage. And don't exclude anyone. If you're heading off to have some fun, make sure you invite the other kids in your pod to come with you. Some might prefer time on their own, and that's fine, but it's always good to ask. And instead of frightening smaller children in the dark, we check that they are safe.



c. For dads to make and deepen friendships. We know that friendship doesn't always come easily, but we'd love to get beyond talking about work and the weather! This is why we're in pods – small groups where we can get to know one another a bit more deeply.

My suggestion: Go deeper than just talking about where you live, family and jobs. Try to find out what makes the other person smile, and what makes them not. Let's make it our goal to nudge each other one step closer to Christ this weekend.

d. To welcome guests into a Christian community. Even if you've never been to church or heard of Jesus, you're very welcome here. This is your chance to see what a group of Christians doing normal things together looks like. We want you to feel totally included.

My suggestion: Please get as involved with the Christian elements as you choose. If you want to just observe quietly at any point, rather than joining in, that's OK. But take the opportunity to ask your questions, and talk about what you doubt or disagree with.

4. Here's what's going to happen this weekend. **Run through the timetable quickly, with just one sentence of explanation for each item.**
5. **Please remember that your children are your responsibility at all times.** But do step in to help if you see someone else's child unhappy, in difficulty, or doing something that is unkind or dangerous.
6. **Explain the layout of the site – where to find toilets, showers etc. Clearly identify areas where children are free to roam and areas that are out of bounds.**
7. **Explain what to do in the event of a fire and any rules about fires pits, bonfires etc.**
8. A first aid kit can be found at... **X** and **Y** are trained first aiders. **Get them to identify themselves.**
9. **Explain how meal times will work.**
10. **Invite all the pod leaders to introduce themselves.**
11. Any questions?
12. **Ask one of the dads to pray for the weekend.**

