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To the parents/guardians

I want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity you are providing your child to attend the VCSV Winklespruit Sea Camp from **22-27 September, 2024**. It is a privilege for us to camp together with your child and to support him/her in developing a deeper understanding of God.

The vision of the VCSV/UCSA is to lead a new generation into adult life in Christ. This vision has four components: the development of young leaders; the integration of young people in a diverse South Africa; the cultivation of a value-based lifestyle among young people; and providing opportunities for young people to make faith decisions for Jesus.

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Room Placement

We try to accommodate school grade groups together as much as possible. Unfortunately, changing room assignments is not possible due to the large number of young people at camp. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

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Donations & Cancellation

If you would like to make a donation for a child who would like to camp but cannot afford the full amount, please use "donation" as a reference.

For cancellations received from 6 September 2026, onwards, the full camp fee is required as we have already incurred all expenses.

Winklespruit Sea Camp₂₀₂₄

INFORMATION LETTER

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The camp of a lifetime!

Thank you for your child's camp registration. This camp promises to make a lasting positive impact on your child's life! It's a reality... We're going to the sea!

The volunteer team, consisting of a camp committee (UCSA head, spiritual leader, the Winkies band, camp organizer, camp leaders, and prayer leader), group leaders, advisors, and media team promise to do their very best to make this an unforgettable week.

We achieve this vision by facilitating life-changing experiences such as the Winklespruit Sea Camp, where young people can be positively influenced.

The VCSV/UCSA operates interdenominationally, and therefore, all staff members sign a commitment not to address doctrinal issues on which the church does not have consensus.

In addition to the spiritual aspects, there will also be plenty of fun. We want to provide your child with the opportunity to enjoy their vacation alongside other Christian youth.



Did you know?

This camp is presented for the 76th year!



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Transport

Please ensure that your child boards the UCSA Winklespruit bus.

The buses depart **Sunday morning, 22 September** from Hoërskool Waterkloof in Pretoria-East. Registration is at **05:30**, and the buses depart promptly at 06:00 in the morning. We aim to arrive on the campsite by 17:00.

Learners from Bronkhorstspuit and Potchefstroom schools have their own WhatsApp groups with transport information.

Teens using private transportation can book in at the Winklespruit Campsite by 15:00. The address is 3 Foster Rd, Winklespruit, Kingsburgh, 4126.

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Pack list

- Bible, notebook and pen
- Phone charger and multiplug
- Cutlery
- Water bottle
- Medication
- Toiletries
- Proper wear and swimwear
- Sun lotion and hat
- Duvet or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Warm clothes for rainy days
- Pocket money
- Food and drinks for the bus trips

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Camp rules

Rules are there to create a physical, spiritual, and emotional safe environment. Just as every household has rules, this camp is campers' home away from home. The rules are fair and based on Christian values. Adhere to the rules, and it will be a fantastic time!

Camp rules are shared at the start of the camp.

Each camper receives a silicone bracelet for identification. Each one also receives a t-shirt to be worn during group activities.

What are the rules?

- No one receives visitors or visits anyone for the duration of the camp.
- Wristbands must be worn at all times – on the wrist only. Also when you go to the shower.
- Shirts may not be torn.
- No boys in girls' rooms.
- No girls in boys' rooms.
- No teenagers in staff rooms.
- Do not wander alone. Group size minimum 10 people.
- No teenagers may ride with staff in their vehicles.
- Stay away from the train track and bridge.
- No chatting, socialising, or favours to or from bus drivers.
- No teenagers in staff bathrooms, prayer room, or staff room.
- No towel runs or sleepwear outside the room.
- No swimwear except at the swimming beach.
- No bare bodies on the premises, and no low-cut sleeves either.
- Do not climb over or under the fence/wall.
- Campers are not allowed in the kitchen.
- No smoking / vaping.
- No alcohol.
- No prohibited substances allowed.
- No courting.
- No bullying behaviour.
- No photos or videos that could invade anyone's privacy.
- Swim only at the designated swimming beach.
- Don't be late.
- Lock the rooms.
- Close the curtains.
- Do not leave precious items such as your cell phone on your bed.
- Report individuals moving on-site who are not wearing UCSA wristbands.
- Hall sessions are mandatory, each session for the duration of the entire session.
- Your group leader must always know where you are.
- Lights out after 22:30 – no one outside rooms until 5:00 wakeup time.
- Respect your fellow campers and the environment.
- More rules will be displayed in a video at the start of the camp.

Any violation is punishable by chillies and/or garlic and/or ginger and/or disciplinary hearing. In extreme cases, there is the possibility that your child will be sent home at your own expense.

Parents/guardians will be contacted.

Bank details

ABSA
VCSV Projekte 2
Account Number: 4045315731
Reference: **Camper's name and surname**

Full camp fees must please be paid by 6 September 2024. Please use your child's first and last name as a reference with payment. Monthly advance payments are welcome.

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Safety

Having offered this specific camp for 76 years, experience has taught us what to watch out for. Each individual is responsible for their own safety and belongings. We also have medical services on standby in case of emergencies. We rely on group solidarity and campers' compliance with all rules.

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Security

We have a security service that operates 24 hours on the premises.

If anyone moves outside the premises (to the shopping centre or swimming beach), it will be in groups of a minimum of 10 people. Usually, several groups move together.

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First Aid

In case of emergency, we utilise the Winklespruit community forum medical services. Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. We have a refrigerator for chronic medication.

As we are not allowed to dispense medication, campers are requested to bring their own medication or purchase it at Clicks.

Programs are telling

The weekly programme aims to guide the camper through an intentionally progressive facilitated process. This means that we stretch the comfort zone in a safe environment in order to expand it. This results in growth for each individual and group. After the camp, we would like to continue the process by expanding the environment, whether it's family, school, church, or community. Influence has an impact.

Typical Discussions

We talk about, among other things:
What does the life of a teenager look like?
Who is Jesus?
Am I saved and what does it mean?
How do I get rid of my sins?
How do I start a new life?
What do I need for my new life?
Where do I get help on my new journey of life?
How do I live when I am back home?
How can I help others?

Typical day on camp

7:00 Quiet time on the dunes
8:00 Porridge & coffee
9:00 Praise, Hall session & group discussion
11:00 Brunch
12:00 Village / Beach / Free time
15:00 Team Activities
17:00 Shower and relax
18:00 Dinner
19:00 Praise, Hall session & group discussion
21:30 Coffee, chill, shower and room time
22:30 Lights out

Parent/Guardian Support

Remember your teenage years. This week is an opportunity to steer, accelerate, and improve your child's life in the right direction. With so much pressure, the time after camp is just as important as the week itself.

Give your child a chance to practice, apply, and love God Triune, you as a parent/guardian, and the family what they have learned.