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I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

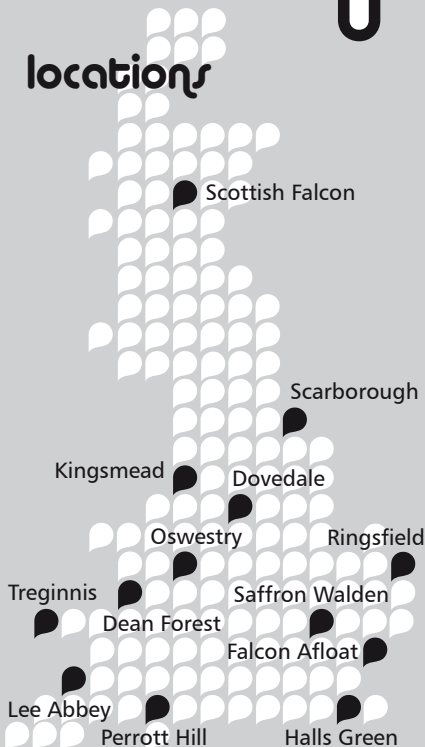
John 17:9, TNIV



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cpas Falcon camps

locations



The teams for the summer camps are now entering the last stages of planning and preparations, with leaders busy creating programmes for their camps.

There will be teaching about Jesus and opportunities for the young people to talk about their faith. There will be fun and games, and great home-cooked food.

The way the programme is delivered will vary from camp to camp, using the gifts and skills of the leaders involved, using the latest media and technology to make the camps as attractive as possible to each generation of youngsters.

And different sites lend themselves to certain activities. Cardboard canoes were launched on the lake at Halls Green, and outdoor games played in Perrott Hill's sprawling grounds.

As ever, there is a great need for Falcon Camps to provide safe, affordable holidays for young people who would not otherwise have a summer break, and the need for supporters like you to join with us in providing these camps. Without your prayers and financial support we know there would be no Falcon Camps, so thank you for all your help over many years.

Please use this update to prompt your prayers for us this summer, and consider how you might financially support us, to help as many children and young people as possible have a great holiday and hear about Jesus. Each year the challenge is greater to make ends meet, but with God's bountiful provision through his faithful disciples once again hundreds of children will be going on a Falcon Camp this summer.

Thank you,

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Falcon so far in 2011



Easter Oswestry

Jude Munday, one of the overall leaders, sent this report from the Falcon Camp in Oswestry at Easter.

'We had an eight-year-old girl on her first ever holiday declare "this has been the best day of my life" after a morning doing crafts, activities, a swimming session and a trip to a farm. We also had a ten-year-old lad write a prayer: "please help me to know that I am no better or worse than anybody else".

'We would love people to pray that the truths the children heard and saw on Falcon Camp – that they are lovable, loved and valued – would remain louder than the message they may be given at home.

'Our prayer is that all the children we meet come to know Jesus, in a real, deep, world-changing way, even though we are unlikely to see this during the four short days they are with us at such a young age.'

Scottish Falcon

Richard Morrison reports back.

'All the young people who came were referred to us because of some family or personal disadvantage, usually socially, emotional or economic, which was affecting their participation in school or home life.

'Fourteen young people from Perth all turned up ready for anything. Only one child had ever been to a church event before; 25% had ADHD; one was autistic; over 50% came from one-parent families.

'All the hard work and prayer in preparation resulted in a great time away together. The successes of the many overcame the tiredness of the majority and IT WAS GOOD. The TTI (Time to Imagine) sessions were about HOPE – and focused on why Christians had hope – because of the promised resurrection being carried out by Jesus with wonderful benefits for us all. SORTED. Response from one lad "it makes sense but no my kinda thing". Plenty of hope then for our continuing prayers!'



Prayer and action

Brother and sister Nate Morgan Locke and Mim Gosling are running a Falcon Camp at the new site of Pinewood School in Wiltshire this summer. Here, Mim talks about how they consider prayer to be vital to the success of their Falcon Camp.

'I became involved in Falcon Camps because I was inspired by my brother's excitement about leading on his first Falcon in 2005. I stayed because I found that inspiration was matched by my own experience.

'Our primary concern is that the entire camp, from the beginning of the plans through to the debrief in October, is saturated in prayer. We believe that God has called us into this leadership role and, as such, we need to know his vision and plans for the camp.

'Prayer also plays a huge role during the camp itself. We hold a team meeting every morning when we pray collaboratively; we pray in small groups with the children; each evening we have a prayer meeting when the team are encouraged to pray in small groups for each child by name. This year we have nominated two leaders (who are experienced in prayer ministry) to offer each leader 1-2-1 prayer at some point during the week.'

Mim has developed what she calls the 'Hierarchy of needs' for her church, showing how people can get involved through prayer and action to support Pinewood Falcon. They also produce a regular prayer letter which they e-mail to their particular supporters.

By receiving this Falcon Update you are a supporter of Falcon Camps, but there's more you can get involved too:

Fundraise

We're not just asking for your money! Why not do something fantastic for charity and donate the money you raise to Falcon Camps.

Donate

If you don't already support us financially, please consider giving what you can to make a real difference. Or ask your church to sponsor a child's place.



Pray

This update has loads of pointers and ideas about praying for Falcon Camps, either individually or as a church.

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What about a Falcon Sunday?

Dave Collier, overall leader at Dovedale, explains how he gave his church a real insight into why they should support Falcon Camps.

'One thing that we became aware of this year was that we have often told the congregation at our church that we are running the camp and asked for their prayers, but we haven't really told them about what goes on there.'

'So we approached the pastor of our church and asked him if it would be possible to take over a Sunday service, so that we could run a mini Falcon Camp! We included games, a mini version of the evening meeting and presented a PowerPoint showing the children doing different activities. Various young people – as well as leaders past and present – stood at the front and told the congregation what the best part of camp was for them.'

'We also asked the congregation to continue praying for the young people on camp. The leaders mentioned how much the full cost was for all of us to go on camp, and encouraged them to prayerfully consider if they could give to CPAS towards their Falcon Camp ministry.'

Volunteer

We're always looking for more volunteers who are passionate about helping these young people by demonstrating God's love through words and actions.

Tell others

Share your enthusiasm with friends and family. Why not start telling them to sign up for the next edition of Falcon Update.



At the end of a Falcon Camp there are usually tears from children who don't want to go home. And after cramming so much into a Falcon week everybody is in need of a good rest. But for some this is just the start of their walk with Jesus.

Playing a part in God's bigger picture

Last year two of the children who went on Dovedale Falcon Camp were Heather and Jacob, now aged 11 and 9. At the midway point of the camp there were discussions about whether Jacob could stay because he was having difficulty getting on with the other children and was struggling with some anger issues. Thankfully, the leaders found ways of making sure Jacob could remain, while having a great time and keeping everyone safe.

After camp Jacob's step-mother rang to say what a fabulous time the children had and to thank us for looking after them. Some months later following contacts made through a local church, both Heather and Jacob were baptised.

Heather said: 'Falcon Camps are a great place to go, they made a

big difference because we didn't use to get any holidays. I like the fun and games and taking home things we make like a handbag and magnets. I wanted to be baptised to get to know God more. I would definitely recommend Falcon to a friend.'

Jacob added: 'Falcons are fun – I like playing games, doing different things, the stuff we ate; it was excellent.' And what was best? 'Everything – the leaders – they're funny and intelligent. We learnt a lot about Jesus on Falcon.'

So no matter how things may seem on camp, you never know when that seed you are planting – because we are only together for a week – will germinate and flourish.



Praying For CPAs Falcon Camps

Overall leaders

Please pray for these people who work hard all year round to make their Falcon Camps happen. New overall leaders for 2011 are Martin Woodruff, Rebecca Miller, Neil Wylie, Jim Prestwood and Kevin and Joy Johnson.

Members

All the children and young people who come to camp are known as 'members'. Please pray that each one has a marvellous holiday. We want everyone to have fun, stay safe and be inspired about Jesus.

Teams

Every team will be made up of new leaders and experienced leaders, old and young, men and women. It is vital that each team is a well-functioning, caring community, and how they behave is a big part of showing the young people the difference of having Jesus in their lives.

Sites

Our locations are all over the country in all sorts of settings. Over the years some have become great supporters of Falcon Camps through witnessing the work first hand. New sites this year are Pinewood and Chepstow.

Planning

The more relaxed and fun a Falcon Camp is going to be, the more planning has to be done. The leaders and their teams need to think of every detail and have lots of imaginative, creative ideas!

Money

All the holidays are subsidised, leaders make donations, and members are asked to pay what they can afford. In short, we need the financial support of churches and individuals to sustain the ministry for this year and plan next year's programme.



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Please tell me how my church could support Falcon Camps.

Please send me some information on helping on a Falcon Camp in the future.

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