

Why Do We Go?

For more than 70 years, Young Life camp has been a week-long wake up call for young people internationally and for more than 40 years in Australia. The first ever Young Life camp in Australia took place in 1972 when we a touring group of American high school basketball kids ran an explosive weekend of fun and adventure. That weekend launched a model of camping in Australia that woke young people up and from their slumber and helped them become alive like never before.

Today, leaders at Young Life camps continue to work hard at stripping back the layers of modern life that grip them and consume young people by using adventure activities that allow teens to experience life from a new perspective. Any young person still sleeping when they arrive at camp are quickly jolted to life as they get on the ski's, climb a mountain, ride a bike or make their own movie. Young people come alive at camp and have a clear eye to see Jesus Christ, and he looks a lot like you.

The best picture young people get of Jesus Christ at camp is you. They will hear about Jesus at club, talk about Him in cabin time, see His reflected glory in the beauty of the environment and the service of the work crew and summer staff. But still the clearest picture will be your life lived out in front of them, without the distractions and interruptions of their daily lives at home.

The material before you is simply a tool to help you make the most of this opportunity to expose young people to Jesus Christ in this unique setting. It is written and compiled with you in mind, the adult Young Life leader who has walked with and journeyed with a group of young people. If that does not describe you, then don't panic. There is a heap of materials in the short sheet section that will help fill in the gaps. All you need to do is read along and refer to the short sheet information to gather further information.

