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Dear Parent/Guardian,

CAMP 2026 to Faskally House : 1st July to 7th July 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming all our campers to **Ayrshire Youth Camp 2026 at Faskally House, Pitlochry**. This letter contains important information about the week ahead, including what campers should bring and details of bus departure and collection arrangements where applicable.

In addition to the activities organised and supervised by our camp leaders, we have arranged for a number of professionally instructed activities throughout the week. These will be delivered by experienced third-party providers and are expected to include activities such as **paddleboarding, canoeing, and other outdoor pursuits**.

We are also planning a visit to **Edinburgh Zoo** on our final day before returning home.

Throughout the week, our leaders will take photographs and videos to capture some of the memorable moments from camp. These may be shared on our camp Facebook and Instagram pages to keep parents and families updated on all that is happening during the week. We would encourage you to follow our social media channels so you don't miss any updates.

If you do **not** wish for photographs or videos of your child to be shared on our social media platforms, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Camp Bank – Making It Easy

To help keep campers' spending money safe throughout the week, we operate a **Camp Bank**. This allows campers to deposit their spending money with us and withdraw small amounts as required during the week, rather than carrying all of their money with them.

To make this process as simple as possible, we have provided an online facility that allows parents and guardians to deposit money into their camper's Camp Bank account before the week begins. This means campers do not need to travel with large amounts of cash or keep it in their rooms during the week, reducing the risk of money being lost or misplaced.

We would strongly encourage all parents and guardians to make use of the Camp Bank facility.



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To make a deposit, please visit:

<https://www.ayrshireyouthcamp.co.uk/campers>

The Camp Bank will be open for deposits from **19th June onwards**.

Simply follow the instructions on the website to transfer your child's spending money before camp begins.

Please note that while we take every reasonable step to safeguard money held within the Camp Bank, the camp cannot accept responsibility for cash that is not deposited into the Camp Bank and is subsequently lost or misplaced.

AYC Hoodies

AYC launched a pop up shop online in early June, which allowed you to place orders for hoodies and jumpers with the camp name and logo. For orders placed before the shop closed on June 15th, hoodies and jumpers will be made available on the first day at camp to pick up at Faskally House on arrival.

Important Information

Clothing

- ☐ As many of our activities take place outdoors, please ensure your camper brings enough clothing for the duration of the week. We would also recommend including some older clothes, as outdoor activities may result in clothing becoming dirty or damaged.
- ☐ For outdoor adventure activities, campers should bring trainers and suitable lightweight, warm clothing. Several thin layers are often more practical than one thick layer. **Jeans should not be worn for water-based activities.**
- ☐ For on-site games and sports, campers should pack appropriate sports clothing, such as shorts, t-shirts, sportswear and trainers.
- ☐ On Friday evening, we will be holding **"The Greatest Show"**, our annual Camp Dance. Campers may wish to bring some smarter clothing if they would like to dress up for the occasion.



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Bedding

- ☐ Beds are provided; however, campers will need to bring either:
 - A sleeping bag, **or**
 - A duvet, duvet cover and fitted sheet/bed sheet.
- ☐ Pillows are provided, but campers should bring their own pillowcase.

Luggage

- ☐ All items of luggage should be clearly labelled with the camper's name and address.
- ☐ Please use a suitable suitcase, hold-all or travel bag. Plastic bags and bin liners can easily tear during transport and are not recommended.

Medicine

Our First Aid team will be responsible for the safe storage and administration of all medication during camp.

- ☐ All medication, whether prescribed or non-prescribed, should be handed to a First Aider before departure or immediately upon arrival at Faskally House.

Medication must not be kept in dormitories, as this could present a risk to other campers. Our First Aid team will ensure that medication is dispensed as required throughout the week.

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Please remember to pack towels for showers and water-based activities.
- ☐ Campers should bring a Bible for our daily study groups. If your child does not have a Bible, please let us know and we will be happy to provide one free of charge.
- ☐ Please do not bring valuable items to camp. While we will take every reasonable precaution, Ayrshire Youth Camp cannot accept responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal belongings.

Camp Address

If either family or friends want to write to campers the address is:-

Ayrshire Youth Camp,
Faskally House,
Pitlochry, PH16 5LA



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Telephone & Mobile Phones

Mobile phones may be brought to camp; however, reception in the area around Faskally House can be limited and unreliable.

To encourage campers to engage fully in camp life and to ensure a good night's rest, mobile phones will be collected each evening following dorm study. Phones will be stored securely overnight and returned to campers at breakfast time the following morning.

We reserve the right to temporarily confiscate mobile phones if they become a distraction or nuisance during camp activities. Any phone confiscated for this reason will be returned to the camper before they leave camp.

If you need to contact the camp during the week, we would ask that you contact a member of the committee directly.

Please feel free to contact **Douglas Robertson** (Camp Chairman) on **07967 021110** or **Mark Wade** on **07947 751432**.

Alternatively, the public telephone at Faskally House can be contacted on **01796 474411**. Please be aware that this phone is not monitored continuously and there may be a delay in passing messages on to campers or leaders.

Travelling to/from Camp

Travelling by Bus

The main pick-up point for campers travelling by bus is **Ayrshire College, Kilwinning Campus, Lauchlan Way, Kilwinning, KA13 6DE**.

The bus will depart promptly at **12:30pm on Wednesday 1st July**. Please ensure campers arrive in plenty of time to allow luggage to be loaded and the bus to leave on schedule.

For campers joining the bus at Linwood, please be at **Linwood Gospel Hall** for **1:00pm on Wednesday 1st July**.

Returning Home

After a visit to Edinburgh Zoo, the bus will return to Ayrshire College, Kilwinning Campus on **Tuesday 7th July**, with an expected arrival time of approximately **6:50pm–7:00pm**, depending on traffic conditions.

Campers being collected at Linwood Gospel Hall should be picked up at approximately **6:25pm on Tuesday 7th July**.



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Journey Information

- ☐ The bus will stop at a service station on the journey to Pitlochry. Campers may either bring a packed lunch or purchase food during the stop.

Travelling Directly to Faskally House

If you are making your own travel arrangements, campers should be dropped off at Faskally House **after 4:00pm on Wednesday 1st July**.

Campers being collected directly from Faskally House should be picked up between **9:00am and 9:30am on Tuesday 7th July**, as the bus is scheduled to depart at approximately **10:00am**.

Directions to Faskally House can be found on Google Maps or on the Faskally House website.

Visiting Camp

As outlined in the application information, parents and guardians are welcome to visit camp during the week.

A copy of the camp timetable has been included for your information. Please note that activities may occasionally change due to weather conditions or other circumstances, but the timetable reflects our planned programme for the week.

We are looking forward to another fantastic week at Faskally House and can't wait to welcome all of our campers.

On behalf of the Committee,

Mark Wade