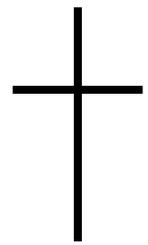




# BACKPACKERS 2019

A Christian Adventure for Young People



## YOUNG APPRENTICE (YApps) APPLICATION FORM

For those who are aged 12 years by 31 August 2019  
(and 13 year olds who have not previously undertaken YApps Programme)

### YOUR DETAILS:

BP Database reference:  
(office use only)

NAME		
ADDRESS		
POSTCODE		Gender: M / F / Other
HOME PHONE		
MOBILE		
E-MAIL		
CHURCH		
You must be 12 on or before 31 August 2019, please give your date of birth:		

Have you previously attended Backpackers? Yes  No

If you have helped before but cannot this year, would you like your details to remain on the database?  
Yes  No

### YOUR AVAILABILITY

The YApps programme will include your own group based activities and teaching as well as 'hands-on' training sessions working with leaders in activities and groups. To derive the greatest benefit as well as having as much fun as possible we expect you to attend all four days if at all possible. We understand there may be unavailable reasons why you cannot do this, so either way, please indicate below when you can attend? (please tick appropriate boxes)

	All Day 9.00a.m. - 4.15p.m.	If you have any issue with attending on any day please state below.
Tues. 30 July		
Wed. 31 July		
Thurs. 1 August		
Fri. 2 August		

To end **Backpackers 2019**, there will be a short celebration at the end of the Friday to which parents, carers and anyone from the churches who was not able to help at Backpackers will be invited to give a short insight into what the children have been learning and doing.

**The remainder of this form is for your parent/guardian to complete**

**BACKPACKERS SHIRTS**

For security reasons, all YApps **MUST** wear a **Backpackers Yapps t-shirt**. This will be provided, please indicate the size you require:

	<b>small 34-36"</b>	<b>medium 38-40"</b>	<b>large 42-44"</b>	<b>X-large 46-48"</b>	<b>XX-large 50-52"</b>
T-shirts					

If you wish to have a second t-shirt for your child there will be a cost of £7

**'JUST IN CASE'**

It almost certainly won't be necessary but please give details of someone who can be contacted in case of an emergency relating to your child:

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>Relationship</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>POSTCODE</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	

Is there any disability or condition that it might be sensible for us to know about?

Please give details of any on-going medical treatment, including medication; your child is having at the moment which you think would help us and any medical authorities in the unlikely event of an emergency.

**CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING:**

We are grateful for this offer of help. The safety and welfare of the children who attend Backpackers is paramount and therefore Churches Together for Chesham have requested that all adult helpers working directly with children undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

As the parent/guardian of a young person we hope this reassures you about your child's safety. We do need to ask you to complete a Children's Act Declaration on behalf of your child

**THE BACKPACKERS CHILDREN ACT DECLARATION (for YApps)**

The following is strictly confidential and, except under compulsion of law, will be seen only by Backpackers Co-ordinators and, when appropriate, the Child Protection Officer of Backpackers. All forms will be kept securely under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. If you answer "Yes" to any question, please give details, on a separate sheet if necessary.

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this position is exempt from the provision of section 4(ii) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions Order 1975) and you are therefore not entitled to withhold information that would not be filtered in accordance with DBS filtering rules<sup>1</sup>.

	Yes	No
<p><b>1.</b> Has your child ever been convicted of or charged with a criminal offence that would not be filtered in accordance with DBS filtering rules? (Include both 'spent' and 'unspent' convictions.)</p> <p><i>Note: Declare all convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands however old or whether you are at present under investigation by the police.</i></p> <p><i>Posts where the person is working or coming into regular contact with children or vulnerable adults are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.</i></p> <p><i>Convictions obtained abroad must be declared as well as those from the UK.</i></p>		
<p><b>2.</b> To your knowledge, has your child ever received a caution, reprimand or warning from the police that would not be filtered in accordance with the DBS filtering rules<sup>1</sup>?</p>		
<p><b>3.</b> Is your child at present (or have they ever been) under investigation by the police or an employer or other organisation for which they worked for any offence or misconduct?</p>		
<p><b>4.</b> To your knowledge has your child ever had any allegation made against him/her which has been reported to, and investigated by, Social Services and/or the Police?</p>		
<p><b>5.</b> Do you consider your child an appropriate person to work with younger children at Backpackers?</p>		

<sup>1</sup> Certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Disclosure and Barring Service website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-filtering-guidance> .

Please read through the following policy with your son or daughter and help them to understand it. The training in the Yapps programme will reinforce this.

For everyone's protection Backpackers operates under The Diocese of Oxford's 'Safeguarding Handbook'. The full document will be available both before and during Backpackers week. It is also available and can be downloaded from the Diocesan website: [www.oxford.anglican.org](http://www.oxford.anglican.org)

Everyone who will be at Backpackers when the children are present should be familiar with the essential elements of Safeguarding as outlined at the Full Team Meeting and other training sessions. They must also have signed below to indicate they have read, understood, accept and will adhere to these Safeguarding principles which form the Safeguarding Policy for Backpackers.

## **BACKPACKERS' SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

Those over 18 and working directly with the children (i.e. everyone on site during the 'working' day apart from those whose only role is in the Café) must have (or applied for) a CRB or DBS Enhanced Clearance for children's work.

### **The fundamental principles are:**

- ❖ always remember you are the role model
- ❖ never be alone with a child or young person
- ❖ if there is a need to talk with just one child or young person for whatever reason, always remain in a public and accessible space with other adults around
- ❖ never enter the toilets – if it proves necessary because someone is ill, take another adult with you and keep the doors open so you are visible at all times, send someone for a First Aider if necessary
- ❖ always dress appropriately
- ❖ Should something about a child concern you, or if a child confides in you, during the week, you need to be aware of the following pointers.

### **General Points:**

- ❖ Show acceptance of what the child says (however unlikely the story may sound)
- ❖ Keep calm
- ❖ Look at the child directly
- ❖ Be honest
- ❖ Even when a child has broken a rule, they are not to blame for the abuse
- ❖ Be aware that the child may have been threatened or bribed not to tell
- ❖ Never push for information. If the child decided not to tell you after all, then accept that and let them know you are always ready to listen

If a child does confide something you must:

- Tell the child you will need to let someone else know - **Don't promise confidentiality**
- NOT put words in their mouth
- LISTEN to them and write down exactly what you remember and not what you thought
- TELL an Organiser immediately or as soon as possible without endangering the other children

### **Helpful Things to Say/Show:**

- ❖ "I believe you" (or showing acceptance of what the child says)
- ❖ "Thank you for telling me"
- ❖ "It's not your fault"
- ❖ "I will help you"

### **Don't Say:**

- ❖ Why didn't you tell anyone before?
- ❖ I can't believe it!
- ❖ Are you sure this is true?
- ❖ Why? How? When? Who? Where?
- ❖ Never make false promises.
- ❖ Never make statements such as "I am shocked, don't tell anyone else".

### **Concluding:**

- ❖ Again reassure the child that they were right to tell you and show acceptance.
- ❖ Let the child know what you are going to do next and that you will let them know what happens.
- ❖ Contact one of the Organisers as soon as is practical.
- ❖ Complete the appropriate forms that will be available in the Command Post.
- ❖ Consider your own feelings and seek Pastoral support if needed.
- ❖ In all other aspects treat the information as confidential.

**A parent or guardian needs to complete and sign the consents below.**

As parent/guardian of the applicant, I am aware of the arrangements for Backpackers and give permission for my child to take part in the YApps Programme.

**Please give here your name (printed) and relationship to child:**

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Volunteers in school years 7 to 13 are invited to **INTENSE** from 4.30-6.30pm each day of Backpackers (7.30pm on Friday).

**Permission for attendance at Intense on the following days:** for those 18 and under.

Tu		W		Th		Fri	
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**Permission to leave Backpackers or Intense** without the company of an over 18 year old OR with an over 18 who is not their parent or guardian.

Yes		No	
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Please state any dietary requirements.

	Yes	No
<b>Images:</b> I agree to photographs/videos being taken that will be used for publicity, in print and on the Internet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Medical Consent:</b> I authorise the organisers listed below, and Intense leader or the First Aid Co-ordinator to give permission for any emergency treatment considered necessary by medical authorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Data Protection:</b> <i>By submitting data in this form, I consent to the Backpackers organising committee holding that data (including about health and religion) securely in a database in accordance with our data privacy statement which can be found online at: <a href="http://www.backpackers-online.org.uk/docs/privacystatement.pdf">http://www.backpackers-online.org.uk/docs/privacystatement.pdf</a>.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Child Protection Policy (on page 8)</b> I have read, understood, accept and will adhere to this policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Confidential Declaration (on page 7)</b> I declare that the above information in the Confidential Declaration (and that on any attached sheets) is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I undertake to inform the Backpackers organisers promptly should any convictions, court orders or allegations concerning matters of this kind arise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Signed:**

**Date:**

*(If completing electronically your name here will serve as a signature)*

<b>Contact details for parent/guardian:</b>	
e-mail:	
Phone:	Mobile:

**FINALLY:**

**Please return this form as soon as possible, preferably by the end of April:**

e-mail to: [volunteers@backpackers-online.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@backpackers-online.org.uk)

or put paper copy in box provided at your church or send directly to:

Backpackers, c/o The United Reformed Church, The Broadway, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1BX

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