

# CHURCH LEADER FAQs

Here are some answers to a few of the most common questions from church leaders. Got more? Drop us an email on [hello@wearesatellites.com](mailto:hello@wearesatellites.com)

## What actually is Satellites?

Satellites is the name of a five-day Christian summer event for young people, but also a wider movement of Christian young people living with God at the centre of their lives. The name is a metaphor for the Christian life: we're designed to orbit and revolve around God, not the other way around.

## What is Youthscape?

Satellites is organised by Youthscape, a Christian organisation that has been working with young people for nearly 30 years. Based in Luton, Bedfordshire, we meet young people in schools, churches and the local community - and develop resources, training and events for youth workers across the UK. Our approach is rooted in research, innovation, and a commitment to the local church. Find out more about Youthscape, and see some of our other projects, at [www.youthscape.co.uk](http://www.youthscape.co.uk)

## Why should my church go to a summer residential?

We know that there's no replacement for the week-in-week out commitment of discipleship in the local church. However, getting away together as a group can provide a formative experience which is both transformational and hard to forget. Many young people report that the chance to get away like this with other Christians, where the concerted focus is on God, provides a significant landmark in their Christian lives; one that helps them to hold on to their faith, all year round.

## We already run a church weekend away, why should we do both?

We're here to serve the local church, and so we would always want you to prioritise the life of your community above coming to an event. However, Satellites will provide a very different experience which is complimentary to your own activities - one where teenagers are able to be immersed in a Kingdom culture, and where they're joined with thousands of others who share their faith.

## Our church isn't really a camping church, what should we do?

If you don't have access to camping equipment but would like to try a few nights under canvas, there are companies such as IBEX which offer the opportunity to hire everything you'll need. We allow these companies on site before and after the event, so it's possible to arrive to an already-assembled campsite - and then leave without taking it down. This does of course come at an additional cost and won't work for everyone. There's more info on our website: [www.wearesatellites.com/accommodation](http://www.wearesatellites.com/accommodation) If you have no access to camping equipment and couldn't afford this option, please contact us and we'll see how we can help.

## As a new event, we need to make sure our kids have good spiritual input over the week too - what can they expect at Satellites?

We have prioritised the role of our children's work since the very start of developing Satellites. A dedicated team is working to create an amazing kid's programme for the under 13s at Satellites, which follows the themes and values of the main youth event. We want our children on site - those of leaders and volunteers - to have the same kind of impactful experience at Satellites as the teenagers. Although the content will be adjusted to make it age appropriate, we want all children to leave site understanding what it means to live with God at the centre of their lives.

## How do you imagine Covid-19 will impact your plans for 2022?

We are hopeful that Covid-19 will not interfere with the experience of young people at Satellites. However, we want to take a conscientious approach, which will be anchored in the best scientific and government advice at the time. We plan to implement a number of safety measures, and expect at this point to run a no-fuss process of both onsite and pre-visit testing. We will take the welfare of our guests extremely seriously, but we will also make sure that our response to Covid-19 is measured and appropriate to the position we find ourselves in with the pandemic in August 2022.

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