

REACT Youth Festival 2008

Information for Young People

What is REACT?

React is a Youth Festival for young people in Yr10 and above who are from schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It is a joint –youth services event being run by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service, Soli House and Cardinal Newman School, Coventry.

What will happen at REACT?

The main focus will be on discipleship. There will be a main stage hosting a Guest Speaker, Bands, Worship leaders and a Drama performance as well as MC's for the weekend. There will be smaller marquees for small group activities, quiet time, food and refreshments throughout the weekend.

The young people will have the opportunity to work in small groups and large groups. They will have opportunity for discussion, drama, music and prayer time, as well as time to explore the Market place for ideas, freebies and information. There will also be free time for them to partake in sports, arts and crafts and games.

What do we get for the money?

The cost for the weekend allows access to the festival as well as the workshops, main venue events, activities and everything else on site. Your ticket ensures your pitch on the campsite – you can bring your own tent or pay extra to have one provided for you.

What about food, is it provided in the price?

Your ticket will provide you will all meals for the weekend. This includes Dinner on Friday night. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday. You will receive a meal ticket to enable you to get your food. There will be an opportunity to buy chocolate, snacks and drinks throughout the weekend. These are not included in the price – so bring some spending money.

Are we insured when we come to RE-ACT?

Yes, you are covered under Birmingham Catholic Youth Services insurance, provided by DE Ford. Your personal possessions are your responsibility, so please do not bring anything valuable to the festival.

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Parents Guide to REACT

My son/daughter wants to go to REACT – what can you tell me about it?

REACT is a Youth Festival for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It is being held at Oscott College, Birmingham and is being organised by the Youth Services (BCYS and Soli House). There will be up to 300 young people on the weekend and adequate leaders to look after the young people and run the activities.

Who will come along?

All young people in Yr10 and above from schools and parishes across the Archdiocese will be given the opportunity to attend the weekend. Each area of the Archdiocese will have 50 places for young people and places will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

It's Residential – where will the participants stay?

All the young people will camp on site. They can bring their own tent (and share it with up to 3 friends) or hire a tent (for a small additional cost). There will be one campsite for girls and one for boys.

Is it a safe environment?

Yes, the grounds at Oscott are very secure and there will be a 24hr team who will look after the site security. They will staff the entrance to make sure that no unauthorised visitors come on site and will be around to deal with any problems that crop up.

What about Child Protection?

All the staff will undergo some form of Child Protection Training and will be CRB checked through the Archdiocese or their employer.

What about First Aid?

There will be a First Aid team available for the whole weekend and a first aid room for use if required.

How do I make contact throughout the weekend?

You can make contact with the group leader or the main organisers – details can be found on information that will be sent nearer the time.

