

FIRST Training

Someone sees the leader in you...

You're holding this invitation because someone in your church has seen the leader in you.

This may surprise you—you may not see yourself as a leader, but someone already in leadership sees in you someone who wants to follow God and is willing to be used by him.

First Training is a two day training retreat for young people in the 16-18yrs age bracket. It's your chance to meet with others your age from CCCNZ churches who are serious about their faith in God and are willing to allow him to use them. Does that sound like you?

Our time together will be a mix of teaching, discussion, and solo times as well as evenings together socialising and praying with others from your youth group.

What makes this retreat different from most camps is that it's by invitation only—and you're invited! Talk with your youth pastor/youth leader about whether or not you can come and they will sign you up if you're keen.

We're praying it might be one of the most significant events in your growth as a follower of Jesus so please give this invitation serious consideration.

When and where is it?

Dates and venues are as follows.

- Waikato/Auckland/Bay of Plenty:
30 August - 1 September, Willow Park
(Eastern Beach, Auckland).
 - Lower North Island:
23 August - 25 August, Highland Home
(Pohangina Valley, Manawatū).
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How much does it cost? I'm not sure I'll be able to afford it.

The cost is \$180 per person.

We're encouraging churches to ask people to sponsor those who attend. We want you to know that not only does your church see leadership potential in you, they're willing to invest in you. When you come back from your time away you can report back to those who supported you and let them know how their contribution has impacted your life.

How will I get there?

It is up to each youth group to work out how they will get there. Your youth leader will organise this and will likely be coming with you (or will appoint another leader to come with you).

I've never had any leadership responsibilities. Is that OK?

If your leader wants you there then we want you there! Maybe you've not had a leadership role up until now, but through the retreat you'll start to see where God is leading you.

I'm just outside the 16-18yrs bracket. Is that OK?

We're flexible about ages. If your youth leader has given you this invitation then come!

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A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

If you're keen to participate First Training but not quite sure where to start, here is a step-by-step guide for you to follow:

- Read through the information on First Training: youthcccnz.rocketspark.co.nz
- Check the date of the First Training retreat nearest you and consult your diary. Are you able to attend? If you can't make it, you'll need to find another key leader who can.
- Discuss as a leadership team who you might invite. We're expecting they'll be in the 16-18yrs age group but if you have someone just outside of this you really want there, then we will welcome them. We recommend that you look for two qualities:
 - (i) They are showing a clear desire to grow in their Christian faith
 - (ii) They have a willingness to be used by God—even if they lack confidence in their ability to be used. We don't just want your super-confident up-front people. Look around for the quiet, faithful ones too. They can grow into excellent leaders.
- Download and print off copies of the First Training Invitation found on the First Training page on our website.
- Personally give them to the young people you've chosen, briefly explaining what First Training is and why you are inviting them. Encourage them to check out further details on our website including the two videos.
- Follow up those you have approached. Answer any questions they might have and continue to encourage them to attend.
- When a young person commits to coming, sign them up using the form you can download from our website. Once you've collected all your registrations, enter all the details together using the registration link. We'll send your church an invoice.
- Raise funds that make it possible for them all to go. Exactly how you do this is up to you. You may expect the young person to make a contribution or you may raise the full amount. The church may assist from their budget or individuals in the church may sponsor young people to attend by paying all or part of their registration. We can also help you apply for funding through a trust that supports what we do.
- Work out transport details to and from the retreat. Once you enrol Craig will send you a programme for the weekend.
- Enlist people to pray for your young people while they are away at First Training. If people have sponsored a young person they might like to pray too for that individual.
- After the retreat, encourage young people to report back to the church and to sponsors telling them what they gained from their time away. Continue to meet with them, reminding them of what they learned and supporting them as they apply it.

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FIRST NAME(S)

LAST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

GENDER

SCHOOL YEAR

PHONE

EMAIL

EMERGENCY NAME

EMERGENCY PHONE

ADDRESS

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

REGISTRATION TYPE (CIRCLE ONE): Leader (\$180) / Youth (\$180)

- I am aware that photos and video will be taken at First Training for the use of future promotion of the event.
- If I withdraw from First Training I understand that:
Cancellations made 7 days or more prior to the events start date: 90% refund.
Cancellations within 6–3 days of the events start date: 50% refund.
Cancellations within 2 days of the events start date or after the event has started: no refund.
- I agree to not attend this event if experiencing symptoms related to Covid-19 (a full refund would be issued)
- I certify all information I have provided is true and correct

SIGNATURE

DATE

Parent or guardian to sign if attendee is under 18 years old.