

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.

- South Island: King's Birthday Weekend at Blue Skies, Kaiapoi.
 - Waikato and Auckland: 30 August - 1 September, Willow Park (Eastern Beach, Auckland).
 - Lower North Island, TBC.
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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!