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Official Newsletter of Blue Lagoon Christian Camp

SEEK HIM

PROVERBS 3:6

What a fantastic few months these have been! With so many returning schools using us for their end-of-year camps, we have been quite busy. It's always an honour to continue working with teachers and forge strong connections with the schools, many of whom are returning every year. We have lunched several new ministry focused programs recently, and we are filled with encouragement and excitement to see where God leads in this ministry.

From the Blue Lagoon team, thank you for your support this year. We hope you have a very happy Christmas.



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PREVIOUS EVENTS & CAMPS

YOUNGLIFE SPRING CAMP 2023

44 CAMPERS

15 LEADERS



Spring Camp was a huge success with the most campers attending than ever before. The team made a conscious effort in the planning stages to bring something new this year as many campers have been on this camp before and their efforts were paid off.

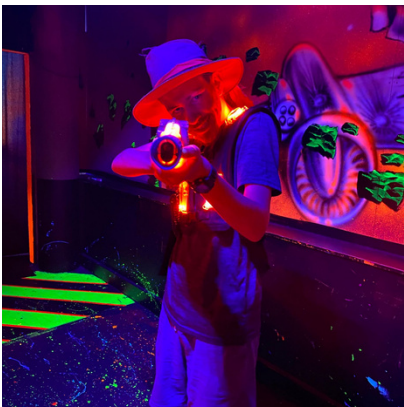
We loaded 44 teens on to a bus at 8:30pm on Saturday for a surprise trip to Zone 3 laser Tag in Hobart City. Everyone was thrilled once the secret was revealed.

We kept our annual crud war messy fight in the program as many campers say it is their highlight of camp and they look forward to it every year.

Woody from Young Life Sydney spoke beautifully every night bring the word to the campers. His relaxed and authentic style was well received and he painted an incredible picture of Jesus' life and love to the campers. One night a told a modernised version of Jesus' death on the cross which was incredibly raw for many campers and leaders alike. One campers shared, 'Wow, that was so powerful! I have never heard the story of Jesus's death that way before. That must of really hurt!'



PREVIOUS EVENTS & CAMPS
YOUNGLIFE SPRING CAMP 2023 PHOTOS



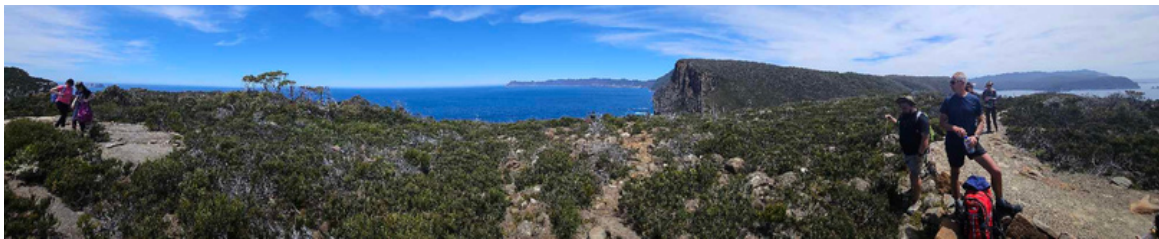


PREVIOUS EVENTS & CAMPS

BLUE LAGOON BANQUET

The Banquet was a massive success with over 40 attending the AGM and Banquet. Current staff spoke about previous major events and ministry camps, site works, booking client types as well as where Blue Lagoon is heading in ministry.

It was such a blessing to have multiple generations of Blue Lagoon supporters under the same roof, all with the heart to serve for God's kingdom. We want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, generous donations, and willingness to serve.



BEYOND DEC 2023 - CAPE HAUY

BEYOND ADVENTURES LEADERSHIP CAMP DEC 10-15

We had ten people attend Beyond Adventures camp in early December, all with varied backgrounds in Young Life, youth ministry, and youth camping. We used the opportunity to share our faith and our experiences working with young people throughout camp.

We were fortunate to have wonderful weather, which allowed us to spend four full days kayaking or walking. Each day, we spent time alone with God in the breathtaking Tasmanian environment, reflecting on our personal journey with him. We spent purposeful time together each night, sharing our thoughts on the day and how we might improve for our first Beyond Camp in 2024. The team is full of enthusiasm and we are excited to see where Jesus takes this ministry.



BEYOND ADVENTURES LEADERSHIP CAMP
PHOTOS



DEVILS KITCHEN



DAY HIKE TO CAPE HAUY



COAL MINES



NEIL THE SEAL IN
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KAYAK TO SPECTACLE ISLAND



KAYAK TO PORT ARTHUR



FOSSIL BAY LOOKOUT



SCHOOL VISITS PROGRAM

Part of our purpose at Blue Lagoon is to make strong connections with our campers. In September, we spoke with our first school, St Cuthberts, about a follow-up visit from our staff. Will, our Program Director, was their main point of contact during the camp and oversaw the majority of the onsite activities. St Cuthberts held a leadership day for their grade sixes who had attended camp a month prior, and asked that our staff run a games and activities session for the students focusing on what it means to be a leader.

Following his visit to the school, Will wrote the following report:

‘To kick off the day, we engaged the children in various games designed to foster leadership skills, in line with the school's leadership week theme. The kids wholeheartedly embraced the activities, and their enthusiasm was palpable. We even encouraged the teachers to participate, and they too enjoyed the games.

At the end of our visit, the kids expressed their desire for us to stay longer, a testament to their enjoyment. We had the opportunity to speak with the teachers, who were incredibly thankful for our presence and expressed their gratitude. In fact, they even penciled in a camp for next year, emphasizing the positive impact of our visit.

Overall, it was a successful and rewarding experience, and we look forward to continuing our positive relationship with St Cuthbert's School.’

- Will Byard, Program director



UPCOMING MINISTRY CAMPS

2024 Blue Lagoon Summer Camps

Junior Summer Camp

4th - 7th January

Grades 3 - 6

\$180 pp

Embark on a remarkable journey of faith at Blue Lagoon Junior Summer Camp, designed for Grades 3-6. Dive into captivating stories from the Bible, from the incredible journey of Noah to the unwavering faith of Daniel, and more. Through interactive activities, games, and discussions, we'll bring these timeless tales to life and explore their relevance in our lives today. Join us for a summer of learning, fun, and spiritual growth

Teen Summer Camp

29th Jan - 1st Feb

Grades 7 - 10

\$210 pp

Get ready for the ultimate summer adventure at Teen Summer Camp '24! Join us for a summer camp to end your holidays in the best way. With friends and unforgettable memories. Camp will consist of daily encouragements from a speaker, small group sessions, fun and exciting new activities. For more information visit our website or check our socials. We look forward to seeing you there.





PRAYER POINTS

Church and community support and engagement.

After a very busy term 4, prayer for restful holiday season where staff can enjoy time with family and friends.

Sam who has been with us since the beginning of last year will make the big move to the Gold Coast at the start of December. There she will complete her second year of Bible college.

Beyond Leadership camp was an incredible encouragement. Prayer for Gods direction in next steps.

Our upcoming ministry camps are place we get the privilege to walk with young people in their journey with Jesus

PRAISE POINTS

We have numerous inquires from schools whilst on camp about a Teachers Day Camp. School staff love the facilities we offer and want to utilise it for teachers leadership activities and planning days.

Schools visits program has been very successful so far and we are eager to see where else it can take us.

There has been a lot of interest Beyond Camp program from Young Life national leaders and local youth organisations. Leadership camp in Dec was an incredible experience, all felt uplifted and are excited for what is to come.

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