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A FIRM FOUNDATION

1 CORINTHIANS 10-15 NIV

'By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames'



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RECENT MINISTRY CAMPS

Blast Camp

Jan 2023

We kicked off 2023 with a thrilling start as we welcomed 55 campers and 6 volunteer leaders to our event. Jono Bentley, who runs the kids ministry at Your Church, delivered an inspiring speech at the camp and even taught the youth an original song. Additionally, Peter brought out the old 'Grumpy Mongruel' and took it for a final spin at Blue Lagoon, towing two biscuits behind him. The youth considered it the highlight of the camp.

Switch Camp

Feb 2023

This year for Switch we were joined by 9 young leaders on a DTS program from YWAM for the weekend. With a total of 15 campers, there were plenty of opportunities for the leaders to engage with them in all activities, including a 3-hour surfing session at Park Beach. During the event, Jesse Allanby spoke about the meaning of true freedom in Christ and encouraged us to reflect on the areas in our lives where we feel free.

Other camps

Young Life Spring Camp

Oct 2022

Young Life's annual spring camp took place in October. The event was a great success, with an impressive turnout of 44 campers and 14 leaders, including some who traveled from other states. Ben Hura, from Young Life Head Office, delivered a powerful message of belonging to something other than yourselves, and the presence of God was evident throughout the entire weekend



Photography by Simon Brown



UPCOMING MINISTRY CAMPS



Autumn Adventures 2023

Grades: 3-6

Dates: April 21-24

Cost: \$180

Get ready for an unforgettable outdoor adventure! Our camp is designed for kids in grades 3-6 who love to explore the great outdoors. We'll be climbing rocks, perfecting our aim with archery, building teams and friendships, and gathering around the campfire for s'mores and stories. Your child will have a blast while developing valuable skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience. Sign up today and give your child the gift of a lifetime!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are seeking volunteers who are passionate about working with youth and making a positive difference to assist on our ministry camps. Volunteers will engage with young people, assist with various activities such as worship sessions, group discussions, and team-building exercises. Prior experience is not necessary, but a love for working with youth and a desire to make a positive impact in their lives is required. We provide necessary training and support to volunteers.

If you are interested in joining our team of dedicated volunteers, please contact us for more information. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to make a difference in the lives of our youth!

Email Will at program@bluelagoon.org.au



MEET THE TEAM - PROGRAM

Lily Jordan - Camp Coordinator

In October of last year, Lily became a member of our team. Growing up in youth ministry and camps, she now serves as one of our program staff, and in the new role camp coordinator. Working diligently behind the scenes to liaison with various groups and craft personalized camp itineraries that cater to each group's unique requirements.



Will Byard - Program Director

Having been a camper and leader at Blue Lagoon for several years, Will has now transitioned into a staff member role. With a wealth of experience in youth work, he also holds a current position at Young Life. In his capacity as Program Director, Will serves as the face of Blue Lagoon. He oversees the running of activities, manages program staff, and coordinates ministry camps.

Alex Leary - Program Assistant

Alex is deeply involved in the youth community, dedicating his time to assisting numerous youth groups on a weekly basis. He also spearheads an after-school program called "Game On" in collaboration with the Clarence City Council. Alex's passion lies in working with teens, and his role at Blue Lagoon provides him with an excellent opportunity to engage with youth from all over Tasmania. At Blue Lagoon, Alex plays a vital role in facilitating onsite activities, keeping the youth engaged, and ensuring they always have a great time with a smile on their faces.





CURRENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS



A fresh coat of paint!
It has been all hands on deck as the team has been working over the past month to give the site a fresh new feel. With a new exterior colour scheme, we are moving away from the dull cream and blues, to fresh greens and black. In the previous weeks we started on the dorms. We still have a long way to go but we are all excited to see to finished look.

BEFORE



AFTER



Dining Room Expansion.
In June, the team will be picking up their tools to extend our current dining room to better reflect our accommodation capacity. A project team from MMM, whose mission is to support christian organisations by building, renovating and maintaining facilities, will be joining us for ten days. Stay tuned as there is more info to come.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casual staff wanted -
Multiple positions for all roles

Hospitality/Kitchen staff for morning, lunch and evening meals. Meal prep, serving meals, kitchen/dining room cleaning.

Program staff to run or help run the various activities we offer. If you are a qualified Indoor Climbing Instructor we need you to run/oversee our Indoor Climbing Wall, Giant Swing, Crate Climb and Abseiling Wall. If you have a passion for climbing but are not qualified, you could be an assistant. Maybe Archery or Archery Tag is your thing! We need a Qualified Archery Instructor and Assistants.

If you or anyone you know is interested in a position at blue lagoon please contact us



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