

Camp Roles 2026



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Kia ora,

Firstly, thank you for your willingness to consider helping us bringing these camps to life - you'll see we need a lot of help. We want to assure you there is absolutely no pressure on you to be involved but we'd love to have you in the mix to help make these camps a reality.

If God is calling you to support our Ministry in this way and if any of these roles appeal to you, please get in touch. Every one of these role descriptions is a starting point only. The exact role could be split, adapted to suit your availability/skills or combined with another role.

If you know of other people who might be able to support this important mahi, please share this with them - we'd love to have them on board too.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

God bless,
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Camp Dates 2026

Revolution (Year 7-9)

Friday 3 July 5pm - Sunday 5 July 4pm

Antioch (Year 9-13)

Friday 25 Sept 5pm - Sunday 27 Sept 4pm

Both at Woodend Christian Camp

Frequently Asked Questions



Is there a cost for me to come to camp as a leader?

For each person we have at camp, it costs \$120 for food and accommodation alone - with another \$25 for other expenses (leaders meetings, resources, merch). We also want to keep the cost as low as possible for each camper.

We, therefore, are asking leaders to contribute at least \$110 of the cost of their food and accommodation at camp. If you can go higher than that, we'd greatly appreciate it.

We will never let cost be a barrier to leaders serving on camp. If this is an issue, please contact the camp co-ordinator who will treat your request in the strictest confidence.

I want to help at camp but I'm not that outgoing. Is that an issue?

Absolutely not! We need all sorts of people at camp so our campers can connect/identify with our leaders. There are so many different ways to support us at camp - most of which can be done by even the biggest introvert!

I can't be at camp for the whole time/overnight. Can I still come?

As you'll know, for reasons of health and safety and safeguarding, we do need a certain number of leaders on-site at all times. In saying that, we understand that sometimes commitments are unavoidable and we can plan to manage this. Please contact the camp co-ordinator as soon as possible.

I'm only one year older than some of the campers. Is that an issue?

No! Peer-to-peer ministry is an important part of our camps and we know having young leaders is an effective ministry tool. We will usually leave at least a two-year gap between small group leaders and the group they're leading.

Do I need to be police vetted?

Yes - this is a requirement of all those in the Church in Aotearoa working with children and vulnerable adults. If you know that a police vet will produce a result, please let the camp co-ordinator know (in the strictest confidence.) Depending on the nature of the police vet result, this will not automatically disqualify you from being able to come to camp.

What is the accommodation arrangement for leaders?

You will almost certainly be sharing a room with other leaders of the same gender which will likely have a bathroom attached. No leaders will be sharing a room with campers. If you have specific accommodation requests due to health or other factors, please contact the camp co-ordinator.

Will my roommates snore?

More than likely. Earplugs can be found at most supermarkets.

I have a health concern/disability. Can I still come to camp as a leader?

Yes! Please let us know so we can help make it as easy as possible for you.

I'm really good at art/music/dance/sport or some other thing. Can I use this skill at camp?

Yes absolutely! Please indicate this to the camp co-ordinator - we're always looking for ways to utilise the skills of our leadership team to make camp even better!



On camp roles

The main two on-camp roles are these. More info can be found on the next two pages

- **Relational Ministry Team**
- **Camp support crew**

Other roles include

- **Tech support**
 - Support the music team, MCs, keynote speaker etc with tech requirements of camp
- **Overnight watch**
 - Take a two-hour shift overnight with someone else for security and camper wellbeing support.
- **First Aid**
 - We need a team of people we can call up alongside their other roles at camp
- **Camp 'Mum and Dad'/Pastoral support**
 - Camps can be full-on places for many Young People (and leaders). Working with the Hauora co-ordinator, we want to make sure everyone is getting the support they need.
- **Prayer team ministry**
 - Prayer Ministry is an important part of Diocesan Youth Camps so people experienced in this are so important.
- **MCs**
 - MCs are the face and heart of our camps!



Relational Ministry Team

(Also known as Small Group Leaders)

The pre-camp commitment for small group leaders is usually limited to attending two or ,pre of the pre-camp meetings, helping with pack-in from 3pm on the Friday of camp and helping pack-down on the Sunday of camp.

It's our intention for as many as possible of our small group leaders at Revolution to be in Year 12-13 at High School.

Small Groups are the heart of CYT camps. At camp, being on the RMT looks like:

- Leading a small group (usually with another leader)
- Building relationships with the members of your small group
- Leading your group in group discussions throughout the camp
- Leading the group in activities and games
- Attending all talks and activities and sitting alongside campers
- Interacting with the youth (especially those in your small group) during free time
- Communicating any struggles, issues or concerns to RMT Liaison

Post-camp:

- Take part in any debrief opportunities

Sound like you?

**Visit www.cyt.org.nz/leaders
to let us know**





Camp support crew

The pre-camp commitment for the camp support crew is usually limited to attending one or two of the pre-camp meetings, helping with pack-in from 3pm on the Friday of camp and helping pack-down on the Sunday of camp.

The camp support crew play a vital role at camp. As a team of four to ten people, their presence and efforts, allow the camp to function effectively by doing a wide range of behind-the-scenes tasks.

There are four leaders of this crew - the Activities co-ordinator, the Catering co-ordinator, the Environment co-ordinator and the Liturgy and Prayer co-ordinator who each have responsibility for certain areas.

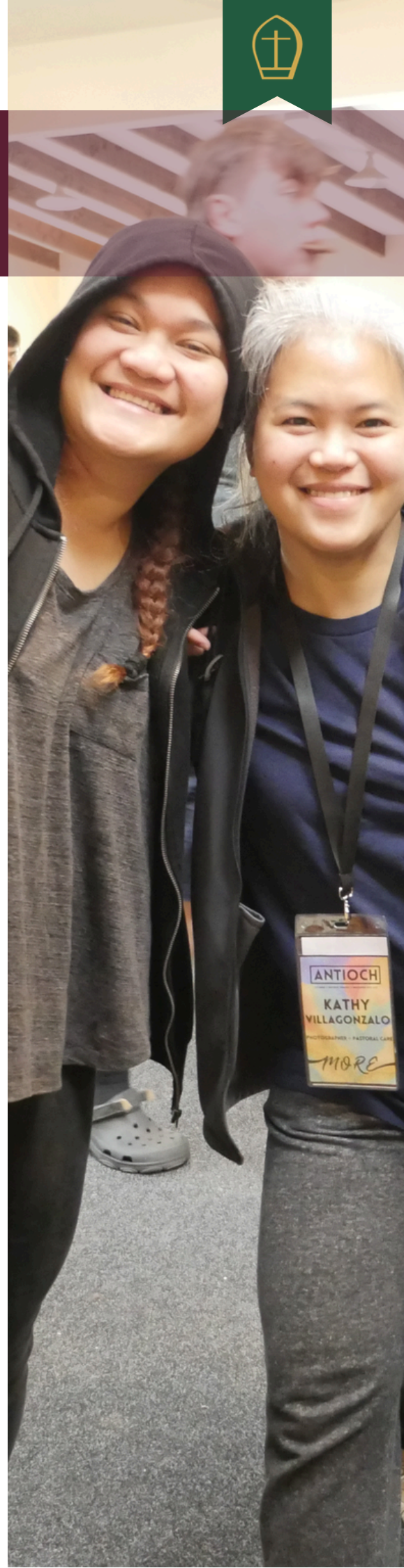
Tasks at camp might include:

- Helping out in the kitchen
- Helping on the rego desk.
- Setting up games and activities
- Setting up the Main Hall for meals, talks and the Sacraments
- Being station leaders in activities
- Being on the first aid roster (if qualified)
- Use your skills in areas such as photography, interior design etc
- Running the laptop during worship/Mass

In short, these are fairly all-round roles, but at camp we'll look to have you doing tasks you enjoy/are passionate about.

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Administration co-ordinator

At camp:

- Run the check-in process for campers as they arrive at camp
- Discretely manage personal information at camp, while ensuring those who need to know (Director, Hauora lead, relevant SG leader) know that information.
- Manage the sign in and out process for campers who need to leave camp at various points.
- Assist the Camp Director in managing the flow and programme of camp - including changes as needed.



Catering co-ordinator

Pre-camp:

- In co-ordination with the Diocesan Youth Ministry co-ordinator, confirm a realistic per person budget.
- Make a plan for each meal
- Purchase or arrange for the purchase of food required for camp.
- Make arrangements for food to get to camp.

At camp:

- Responsible for overall management of the kitchen at camp, including direction of volunteers
- Ensuring that meals are ready as required by the timetable
- Co-ordinate the collection and distribution of baking etc at morning tea etc.
- Ensure kitchen remains quiet during sessions and is not used as a leader social area
- With the support of the wider team, co-ordinate the kitchen cleanup

Post-camp:

- Sort non-perishable food that can be retained and make plans for perishable food to be given away/donated.



Digital media and promotions

Telling the story of camp, before it even happens, is an important part of our Ministry to Young People.

During camp:

- Update the CYT Social Media stories etc
- Coordinate the photos and videos taken at camp, ensuring that key moments are captured well. Offer support to the camp Photographer/videographer (or be that person)

Post-camp:

- Share the story of camp through our usual channels
- Provide all raw footage/photos to Camp co-ordinator in the days following camp
- If possible, edit a selection of approximately 50 photos for sharing on Diocesan Social Media Channels



Environment team lead

The Environment Leader ensures that the entire environment – from the design, to the cleanliness, to the lighting – helps the young people to relax and will support the other ministry teams in their ministry.

Pre-camp:

- Develop a plan for the main spaces (and chapel) at camp to make it as welcoming and attractive as possible for our Young People.
- Sort and acquire any physical resources required.
- Make a plan around the spaces at other key points of camp in collaboration with other team leads. This times might include adoration meal times, small group tournament etc.

At camp:

- Direct and advise those assisting you on the tasks required
- Be aware of the schedule and work ahead of it to ensure spaces are set up including for adoration and Mass, games at the times required for easy transitions.
- Implement the plan for the spaces in the allocated set up time.
- Ensure meal times are set up and packed down in main hall.
- Organise the set up of the backdrop for the time of adoration
- Sort and pack resources as required.
- Plan and direct the end-of-camp cleanup

Post-camp:

- Ensure gear is returned to its correct place in a clean, dry condition, ready to be used



Games and activities co-ordinator

Pre-camp:

- Develop a plan for each timeslot allocated to games/activities/small group tournament and have a list of 'fill in' games that can be used at any time during the camp
- Ensure all needed equipment is owned by the Diocese and in appropriate condition
- Arrange for the purchase of any consumables (eg dishwash liquid, shaving foam etc) as well as any larger items required (with approval)
- Ensure there is a plan for getting the required equipment to camp
- Communicate to camp co-ordinator leader requirements for each game/activity.

At camp:

- Set up the games and activities as required by the schedule.
- Where possible, arrange for a test run of each game or activity with a group of leaders
- Brief the game masters/MC (if not you) on everything they need to know to facilitate game/activity
- Co-ordinate packdown of equipment - including drying, cleaning and sorting on-site (if possible)

Post-camp:

- Ensure gear is returned to its correct place in a clean, dry condition, ready to be used



Human Support Team

This is a new role derived from a similar role at LifeTeen Summer Camp. Often we have people with multiple roles at camp doing elements of this role (by necessity) but it would be good to have someone fully dedicated to this.

Pre-camp:

- Ensure the First Aid kit is fully stocked and makes it to camp
- Be discretely briefed on allergies, medical conditions (including psychological) from both campers, parents and leaders
- Identify high risk areas of the schedule and ensure appropriate first aid coverage
- Ensure you have identifiable signage and wearable items so the campers know where to find you when needed
- Lead fun elements of team gatherings prior to camp with games coordinator

At camp:

- Lead the team that will likely include people allocated for Pastoral care, first aiders etc - recognising that these people might have multiple roles
- Liaise with the overnight team lead around any issues overnight
- In collaboration with other team leads and the small group point person, be available to leaders to support them
- Alongside the environment team, ensure there is a comfortable space for leaders to chill out in break times
- Take the lead if there is a major first-aid incidents - including communicating with ambulance staff, parents etc
- Lead the debrief at the end of the day for the leaders and where possible, write down things to affirm them at the end of each day - alongside their respective team leads

Post-camp:

- Restock the first aid kit
- Fill out any incident reports required.



Keynote Speaker

Pre-camp:

- Prepare a certain number of talks as agreed with the camp co-ordinator on the theme as discussed. These should include a combination of crowd engagement, truths of our faith and personal testimony.
- Beyond that initial conversation, the keynote speaker would have pretty much total autonomy to take the camp in the direction they want to.
- Liaise with SG point person to help set the agenda for each small group session

At camp:

- Attend all talks and activities
- Give the talks
- Be present during free time/meal times to interact with campers relationally
- Drop into Small Groups - particularly those identified by the SG point person - there's a possibility, if appropriate, they could take the role of SG point person as well.
- Liaise with the MCs and programme co-ordinator about camp flow.



Liturgy and prayer co-ordinator

The sacraments and prayer opportunities are at the heart of our camps. The Liturgy and prayer co-ordinator is responsible for the effective running of these.

Pre-camp:

- Arrange for camp to be covered in prayer by tapping into networks such as the Beatitudes community, the Carmelites, the Charis Intercessors network
- Organise Priests for Reconciliation - suggested ratio 1 priest per 15 campers
- Organise prayer teams - suggest 3-4 teams with a mix of males and females
- Ensure Liturgical supplies are packed, in good order and with a sufficient amount of consumables.
- Write Prayers of the Faithful (at least for the final Mass)

At camp:

- Greet Priests on arrival and attend to their needs while on site.
- Liaise with Environment team Leader around needs for the celebration of the Sacraments (eg Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration)
- Act as a sacristan in setting up and packing down Masses
- Organise readers, EMOHCs etc with a preference that they be campers.

Post-camp:

- Ensure gear is returned to its correct place and able to be used.



Music team point person

Pre-camp:

- While recognising that you are a team, be the person available to liaise with the camp co-ordinator around practices, gear needs, scheduling, song lists etc
- Ensure that the practice space at the Diocesan office, as priority users, is kept tidy enough to be used by other groups during the day.
- Set up Powerpoints for camp
- In liaison with the sound and visual person, ensure that the gear is working, appropriate and makes it to camp.

At camp:

- Support in the pack-in and setup of the stage and related equipment
- Liaise with the camp co-ordinator and keynote speaker around schedule, transitions and outputs
- Keep the rest of the music team informed about what's needed from them
- Lead packdown of stage area in collaboration with the tech lead

Post-camp:

- Ensure gear is returned to its correct place in a clean, sorted, condition, ready to be used.



Overnight co-ordinator

This role exists, primarily, to take a weight off our leaders and allow them the rest they so desperately need after some pretty full days at camp. In recent years, there have been some issues overnight so having a team for both security and well-being reasons is critical. When our campers and leaders are well rested, the flow on effects are significant.

Pre-camp:

- Create an overnight plan and roster of people to be on duty between 11pm and 7am each night.
- Liaise with our Safeguarding co-ordinator to ensure these people are police vetted and have signed the code of conduct.

At camp:

- When rostered on, to be awake and up in the main hall to ensure that Young People are still in bed and manage any situations should they arise.
- Wake the camp co-ordinator and/or Hauora team lead should there be a major incident
- Provide an update in the morning of any issues overnight.



RMT point person

Small Groups are the heart of Diocesan camps. The Relational Ministry Team Liaison works alongside the Small Group Leaders to ensure they are supported & enabled in all their activity with the young people, and is the first point-of-call for any issues the Small Group Leaders are having.

Pre-camp:

- Working with the camp keynote speaker, devise suggested plans and questions for each small group session
- If appropriate, help run the training for small group leaders before camp.
- With the camp co-ordinator and admin support, allocate small groups and leaders to small groups.

At camp:

- Lead a small group of your own (if required)
- Be on hand before and after small groups as the first port of call for Small group leaders to offer practical support or by directing concerns to Hauora co-ordinator or camp co-ordinator.
- Encourage and support the Small group leaders.
- Liaise with the head of programming about the schedule and changes that affect small groups (and pass on that info)

Post-camp:

- Take part in any debrief opportunities



Sound and visual co-ordinator

Pre-camp:

- In liaison with the music team point person, ensure that sound gear is working, appropriate and makes it to camp.
- With the camp co-ordinator, ensure there are enough people with the appropriate skillsets to effectively and efficiently set up for camp.
- Identify any gaps in the equipment library and make suggestions for purchases
- Make a plan for the lighting setup required for key times at camp - particularly the time of adoration.

At camp:

- Coordinate and direct the pack in and set up of sound and lighting gear.
- Work with the music team around sound check, mixing etc
- Liaise with the keynote speaker, games co-ordinator and MCs about any AV needs they might have and make appropriate arrangements.

Post-camp:

- Ensure gear is returned to its correct place in a clean, sorted, condition, ready to be used.

