



Please take time to read this as it will answer many questions relating to the Years 3-6 Heroes program

How do I register my children?

- Registration Forms are available from all check-in areas, Word Alive Information on arrival, the Word Alive website or the Heroes venue (Marquee 3). Please complete one form per child.
- Please note that Heroes is for children in school **years 3-6**. There is flexibility for children in Scottish and Northern Irish schools or with additional needs but it is really helpful, because of the large number of children, if you send only your year 3-6 children to Heroes.
- Take your completed forms to Marquee 3 on arrival day so that children can be allocated their groups, enabling them to go directly to our first evening session together and the following morning.
- Marquee 3 will be open for registration from **3pm to 5pm on Saturday 4 April**, and then from **6:15 pm** during the first session. You will be able to register your children during any of the morning or evening sessions.
- When you register at Marquee 3, your child will be given a name badge, allocated to a group and you can discuss with the team any additional needs or medical issues.

Times of Heroes Program

- There are two sessions each day
 - Morning 9.45am-12.45pm
 - Evening 6.30pm- 8.00pm
- Doors open from 15 minutes before the start of each session
- Please collect within 15 minutes of the end of the session, if you are collecting in person.
- On the last morning we will be in direct contact with the main marquee to finish at the same time, so you will not need to leave early, even in the event of over running.

How do I drop off and collect my children?

- For the morning session, your child can
 - either be dropped and collected by an adult
 - or come and go on their own.
- You have the same choice for the evening session.
- Your choices for morning and evening are on the registration form.
- If you change your mind during the week, you must come in person to change your registration form, we will not accept a message passed on through your child.
- We do not have numbered slips for dropping off or collecting. Any adult can drop off or collect the children. We will intervene if the child is not comfortable being collected by a certain adult.

Dropping off

- If you choose to drop off your child in person, then you must deliver them to their group table and wait until the leader has registered your child. Please do not leave them at the door of the venue.
- If you choose to let your child make their own way, please understand that we can only take responsibility for your child from when they register at their group tables. If your child does not arrive to register at the beginning of the session, then we will not contact you to investigate.

Collecting

- If you choose to collect your child in person, then when you arrive, you'll be asked to wait just inside the entrance to Marquee 3. We'll then release the children who have been given permission to leave on their own before inviting you to your child's group.
- If you choose to allow your child to leave on their own, then we are responsible for them until they leave our venue. The stewards will not let children leave on their own unless their badges are marked accordingly.
- Name badges are marked with stickers to say how they are being collected. The sticker on the left represents their parent's morning choice. The sticker on the right represents their parent's evening choice. "Green" is for those who are coming and going on their own, "Red" is for those who are dropped and collected by an adult. This allows the stewards to know who can leave the venue on their own.

What does your child need to bring?

- During the morning session, we will have time for a drink and a snack, which you will need to provide. We have water available. Please do not bring any products that contain nuts.
- We will give the children name badges and all resources. Badges will be collected after each session.
- We'll provide printed NIV text for the Bible passages we'll be exploring. Your child is welcome to bring their own Bible if they wish.

What will the children be doing?

- Having an absolutely brilliant week! The team working with your child(ren) has loads of experience running Bible-centred programmes for primary-aged children. If things aren't working well for your child, please do speak to us.
- We will be looking at the book of Proverbs - getting to grips with the same really important stuff that you'll be looking at in the adult sessions. The sessions will be a fast-moving mix of music, daft stuff, creative activities, games and getting stuck into understanding what the Bible is teaching us.
- For most of the sessions your child will be given a take-home sheet. Those provide an opportunity for you to review together what we've been learning about that day from Proverbs.

What about children with additional/medical needs?

- We welcome children with additional needs but ask that a parent or guardian remains until the leader confirms that the team is able to cater for his/her needs.
- Please inform us of all allergies, and issues regarding your child's health and, should there be a possibility of requiring emergency medication, please inform your child's leader.
- If you wish your child to have medicine with them you will need to complete and sign a Medicines Permission Form, indicating with clear instructions whether they are to take the medicine themselves or if you wish us to administer it.

Is there anything else I need to know?

- We are expecting to be very busy again this year, so processes may be a bit slower on the first couple of days.
- Please remain contactable by steward's radio or mobile phone during the sessions, in case we need to contact you in the event of a difficulty.
- We are constantly trying to improve the programme, so comments, suggestions and questions are really welcome.
- Please talk to us about any concern you or your child has at any point during the week, however small the issue. Alternatively, contact Word Alive Information.

Thank you for reading all this, have a great week!

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