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Update

Summer 2019



Blessing young people facing disadvantage with life-changing holidays full of fun, friendship and faith



Fun activities

Team games and outings.



New friends

Building relationships.



Meeting Jesus

Knowing God's love.



Creative crafts

New gifts and skills.



Growing together

Gaining confidence.



Joy and hope

To last a lifetime.

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**He stood me up on a wide-open
field; I stood there saved –
surprised to be loved!**
2 Samuel 22:20, The Message

Reports from our Easter holidays always fill us with encouragement and hope for the summer. One boy said: 'This is my first holiday. I did not think it would be so good.'

A secondary school sent one of their pupils on a Falcon for the first time, slightly apprehensively due to the pupil's disruptiveness. However, she slotted into the holiday fantastically and it did her the world of good. When the pastoral lead of the school discovered he could send a whole group of challenging pupils this summer, he exclaimed: 'This is brilliant!'

One mum called to thank us for finding a suitable holiday for her son this Easter. We were concerned to find the right fit for him given his particular challenges. She was delighted by how well he'd got on, including making a friend, which he normally finds difficult. He now wants to book onto another Falcon in the summer!

Often children on Falcons are surprised to experience something so positive. We pray this summer that there would be many more positive surprises, especially as children hear about and encounter the God who has surprised us all by his love, generosity and unexpected rescue.

Thank you so much for your prayerful support for these wonderful holidays.

Tim Friend
Ventures and Falcons Principal



Children's names have been changed to protect their identities

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'IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO KEEP GOING BACK'

A Dallam Falcon leader for the third year running, Lizzie Hare tells us why she keeps going back...



Praise God that Dallam Falcon is able to happen again this year, and for the 11-14 year olds who are coming. Dallam allows young people who might not otherwise have a holiday to have a great time, make new friends and try new things. It's a privilege to keep going back to serve as a volunteer leader.

This year, I am a team leader, which involves working closely with about eight young people during their activities throughout the week. We go to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and go swimming as well as do various outdoor activities such as climbing and canoeing. On the last night we have a party where everyone dresses up and eats enormous amounts of food. I am also helping to deliver the Bible teaching programme with overall leaders Jon and Ruth.

I think one of the most important things to bear in mind when communicating the Bible to children who may not have encountered it before, is that it contains all the best bits of any story: romance, battles, grisly deaths, redemption, even some comedy. It also addresses questions we all want to know the answers to: Is there a God? What's my purpose in life? Am I loved? Where do we go after we die? These things are relevant for everyone, regardless of their familiarity with the Bible. So we try to make sure the teaching

doesn't assume any prior knowledge, but is still interesting and exciting for those who are more familiar with the Bible.

I would say I've seen God at work most clearly in the gradual change in the young people as the week goes by. For example, seeing someone attempt something at the end of the week they would have been too scared to do at the beginning, or seeing someone grasp a little bit more of the unquantifiable amount of love God has for them, and how that affects the way they value themselves and others.

On all of the Falcon holidays, young people get to hear how much God loves them, how important they are to him and hopefully come to know Jesus for themselves, which is the best thing in the world.



PRAYING FOR THE SUMMER

As hundreds of children and teenagers take part in Falcon holidays in July and August, we'd love you to join us in praying for giggles galore, life-enhancing friendships, exhilarating adventures, big blessings, new perspectives, hope, confidence and encounters with the God who loves them.

01

FALCON AFLOAT

DATES: 25 - 28 JULY 2019

Fellowship Afloat Charity Trust, Essex



NIGHTS: 3

LEADERS: Ray and Liz Skudder, Andrew Butt



AGE: 11-14

An unforgettable time on board a lightship, with plenty of messing about in dinghies!

03

TREGINNIS 3

DATES: 28 JULY - 2 AUGUST 2019

Lower Treginnis, Dyfed



NIGHTS: 5

LEADERS: Louise Mann, Simon and Rachel Heathfield, Joseph and Hannah Widdows



AGE: 8-11

Fresh air and building faith on the Pembrokeshire coast.

02

PERROTT HILL 1

DATES: 28 JULY - 2 AUGUST 2019

Perrott Hill School, Somerset



NIGHTS: 5

LEADERS: Catherine Kendall, Adrian Foster, Lorna Robinson



AGE: 11-14

Fun in sunny Somerset, learning about life in all its fullness.

04

CARROTY WOOD 2

DATES: 3 - 10 AUGUST 2019

Carroty Wood, Kent



NIGHTS: 7

LEADERS: Kevin and Joy Johnson



AGE: 8-11

Adventures in the forest and experiencing God's love.

05

PERROTT HILL 2

DATES: 4 - 9 AUGUST 2019

Perrott Hill School, Somerset

LEADERS: Lorna Robinson, Adrian Foster

Hearing about Jesus and lots of exciting things to do!

NIGHTS: 5



AGE: 10-13

09

SWANBOURNE FALCON 1

DATES: 11 - 17 AUGUST 2019

Swanbourne House School, Milton Keynes

LEADERS: Steve Hood, Michael and Rachael Hood

A Christ-centred holiday the 11-14s will never forget.

NIGHTS: 6



AGE: 11-14

06

OAKWOOD

DATES: 5 - 9 AUGUST 2019

Oakwood, Berkshire

LEADERS: Lydia Anderson

Blessing teens with a much-needed activity holiday.

NIGHTS: 4



AGE: 12-17

*“ It’s breath-taking, amazing to be part of God’s miracles! ”*

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07

TREGINNIS 1

DATES: 5 - 10 AUGUST 2019

Lower Treginnis, Dyfed

LEADERS: Jane Gillis, Toria Moore, Harry O’Conor

Children enjoying a great big family holiday.

NIGHTS: 5



AGE: 8-11

10

DALLAM FALCON

DATES: 12 - 17 AUGUST 2019

Dallam School, Cumbria

LEADERS: Jon McCowen

The Bible, rollercoasters and an action-packed programme.

NIGHTS: 5



AGE: 11-14

08

CARROTY WOOD 1

DATES: 10 - 17 AUGUST 2019

Carrotty Wood, Kent

LEADERS: Sue Shrubb

Friendship and laughter in the great outdoors.

NIGHTS: 7



AGE: 8-11

11

COVENTRY FALCON

DATES: 13 - 18 AUGUST 2019

Hagg Farm, Derbyshire

LEADERS: Rebecca Eccleston, Kimberley Morgan-Jones

For children from Coventry. Kayaking, orienteering and more!

NIGHTS: 5



AGE: 9-13



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BARNSTONDALE

DATES: 18 - 24 AUGUST 2019

Barnstondale Centre, Wirral

LEADERS: Debbie Wilkinson

A life-changing week away for 8-12s.



NIGHTS: 6



AGE: 8-12

'The difference that a week on a Falcon can make in a difficult year in a young person's life is amazing.'

CHARLOTTE, LEADER

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SWANBOURNE
FALCON 2 NEW FOR 2019!

DATES: 18 - 24 AUGUST 2019

Swanbourne House School, Milton Keynes

LEADERS: Steve Hood, Joseph Sidebotham, Rose Hood

New for 2019, giving more 11-14s a fantastic holiday.



NIGHTS: 6



AGE: 11-14

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SHEFFIELD FALCON

DATES: 19 - 23 AUGUST 2019

Hagg Farm, Derbyshire

LEADERS: Jonathan Buckley, Katie Leonowicz

Inspiration and exciting challenges at Hagg Farm Outdoor Education Centre.



NIGHTS: 4



AGE: 11-16

14

DOVEDALE

DATES: 19 - 23 AUGUST 2019

Dovedale House, Derbyshire

LEADERS: Darren McIndoe, David Street

Fun and faith in the Peaks with lots of laughter.



NIGHTS: 4



AGE: 9-12

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FIREWOOD

DATES: 19 - 24 AUGUST 2019

St. Hugh's School, Lincolnshire

LEADERS: Naomi Tunnicliffe, Samuel Tunnicliffe

Children learning about their wonderful Father God.



NIGHTS: 5



AGE: 8-12

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING.

FALCONS IN THE FAMILY

Michael Dewsall first went on a Falcon holiday in 1989 when he was nine years old. Thirty years later, he shares the impact Falcons have had on him and his family.

FROM CAMPER...

When I was nine years old, I was going through a bad patch, feeling depressed and lonely and being bullied. My mum's friend decided to sign me up to a Falcon holiday that she was leading on.

It was my first time away from home without any family, or any one I knew. I was a very shy child and hated to be left alone. I got homesick as soon as my mum left me there. But Falcons really brought me out of my shell.

The way the leaders ran the holiday made it so easy to settle in immediately, make new friends, and feel comfortable, wanted and part of a new, big family. By the end of the week I was hooked!

TO LEADER...

At the age of 15, I asked if I could go back, this time as a leader. I felt a desperate need to be back and I was accepted as one of the youngest junior leaders Falcons had ever had.

I saw some incredible transformations, with young people going from troubled, aggressive

and angry to caring, relaxed and open. The ratio of leaders to young people is fantastic on Falcons. Every child is given the attention and opportunities they deserve. Falcons make a huge difference to so many children's lives.

TO FATHER...

By the time I got married, aged 23, I had been a camper twice and a leader 11 times. As my eldest child turned eight, my first thought was to get him booked onto the Falcon holiday that changed my life. My younger son then joined him, and we've now just booked our daughter on to her first Falcon holiday.

It's amazing that my own children have been able to share in the enjoyment and opportunities that I experienced as a child. They have had their minds opened, grown closer to God in their own space, and enjoyed a break from the troubles at home.

I've gone from camper, to leader, to father-of-a-camper. Who knows? Maybe in another 20 years my grandchildren will find themselves on Falcons too!





THE GIFT OF A HOLIDAY

If you already support Falcons, or give the wonderful gift of your time through serving as a leader, **THANK YOU.**

To give a gift to Falcons:

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Falcon holidays are only possible with the financial support of churches and individuals who share our vision for blessing young people facing challenging circumstances with affordable, exciting, transformational holidays.

'ON FALCON HOLIDAYS, CHILDREN ARE TREATED AS PRECIOUS. THEY EXPERIENCE SO MANY NEW OPPORTUNITIES, HAVE FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS – BRILLIANT.'

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