



LEADERS' GUIDE 2016

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SPREE WALES 2016

Welcome to Spree Wales 2016, from the core team. We're really looking forward to Spree Wales - it will be better than ever!

This guide covers everything that you need to know to bring a group to Spree Wales. All of the forms that you need are available on our website www.spreewales.com and you can also join our email mailing list to keep up-to-date with details of Spree Wales, from activities and latest numbers, to prayer points and speakers. Find us on Facebook too: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spreewales/>

However, if there is anything else that you need to know, please feel free to contact us. You can ask in our Facebook group, email rowena@spreewales.com or call Rowena on 07971 865 674.

JUST FOR YOU

PASTORAL CARE / LEADERS LOUNGE

Group leaders are responsible for the main pastoral care of the young people in their groups; we are looking to develop and deepen your relationship with your youth. There will be, however, a prayer venue available for the youth, which is manned by a pastoral team. There is also the ever-popular leaders café, with drinks, cake and pastoral care available. If you need support with your group, please ask one of the team.

ADVANCE SET UP

Leaders can arrive from 10am Friday 1st July to set up your area in advance. If you arrive before the Information Point has been opened, please locate a member of our Site Team who'll direct you to your pitch. Please note that there will be limited facilities available and that no under 16s are allowed on site until 5pm due to safety issues.

SPIRITUAL THEME

Our spiritual theme for 2016 still being developed-watch this space!!

TBC

There will be 3 teaching venues again this year. The Shack is aimed at under 12s, while both Going Deeper and Fusion are aimed at 12+. The ages are only suggestions and we would ask you to guide your 10-12s to the correct venue for them.

The Shack will be providing a fun and action-packed venue similar to a holiday club. Fusion is a very interactive, fast-paced venue. Going Deeper is being run by The Message, Wales (formally Ignite) team and will provide a more in-depth look at the Bible, along with prayer opportunities and musical worship.

As usual, we would ask you to attend the teaching sessions with your group when possible to support both them and the teaching teams. This will enable you to guide your campers to the most appropriate venue and also be able to help them with any questions they may have based on the sessions.

If you have any questions during the weekend, please visit the Info Point and ask to speak with Gary, our Spiritual Coordinator.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU CHECKS

Please read our DBS information sheet, available in the downloads section of our website and complete the form it contains.

TALENT SHOW

This takes place Saturday evening and is extremely popular. It would be great if your group can prepare something for this. Auditions will be held on Saturday afternoon.

ACTIVITIES

You can book into the 5-a-side football tournament on site and find out much more about our activities at the Activities Information Desk in the main barn.

WATER AREA

Back at Spree Wales by popular demand, we would ask you to ensure that each camper in your group knows they have to listen to those adults in charge of the water area - this is for safety reasons and any campers not listening to those in charge will be banned from the area. Remind your group to bring their swimming costumes and towels.

FORMS

We will need to know exactly who is on site / due on site. Each group will need to complete a Safety Sheet to be handed in on arrival.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS

Please ensure that you have a parental consent form for each camper that you bring with you. You don't need to send these to SPREE Wales. Please make parents / carers aware of the following clause:

"We may take videos and photographs of Spree activities, and attendance at this event signifies agreement that these may appear in future publicity or other material produced by Urban Saints, or materials produced by other organisations in sympathy with Urban Saints and to whom express permission to use videos/ photographs has been granted. Your details will only be made known to others outside of Urban Saints where we use, or collaborate with other people or organisations to carry out work on our behalf. A duty of confidentiality will be imposed on such people and organisations."

THINGS TO REMEMBER

SPENDING MONEY AND VALUABLES

We suggest that you recommend a maximum amount of money (approx £15) that each camper can bring. Keep in mind there will be a tuck shop, café and shop onsite. Please discourage your group from bringing valuables. All mobiles must be switched off during meetings.

FIRE SAFETY

Remember to bring a **fire extinguisher and fire blanket** for your camping area.

VENUE SEATING

Please note that there will be no seating in all of the venues. ** We would strongly advise you and your group to bring cushions to sit on. **

The flooring this year is bare concrete, so something soft is required!

SPREE ESSENTIALS

Sun cream! If the weather looks fine, please remind your campers to bring sun protection with them, including hats. Conversely, if the forecast looks changeable, warm coats and walking boots/wellies will be a good idea.

WASHING UP

Each group will be responsible for their own washing up. There will be washing up sinks available next to the shower blocks.

OUT OF BOUNDS

The Spree site is enclosed by a fence. Please ensure that your group remain inside this fence unless going to a specific event. Everyone is required to remain on site after 7pm except in the case of an emergency, when the group leader will need to sign people out at the Security Point or telephone the site manager if after 11pm. When signing in, please inform us of anyone you know that will be arriving late or leaving the site so we can arrange this with the Security Point. There is a main railway line which you are not allowed to cross.

HEALTH & SAFETY

SITE MANAGER

In case of an emergency, please contact Mike Thomas on 07737 498 719.

CHILD PROTECTION

Please ensure that your group follows the DBS guidelines in the DBS Information leaflet. There will be two nominated Child Protection Officers on site - Korin Jones and Mike Thomas. They can be contacted via the Information Point.

FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION

In the event of an evacuation, an announcement will be made to meet at the assembly point, the football field in the middle of the site. Fire extinguishers will be available in each indoor venue; these must not be tampered with or used for any other purpose. You will need to check that all of your group are present and then let the site team know your numbers.

FIRST AID

Our First Aid cover is being provided by Spree and will be located at the Information Point.

SLIP SLAP SLOP SLURP

We promote SLIP on a t-shirt, SLAP on a hat, SLOP on the sun cream and SLURP back the water! If the weather is at all sunny, please promote this with your group so that they won't be one of the many who need to visit the First Aid point with sunburn or sunstroke.

CLEAN SITE

There will be a skip on site for rubbish. There will also be smaller bins around the site.

SITE SAFETY

All leaders have a responsibility to contribute to the protection of all campers at Spree. Everyone on camp will be required to wear a coloured wristband; any person not wearing one will be removed by the site team. Should you spot anything or anyone that does not look right please ensure you report it to the Information Point.

SECURITY & ETIQUETTE

NIGHT TIME

Please ensure that your group is quiet from 11pm until 7am. We will endeavour to tire them out as much as possible!

OVERALL BEHAVIOUR

Group leaders are responsible for the whereabouts and behaviour of their campers. The Spree Wales Core Team reserve the right to ask you to take home any young people whose behaviour we consider to be grossly unacceptable. Alcohol, tobacco and non-prescribed drugs are banned from Spree Wales.

NO SMOKING SITE

Please note that the whole of the site is a designated No Smoking Area.

TOILETS AND SHOWERS

These are of the portable variety but are highly rated. Toilet blocks with flushing toilets and hand sinks with soap, hot water showers with a changing area in each one.

SERVICE CREW AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS

These people will be there to help you and ensure the weekend runs smoothly and safely. They will be identified by a luminous vest with Spree Wales on the back. Please ensure your group follows any requests made by them. Please note that if you have any Service Crew as part of your group, they will be busy until 3.30pm on Sunday so will not be able to help take down your group's tents.

ON ARRIVAL

GROUP ARRIVAL TIME

You will be welcome to arrive with your group of young people from 5pm Friday. Some activities will be open on arrival, with more opening as time goes on.

SECURITY POINT

You will be greeted by a member of our Service Crew who will direct you to the Information Point. The group leader will need to book in here, along with any Service Crew and Adult Volunteers, where you will be given a welcome pack and directed to your pitch. Please make sure that any unavoidable changes to your group are made clear to the administrator.

You will need to hand in your safety sheet on arrival.

WELCOME PACK

This will include: wristbands for everyone in your group which must be worn at all times and any important updates.

PITCHES

These are allocated before you arrive based on your group size. Please note that any cooking areas will need to be at least a metre away from your tents and away from the main walkways.

CARS / MINIBUSES

The car park is close to the camping area at this year's venue and so no vehicles will be allowed to drive on site. Service Crew will be around as much as possible to help you with unloading / loading your vehicles.

CHECK LIST

LEADERS

- Forms
 - Your own parental consent forms.
 - Completed safety sheet, ready to hand in when booking in.
- Tents, tent pegs, mallet. **We suggest foot-long tent pegs as the site can be a little breezy!** The extra-long pegs are mandatory for gazebos and will be on sale in bundles of 4 for £1 at the Info Point throughout the weekend.
- Fire extinguisher, fire blanket.
- First aid kit, sun cream.
- Water carrier.
- Cooking equipment, means of lighting cooking equipment.
- Food and drink, plates and cutlery for group.
- Washing up bowl, washing up liquid, tea towels.
- Bin bags.
- Torches.

CAMPERS

- Tents, tent pegs, mallet.
- Sleeping bag, foam mat or equivalent, pillow.
- Waterproof coat, comfortable shoes.
- Drinks bottle.
- Sun cream, sunglasses, sun hat.
- Warm jumper, clothes, nightwear, plastic bag for wet/dirty clothes.
- Swimming costume and towel.
- Towel, wash bag.
- Watch.
- Money.
- **Cushion for venues.**
- Bible.
- Torch.

Some activities will be messy!

DiRections

UNITED COUNTIES SHOWGROUND

SA33 5DR

This year's venue is directly off the A40 towards St Clears.

The postcode is accurate in all the Sat Navs that we have used, but we still suggest that you take the time to plan your route.

We strongly suggest: [maps.google.co.uk](https://www.google.co.uk)

The website belonging to the site we are using has useful directions and maps:

<http://www.unitedcounties.org/visitor-information/map-and-directions>

If you have any queries, feel free to contact Rowena on 07971 865 674.

CORE TEAM

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