

# DANGEROUS CAMPING



## Being a Pod Leader

We have found that Dangerous Camping works better for everyone if those who come are divided into small groups, which we call pods. Pods will be about a dozen people gathered around a fire pit, a table for food and chairs. This provides a 'home' for the group to return to. It also provides a manageable number of other dads and children to get to know, so that no one is left out and everyone is given a warm welcome.

Each pod has one or two dads appointed as pod leaders. These dads will usually have been to Dangerous Camping before.

Here is what we would love the pod leaders to do during the weekend:

1. **Attend the pod leaders' briefing at the start of the weekend.** In this short meeting we will run through the plan and answer your questions. We will also be available throughout the weekend to support you.
2. **Lead (or ask someone else to lead) the pod Bible times on Saturday and Sunday mornings.** These are a chance for the whole pod to gather around God's Word and grow in faith together. If led well, they can be a highlight of the weekend. Everything you need to lead these sessions is provided – see the separate briefing sheet for more details.



3. **Lead (or ask someone else to lead) the various pod activities.** Everything you need will be set up for you and written instructions will be provided. You just need to lead your pod around the activities, telling them how to complete each one.
4. **Look out for individuals within your pod, ensuring that everyone feels welcome and involved.** Introduce people to one another. Keep an eye out for any children or dads who might be feeling left out. Pay particular attention to any of your pod who have been brought along as guests and who don't normally attend a church – make sure that they feel fully included, while also allowing them to take a step back during the spiritual elements if they would prefer to just observe.
5. **Above all else, set a godly tone for the pod during the weekend.** Gather the pod to pray before meals. Be willing to lovingly intervene when you spot children discouraging others or being disruptive. Model conversations that aim to go further than jobs and hobbies, building meaningful friendships.

We have not found that any part of this is particularly difficult. The pod leader is usually just doing what they would choose to do anyway as a Christian dad who looks out for the needs of others.

Many thanks for taking on this role. Please join us in praying that the weekend would bear fruit for eternity.

