



YM CAMP 2020: STEADFAST FAQs

Dear parents,

Part of the impact of COVID-19 on our church community has been that physical services and chances to gather as a body of Christ have been greatly reduced this year. Because of this, the continued discipleship of our youths weighs big on our hearts, and we desire to create a safe and healthy space for that to happen.

Thus, it is after much prayer and discernment that YM has decided to hold our annual YM Camp from 17-19 December 2020. With the pandemic still ongoing, this year's camp will look slightly different from past years, with adjustments made to ensure we adhere to government restrictions. Even though these changes may be somewhat inconvenient, we believe that they will help our youths to reconnect with God and each other in community and see how God has been faithful through this pandemic year. Therefore it is our prayer that you will consider allowing your child to join us for camp this December. He/she may obtain the sign up link via our YM social media channels or through his/her YSGLS.

Below is a list of FAQs that will help you understand the changes at YM Camp this year. Should you still have more queries, do contact us at ymstaff@wesleymc.org.

In His Steadfast love,
YM Camp Committee 2020

A. GENERAL

1. **Is YM Camp 2020: Steadfast an overnight or day camp?**

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, YM Camp 2020 will be a day camp, held across 2.5 days. The dates and timings for the camp are:

17 December: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

18 December: 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

19 December: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2. **Will there be any camp fee, and if so, how much?**

YM Camp 2020 will cost each participant \$40 in total, with payment made in two phases:

Phase 1: An initial \$10 payment will be made after registration.

Phase 2: A subsequent \$30 will be collected at the camp venue on 17 December. This amount will cover the cost of the meals (2x lunch, 2x dinner).

Should the camp group spend less than \$30 per pax for meals, the leftover amount will be divided and reimbursed equally to all group members.

3. **Where will this year's camp be held?**

In previous years, YM Camp was held at one location. However, to comply with government regulations regarding mass gatherings, this year's camp will adopt a decentralised model and be



held in homes. Each home will only host 1 camp group, which will likely consist of 8 - 10 campers.

4. **How are homes chosen?**

Our homes and hosts come from our YM community. Both youths and leaders have kindly opened their homes for the camp. The camp committee is engaging each host individually to ensure that their home environment will be suitable for hosting a camp group.

5. **The current allowance for household visitors is up to 5 pax. How will we accommodate 8 - 10 campers in each location?**

The number of campers per group will adhere to government regulations on the household visitor limit. With the gradual relaxation on gatherings, we hope to accommodate 8 - 10 pax per camp group.

However, should the current limit of 5 visitors continue, or stay below 8 visitors, the camp committee will review the number of campers per group. In the worst case scenario, the camp committee will move the camp to a fully online format, where campers need not meet physically and will attend camp from home.

6. **Under what circumstances would YM Camp 2020: Steadfast proceed as planned?**

The proposed decentralised format where YM Camp will be held in homes will only proceed if government regulations are relaxed by early December to allow for up to 8 - 10 household visitors.

7. **In the event that YM Camp 2020: Steadfast becomes a fully online camp, will the camp fees be refunded?**

The \$10 registration fee is non-refundable. In the event that we are unable to have face-to-face meetings during camp, certain elements will still occur online, and campers will still receive their camp package (t-shirt and other materials) via delivery.

B. GROUPINGS AND CAMP GROUP LEADERS

8. **How many campers are assigned to one camp group?**

8 - 10 campers (inclusive of leaders) will be assigned to a camp group. However, should the household visitor limit still remain below 8 visitors by early December, the camp committee will move the camp to a fully online format, where campers need not meet physically and will attend camp from home.

9. **Will my child be grouped with his/her Youth Small Group (YSG)?**

For YM Camp 2020, our groups will consist of youths from a few YSGs. We will also take geographical location and camp workshop preference into consideration. This means that your child will likely be grouped with at least a few YSG members, as well as other youths from YM.

10. **Can my child choose which venue or group he/she wants to be assigned to?**

No, all campers will be allocated a venue and group by the camp committee. As far as possible we will keep youths in the same YSG together, while keeping geographical location and camp workshop preference as the other main considerations.



However, if you or your child has strong concerns about the assigned venue, the camp committee will work with you to find a suitable arrangement. You can get in touch with the committee by writing to ymstaff@wesleymc.org.

11. Will my child's camp group venue be near my home?

While we cannot guarantee it, the camp committee will try their best to allocate all campers a camp group venue that is near to their homes.

12. How are the leaders of each camp group chosen?

Each camp group will have 1 appointed Mentor, and 1 Camp Group Leader (CGL). The leaders include our current Youth Small Group Leaders, as well as older youths aged 17 and above. They must be nominated, and are prayerfully selected by the Camp Committee as well as vetted by the YM staff.

13. Will the YM staff and leaders be involved in camp?

The YM staff and camp committee will be on standby as emergency contact personnel should any emergency arise during the camp. Camp Group Leaders and Mentors will be present with their camp group throughout the duration of the camp.

C. PROGRAMME

14. Will the camp programme have only online elements or will there be face-to-face segments?

The proposed camp programme includes both face-to-face and online elements. Individual camp group activities (e.g. games, devotions) will be conducted face-to-face in homes, while segments that require all campers (e.g. speaker sessions, admin briefings) will require the groups to gather over Zoom.

However, should the format of camp change due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, all activities will be moved fully online, and the duration of camp will be shortened as well to minimise screen fatigue.

15. How will the camp committee ensure that camp groups adhere to the programme timings?

All Camp Group Leaders will be expected to help ensure punctuality in adhering to the programme during the camp. As an added incentive, there will be an ongoing point system in which groups are rewarded for being punctual.

16. Will the campers be given a budget for meals over the 2.5 days?

Campers are required to bring \$30 on Day 1 of camp (17 December). This amount will go towards a common group fund that the whole camp group can use for meals.

17. My child has dietary restrictions. Will the host be able to accommodate him/her?

Yes, please indicate your child's dietary restrictions during registration. All Camp Group Leaders will be informed of his/her group members' dietary restrictions, and will ensure that all purchased food is suitable for their consumption.



D. SAFETY AND MOVEMENT

18. What health safety protocols will be put in place during camp?

All campers will have to use SafeEntry to check in and out of their camp group venues, and take their temperature in the morning and afternoon. If they display any flu-like symptoms, they will be asked to see a doctor and return home.

Should any camper require immediate medical assistance at any time during camp, the Camp Mentor will alert the emergency contact and assist in bringing him/her to the nearest GP or hospital. YM staff and the camp committee will also be available to accompany the camper.

19. Can we get more information about the allocated venue and host? Can I have their handphone numbers in case I need to contact my child urgently?

Basic information of the allocated venue such as the address and name of host will be provided to your child at least a week before camp. Camp group Mentors' contact numbers will also be provided before the camp. Should you need to contact your child urgently during camp, you may contact his/her camp group Mentor.

Should there be any questions, you are encouraged to ask your child to clarify them with his/her camp leaders. However, if you still prefer to speak to a leader directly, you may contact our YM staff at ymstaff@wesleymc.org.

20. My child cannot stay for the entire duration of camp. Can I arrange to pick up my child when he/she needs to leave?

Yes, parents can arrange to pick up their children if they need to leave before we break camp for the day. To facilitate coordination, please do inform the camp committee of this as early as possible, either via the registration form or through email at ymstaff@wesleymc.org.

21. Will campers be allowed to leave their designated venue for outside activities?

Campers are strongly encouraged to stay for the entire duration of camp, so as to experience the camp in full. However, should there be any activity or emergency that requires campers to leave camp for a short while, they must inform the camp committee or their Camp Group Leader as early as possible. SafeEntry and temperature checks will need to be done when the camper leaves and returns.

22. Can I drop by to check-in on my child and his/her camp group at any time during the camp?

Parents are strongly discouraged from dropping by to check on their children during camp. While we understand that this comes from a place of concern, we encourage parents to give their children space to bond with other YM youths and fully engage in the camp programme.

Given that camp groups already account for 8 - 10 visitors, we also kindly request that parents respect the household visitor limit and not to put our hosts in a difficult position.

23. Will the host parents/adults be present throughout the duration of the camp?

Camp Mentors will be present with their groups at all times during the camp to ensure that the camp programme is carried out safely. The host is not required to be present throughout the entire duration of camp.



24. **Will there be transport provided for my child during camp?**

As the camp will be held over multiple locations, all campers are expected to arrange their own transport to and from their allocated group venue.