



SVP Vinnies Summer Camps Holy Island



Parents:



Where will I stay?
Camp started in tents on Holy Island seventy years ago, but now we have a purpose-built centre with dormitories, electricity and even hot showers! Dorms have eight young people, and we try to keep friends together. If you're coming alone, don't worry you'll make friends quickly!



The Week:

Spending a week on Holy Island at one of our Summer Vinnies Camps is great fun. You can expect to stay 'On Camp' (our Centre's name) with about 50 young people in Yrs 5-7 from all over the Northeast. Each day, you'll be able to take part in a range of activities, organised by our lovely volunteer helpers. You can try your hand at team games, sports such as football and cricket, Lazer Tag, arts and crafts, archery, silly sports, challenges, beach combing and paddling as well as rock pooling, competitions, treasure hunts and our World-renowned Holy Island Fun Run. Of course, there is always time to chill out and relax too!

The Island:

Lindisfarne (Holy Island) is a small island off the coast of Northumberland. The island has many unspoilt beaches, much history and natural beauty for all Campers to enjoy. However, the island is tidal and is cut off from the mainland by water twice a day for six hours each time. There are no doctors or hospitals on the island, therefore in the event of medical emergency, a helicopter, usually based at Prestwick, would attend. Please think carefully about this information if there is a serious medical condition involved in your child's stay and contact us via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk



Food:

We want you to be happy at Camp and an important part of that is food. We need energy to explore the island and make sure our meals are varied and healthy. They are all freshly cooked on site and we cater for all diets.





Meet Us:

Information Meetings for Parents/Carers are

- Saturday 25th April- 2pm
- Saturday 13th June- 2pm

**St Aloysius Church Hall,
Prince Consort Road,
Hebburn, NE31 1BE**

2026 Dates:

- Week 1 Sat 18- 25 July
- Week 2 Sat 25 July-1 August
- Week 3 Sat 1- 8 August
- Week 5 Sat 15-22 August
- Week 6 Sat 22- 29 August



The Helpers:

All the staff at Camp are volunteers. They all give their time and services freely.

All adult helpers hold a current DBS- enhanced police check, have been carefully selected, undertake staff development and training on Ethos, SEN, Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

Feedback from parents makes it all

worthwhile:

A huge thank you to the entire team for the incredible week D had at Holy Island. He came back absolutely buzzing—full of stories, laughter, and treasured memories. So much love, energy, and care went into making the week special,. We're so grateful for the unforgettable experiences you've given him—and for making yet another summer on Holy Island truly magical.



Cost:

The real cost of sending a child to Camp is about £225 per child, per week. Costs are rising year on year. We have made the difficult decision to raise the donation to £175 in 2026 which works out at £25 per day and includes transport from Tyneside, all meals and activities. If you are thinking of sending your child in 2026, please consider whether you would be able to donate more to help another child access a holiday too. Payment plans and support are always available for those families who

may need some support.

Sarah, as part of our Childrens' Application Team is always happy to help answer any questions from parents/carers. Please email them at:

holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk