

Testimonials for School and Youth Residentials at The Jonas Centre



We have used The Jonas Centre for whole school residentially on a number of occasions. The welcome we receive, the friendliness of staff and their genuine wish to accommodate our needs and to help us in any way they can is exemplary. Staff are able to lead exciting activities secure in the knowledge that help and support is readily available in the event of any difficulties, meaning everyone in the group has a fantastic time. Can't recommend the centre highly enough -it's a brilliant place for a school residential!

Catherine Lawton KS2 Teacher, Kirkby Fleetham Primary School, North Yorkshire



The children have been bringing their slips back, very excited that they will be going to the Jonas Centre with their friends in June. We bring the year 5 pupils, some of whom have never been away from home for the night, and word has now got around that this is such a fun place to go that anxieties do not feature!!! We show the children a DVD from our previous visits, and every child has brought their slips back except one. I phoned that family today and 'oh yes, she is going' was the Mum's response! Thank you for making this so affordable -the cost is within reach of all our families- some send in £2 each week but we start collecting the money on January so that every family can give a little at a time. Many thanks from 10 very excited children!! Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. Best Wishes from

Karen Pickles Deputy Head, Mowbray School, North Yorkshire



I would like to book for next year. We had an amazing time with the kids and we have put are Olympic pictures up at school as part of the school celebrations. It was so kind of you to organise it for us and the sunshine.

Ann Shepherd, Assistant Headteacher, Highfield School, Wakefield



The Jonas Centre is ideal for what I want! The accommodation is fine as if it were any nicer we would be worried the children would spoil it! The Granary Barn is just the right size not too big to be impersonal and the kitchen is well equipped. Having the outdoor space is fantastic and the kids love the animals so all in all we wouldn't go anywhere else!

Heather McLeen, Children's Worker, South Parade Baptist Church, Leeds



We have now used The Jonas Centre for several years for our week long summer camp for young people from Chesterfield and prior to this occasionally for youth weekends away. It is hard to put into the words what the centre has meant to us. There are so many memories of laughter and adventure, the beauty and tranquility of the location as well as the care the staff never ceases to create an atmosphere of peace - not of course in the physical sense - there is not much peace with forty young people engaging in all sorts of messy, competitive and crazy activities - but despite all that, somewhere inside, just being there brings stillness, contentment and joy!

I have come across no other centre where I have felt as welcomed and where every effort has been made to meet all our requests. And at the same time a personal interest in me - From my very first visit I never felt simply like a paying customer but someone who is known and cared about. I can only thank all involved again for creating such a wonderful place and for all your support over the years, bending over backwards to help us as we seek to serve our young people.

Graham Nightingale, Youth Director, Acorn Christian Ministries, Chesterfield



The sun shone, the goats were friendly and the log cabins were cosy. This was a great experience for many of the children away from home for the very first time. They made their own pizzas and had a whale of a time. A super residential visit.

Carol Brotherton Headteacher Snape & Thornton Watlass Federation of Schools



The Jonas Centre provides an inspiring base for a residential stay with a class of any age. Set in beautiful countryside, there are opportunities for designing a wealth of adventurous activities in a safe and peaceful environment. Comfortable cabins, friendly and accommodating staff and excellent kitchen and common room facilities make this an easy and unforgettable experience, for teachers and children alike. We took a mixed Y3/4 class for a three day visit, which included sports, hiking and map-reading, orienteering, campfires and cooking! We had great fun planning our activities and our menus as a class and greatly enjoyed the freedom and flexibility to design our own outdoor curriculum to suit our own needs. Well worth a visit!

Catherine Monaghan Y3/Y4 Teacher West Burton School, North Yorkshire