

# Camper Info



## What is AWOL?

AWOL stands for A Work Of Love. It is an awesome time where approximately 200 teenagers come together each year to be transformed and to transform the community around them. On camp, relationships are built with others your own age and you are equipped both practically and spiritually to face life head on! You also get to share God's love in the community of Empangeni, Richards Bay and surrounding areas by tackling various projects or outreaches that are organised and run by the local churches – a work of love!

## Who can attend?

AWOL is open to all high school learners up to the age of 19 (No senior primary school learners allowed). Churches as far south as Mtunzini, inland as Eshowe and north as Mtubatuba also join us with this act of love. Even those outside this area are welcome to join in and make a difference!

## How can I already make a difference?

You don't have to wait for AWOL to start! Begin by telling your friends about your decision to be on AWOL – when others hear what you are doing, they will see that Jesus is making a difference in your life and he is relevant to people of your age! Invite others to join you – the more that come, the bigger the impact! Keep yourself informed and up to date on web [www.aworkoflove.co.za](http://www.aworkoflove.co.za), Facebook  AWOL (A Work Of Love), Twitter  @aworkoflove and Instagram  @aworkoflove.

## What will you do each day?

During the day, you will rub shoulders with teens from all over! There will plenty time for fun and games and getting to know one another – you will even discover things about yourself that will help point your life in the right direction. Chill time, chat time, praise and worship, sharing, celebrating, laughing, learning, discovering, building and much more that will cause you never to be the same again! You will also have the awesome privilege of impacting others in the community as you go out and make a difference and see others change because of God's love that is in you. You will get to meet your new 'mom and dad' on camp that you never knew you had – sounds weird, hey?

Our evening celebrations are a highlight for many – but it does not stop there, there is so much more!

## Community Service Hours

All learners are required to complete a certain number of community engagement hours as part of their Life Orientation Portfolio by their matric year. This is compulsory and learners are encouraged not to leave this to their last year of school! AWOL issues learners with certificates on the last day for the community hours carried out during this event.

## More on the campsite...

Campers provide their own tenting. We suggest that you bring 4-6 man tents and share with others as this helps with space and is great fun. Your tent site is 3m x 3.5m, so don't bring a tent bigger than this! Obviously the male & female campsites are separate. As a last resort, if you are unable to bring a tent, space in communal tents is available at an additional cost (see registration form).

## How much does AWOL cost?

The cost for the camp is R600.00. (If you want a spot in a communal tent, it will be an additional R70.00.) The camp fee includes all meals, accommodation and activities on the camp as well as a t-shirt! When you register, you can pay the full amount or just the non-refundable deposit of R300.00. (The balance must be paid at check-in when you arrive.) Under certain circumstances, sibling discounts may be granted. (Your church pastor or youth leader will need to contact us in order to apply.)

## Can I come with a group from my church?

Of course you can – just indicate on your registration form with your group name! We will try our best to put your tents next to each other – no guarantee! (Remember, the male & female campsites are separate.) We also want you to meet new people and make new friends, so when you are serving in the community, you may not be with your group.

## When do I get there?

The camp officially starts with check-in on Tuesday, 25 June between 7:00 and 8:00am when you will say your goodbyes. The camp ends on Friday, 28 June at 5:00pm.

## How do I get there?

This year, the camp is held at **Heuwelland Primary School** (not the same as 2017!). For directions to the event site, please download the map from the website.

## What must I bring?

Here is a list of the essentials...

- Tent\*\*
- Bedding & pillow
- Old clothes
- Closed shoes
- EXTRA warm clothes
- Good attitude
- Sun cream
- Hat
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Torch
- Dish cloth
- Plates/cups/knives/forks/spoons in a bag
- A Gift of Love. Please bring any of the following items (new or second hand) that you will hand over to a local outreach.  
Face Cloth, Toilet Soap, Toothpaste (Adult/Child), Baby Shampoo, Wool, Nappy Rash Cream, Vaseline, Hand/Body Lotion (200ml)

A tuck shop will be available if you would like to bring some money.

\*\* See the comment about tents under "More on the campsite" for more options.

## Valuables

Expensive valuables are **not essential** to the event and are brought at own risk!!

**Cell phones are not permitted on the camp!** If you have brought your phone with you to contact your parents on arrival and departure, that is fine. When you check-in at the event, we will take in **all phones** and lock them away. You will receive your phone again at the end of camp.

## Will I be safe?

We take many steps to make this event a safe and memorable occasion. By abiding by the "Camper Rules" you will be participating with the event organisers to make this possible.

For security reasons, the event site will be closed to the public – this includes family members, relatives and friends. Only those with camper or Staff IDs can gain access.

## How do I Register?

Just go onto our website, [www.aworkoflove.co.za](http://www.aworkoflove.co.za), and download the registration forms. Alternatively, contact your church or youth leader. Lastly, contact our registration office: [registration@aworkoflove.co.za](mailto:registration@aworkoflove.co.za) or 035 792 3404 or 079 478 9761.

**Remember, registration closes Friday, 7 June and is limited to only 200 campers!**

Here is what you need to do...

- Read and understand the Camper Info (this document).
- If you are joining friends or others from your church decide on a name for your group (you will need to fill this in on the registration form).
- Read, understand and agree to the "AWOL Camper Rules" in this document.
- Pay your deposit (this is required to secure your place) or the full amount. Your payment must have the correct reference! Keep your proof of payment! **(Don't proceed until this is done!)** The registration form has banking details for **EFT** or **Zapper** Code to make payment.
- Complete the AWOL Registration Form and get your parent/guardian to sign it. You will have to include your proof of payment before sending it.
- Fax it, email it or drop it as instructed on the registration form.
- Wait for your registration confirmation by sms. (This takes about 4 working days.)

## Who is responsible for this event?

The AWOL core team is represented by a number of churches in Empangeni and Richards Bay.

If you would like to speak an organiser directly, you can reach:

Event coordinator: Karl Rottcher 083 638 2544

Event secretary: Belinda Blakeman 082 881 2101

## AWOL Camper Rules

As a camper, you will have to agree to the following rules to ensure that the event happens in a safe and orderly manner.

- I will participate in all aspects of the programme at the AWOL event.
- I will not leave the event site or a project/outreach without permission from the event organisers.
- I will only attend the projects/outreaches that have been designated to me so that the event organisers know where everyone is at all times.
- I will not bring any form of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or abuse-type substances, weapons, fireworks or any other items that might distract from the purpose of the camp.
- Under no circumstances will I enter the campsite area of the opposite gender.
- I will obey all announcements, requests, signs that are given or displayed over the duration of the AWOL event.
- I will respect fellow campers, organisers and the community in which I will serve, knowing that I am an example for Christ.
- I understand that my failure to abide by the above rules may result in me being dismissed from the camp.