

# Where can I serve on AWOL?



**a work of love**  
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## **AWOL and the local church**

AWOL (A Work Of Love) is an annual event planned for the week of 25 to 28 June 2019 that hosts approximately 200 teenage campers in Empangeni.

These teens come together, build relationships and receive practical and spiritual input that equips them for life. They also share God's love in the community of Empangeni, Richards Bay and surrounding areas by tackling various projects/outreaches that are organised and run by the local churches – a work of love.

Local churches are approached to share their gifting and resources to make this event a success. Naturally every church member who gets involved on AWOL is impacted as well. The diversity of AWOL provides many opportunities for church members to develop and grow: either before, during or even after the AWOL event. We find that those who get involved on AWOL and the community outreaches are spurred on to continue serving in their local church or their surrounding areas. They become catalysts that motivate others to do the same!

## **Churches working together**

We find that when churches work together as the unified body of Christ with a focus on the community, we see God's hand at work. Resources, equipment, past experiences and funding can be shared. Relationships and partnerships are developed that makes the church stronger and more effective.

AWOL endeavours to be a catalyst for local churches to make this become a reality!

## **So, where can I serve on AWOL?**

As much as we desire the teens to be transformed on AWOL and to make a difference in the lives of those around them, so too, do we desire every volunteer to be impacted on AWOL.

Please contact us should you desire to serve in any of the following areas ...

### ***AWOL core team***

This is our advanced preparation team that ensures all is in place prior to the event starting. If you are able to market/advertise AWOL, promote AWOL in schools and churches, fundraise, source and purchase various goods, plan and set up the event site, engage with the AWOL Action leaders or assist with registering the teens, we would appreciate your time and expertise.

### ***Prayer team***

AWOL is covered in prayer. We encourage people to be a part of this team either before or during AWOL.

### ***Serving teams/volunteers***

Some of these teams carry out functions during office hours and others later in the day or evening. Some are either during AWOL or the days leading up to it. This involves: setting up the event site, checking in the teens, assisting teens pitch tents on the first morning, patrolling/security, catering, cleaning, taking photos/videos, editing videos, burning AWOL camp DVDs and packing everything away on the Friday or Saturday.

### ***Ministry teams***

During AWOL, a number of teams engage with the teenagers through workshops, talks, small groups, worship, drama as well as team and relational building activities. AWOL also requires people skilled in sound, lighting and media for our evening meetings.

### ***AWOL Actions***

During Wednesday and Friday, teens go into the community on AWOL Actions. These projects, outreaches or ministry times are organised by church members who desire to make a difference in the community. Teens on AWOL become the workforce – God's hands and feet! You would sign up to be an AWOL Action leader to take teens out during AWOL. We also require assistance with transport. (See document: "How to Organise AWOL Actions")

### ***Camp officer team***

This team is the backbone during the AWOL event. The team is divided into day and night shifts and carries the responsibility for this event. It ensures the teens' safety, makes contingency plans, oversees all the resources and coordinates all the activities on the programme for a successful outcome.