



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SOUTHEND & 22<sup>nd</sup> SOUTHEND COMPANIES At Belle Vue Baptist Church

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## Brigades Go To Danbury for an Action Packed Weekend Away – Photos Attached in Zip File

Over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May Boys & Girls Brigade from Belle Vue Baptist Church (22<sup>nd</sup> Southend-on-Sea Boys Brigade & 2<sup>nd</sup> Southend Girls Brigade), and the Boys Brigade from Leigh Beck Baptist Church (10<sup>th</sup> South East Essex Boys Brigade) took their youth members to Danbury Campsite for their annual weekend away of outdoor activities.

There were 59 young people in attendance, with an age range of 7 to 18, split into two age groups, Juniors 7-11, and Seniors 11-18.

During the weekend the youth learn about Jesus Christ, participated in various team competitions such as Softball, Manhunt, football and even participated in outdoor pursuits including Archery, an Ariel runway, and BMX-in. As ever the seniors attempted to cook for themselves, with varying degrees of success!!!

Carol Eastwick Captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> Southend Girls Brigade commented *'The weather was kind to us and all the children and young people had a wonderful time and as well as playing all the usual games and sports we do at Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade, they also had the opportunity to try out activities that they had not done before.'*

The captain of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Southend-on-Sea Boys Brigade said *'In an age where youth are being portrayed as a generation that just sits around at home its great to see that a weekend of camping and outdoor activities is still so popular. Indeed in recent years we have seen a increase in the numbers of young people wanting to attend camps.'*

This year for the second year now we were give a grant by Turning Tides of £250.00 to help pay the transport costs to get the youth to Danbury which we are all very grateful!

All in all the youth had an amazing time at Danbury, and many cant wait till next year already, however it may take staff that long to recuperate from the late nights and early mornings of the weekend!!!



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The advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian character.



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If you would like to have any more information this event, or higher res photos please do not hesitate to contact Justin Al-Soufi or Carol Eastwick, whose details can be found at the top of the release – Parents of Children appearing in the attached photos have all given consent for images of their child to be used for publicity purposes.

### **Background Notes for Editors**

- *Both Brigades provide an exciting and challenging programme underpinned by the Christian Faith, enabling children and young people to reach their full potential, develop a sense of responsibility and become active members of their community.*
- *Nationally the Girls Brigade has been going for 115yrs*
- *Boys Brigade Nationally has been going over 125yrs now and has adapted and changed to meet the needs of today's children and young people whilst maintaining its core values.*
- *The Girls' Brigade England & Wales Headquarters can be contacted at P.O. Box 196, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon OX11 8XN or on (telephone) 01235 510425 or (email) [gbco@girlsbrigadeew.org.uk](mailto:gbco@girlsbrigadeew.org.uk)*
- *The Boys' Brigade's UK Headquarters can be contacted at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP3 OBL or on (telephone) 01442 231 681 or (email) [enquiries@boysbrigade.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@boysbrigade.org.uk)*



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