



### How to go about it...

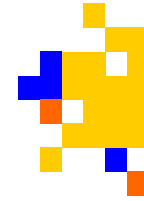
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### Coleg y Bala Savings Card

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Sunday School / Club .....

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## Organising a Weekend

At Coleg y Bala

Coleg y Bala is owned by the Presbyterian Church of Wales, and since 1969 has been a centre for children and young people. If you haven't been to Coleg y Bala before, there's a warm welcome awaiting both children and leaders alike.

This leaflet has been prepared to help you organise a group of your children and young people to come to Coleg y Bala. We hope that it will be of help to you, whether you've brought children to the centre before, or if you're coming for the first time.

The work that you do with children and young people in your local church is so very important, and we appreciate your commitment. The Youth and Children's Service is available to support you in this work.

If you have any questions about coming to Coleg y Bala, then please contact:

**Jean Roberts (Bursar) or Meryl Walters (Courses and Churches Liaison Officer)**  
**Coleg y Bala, Y Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7RY.**  
**01678 520565 email colegybala@aol.com**

#### Welcome pack:

*Coleg y Bala Information leaflet*

*Registration form*

*Volunteer Helpers sheet*

*Parents information leaflet*

*Weekend cost leaflet*

#### A visit to Coleg y Bala:

- *Is a chance for children and young people to enjoy themselves in a Christian environment.*
- *Is a chance for leaders to get to know the children better.*
- *Is a chance to pick up new ideas for your Sunday School or Children's/Youth Club.*



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### How do I start?

- Ask the children if they'd like to go away for a fun weekend together.
- How about bringing a group over to Coleg y Bala in the evening or asking a member of the Youth and Children's Service to come to you to talk about the centre and to give you a taste of the activities we would do together?

### When can we come?

- Weekends are held for different ages: children (8 -12) and young people (Years 7 and over.)
- Many weekends are available for specific areas - some come annually- but there are other open weekends e.g. a youth weekend. But it is possible to join with a group from another area too.
- If you haven't been before, ring Coleg y Bala for a chat - Jean or Meryl will be able to help you decide when best to come.
- There are also open courses in the summer, and a training course for older youth (15+).
- Coleg y Bala is also available for you to bring a group during the week e.g. half term weeks.

*Summer fun by the lake.*

*“Going to Coleg y Bala is a great experience and lots of fun.”*

*A chance to make friends.*



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### How do I register for a course?

- Each child must fill in a Coleg y Bala registration form (*there's a copy in the welcome pack.*)
- We ask for a £10 deposit for each child before-hand.
- We also ask you to send the registration forms and deposits to Coleg y Bala a fortnight before coming.

### Do I need to come with the children?

- If there are more than 10 children coming on a weekend, it would help the children if you came with them.
- Coming with the children and young people to Coleg y Bala is a chance for you to get to know the children better and to pick up ideas for your Sunday School or Children's/Youth Club.
- If a child with special needs comes with your group, we would ask you to make sure that there's 1 leader to look after him/her.

### Child Protection

- As in the churches, we at Coleg y Bala follow the procedures outlined in the document, “For the sake of our Children”. For your information, there are 2 appendices in the document regarding “Transport” (*Appendix 8*) and “Residential Programmes” (*Appendix 9*).
- When you come to stay with a group of children, we would ask you kindly to fill in a form for “Volunteer Helpers” which is in this pack.
- It would help the staff that work in the centre to know before-hand about any special circumstances regarding the children e.g. bereavement, a difficult home situation, or behavioural problems.