

Dear Church Leader,

We are very pleased to tell you that the person giving you this letter will be working as a volunteer leader with Ventures this summer. We are writing to ask for your support in their role in this ministry.

As well as being fantastic holidays and a chance to have fun and make friends, each year Ventures enable about 4,500 children and young people to meet Jesus, get to know him better and in turn lead others to him. Each year we run about 90 Ventures, all of which are run by volunteers.

Our prime focus is to ensure children and young people have a wonderful and meaningful holiday. It is also a very positive experience for our volunteers. Volunteers who join Ventures are given opportunities to develop their skills and experience that often have direct benefit for their church when they return. So, although we are taking someone from you for a week, our intention is to send them back to you more inspired, better equipped, and with a deeper faith to serve in your church throughout the rest of the year. Of course helping on a Venture is hard work so don't be surprised if they also come back feeling a bit tired!

We are asking you to support volunteers from your church serving on a Venture because they are involved in mission and because Ventures complement the work done in churches with children young people through the rest of the year. For many children and young people, Venture holidays play a significant role in the development of their faith. They can also be a lifeline that keeps them in contact with the church through the year. All of our volunteers play a vital role in this valuable work whether it's through working in the kitchen, organising activities, giving talks or leading Bible studies.

**There are two main ways your church can be involved in the exciting life-changing work of Ventures.**

**1** Please would you pray for the children and young people who attend Ventures. We would also value your prayers for the 3,300 volunteers who make Ventures possible. We have a prayer PowerPoint available on our website that you can use – [www.ventures.org.uk](http://www.ventures.org.uk). We also have a promotional DVD that you could show, call us and we'll send you a copy – 01926 458456.

**2** You may also be able to help us make Ventures more affordable. There are costs associated with your church member helping on a Venture. To demonstrate your commitment to your church member, would your church be prepared to make a contribution to cover some of these costs? We realise not all of our volunteers are in a financial position to contribute to the full cost of the Venture they attend. We rely on donations to ensure as little of this extra cost as possible is passed on to the children and young people.

Any contribution your church is able to make to cover the costs of your volunteer attending a Venture will ensure we can continue reaching so many children and young people with the good news of Jesus. You may also wish to consider making a contribution to our subsidy fund which enables us to ensure children and young people who can not afford the cost of attending a Venture can still experience one of our life-changing holidays.

We hope you will be able to give your support to their role on a Venture. Please remember to ask them how they got on. They are bound to have some exciting stories to encourage your church.

With every best wish



David Hart  
Director of Ventures and Falcon Camps



Name   
is joining   
For ages   
Dates   
The price of the holiday

### Some frequently asked questions

#### What are Ventures?

Ventures are holidays run by CPAS to enable children and young people to meet Jesus, get to know him better and in turn lead others to him. We believe that in a residential setting young people and children are able to explore the reality of the good news being taught and lived out by volunteers in a very effective way. Venture holidays complement the weekly ministry of children's and youth groups.

#### Who are CPAS?

CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission agency committed to developing leaders at every level in churches. Our five year vision includes equipping 8,500 leaders to be effective in reaching and discipling children and young people through Ventures and Falcon Camps. To find out more about our work developing Christ-like leaders committed to mission please visit our website [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk).

#### Why do you expect volunteers to contribute?

Simply because we want to make the holidays as affordable as possible. Without the contributions from volunteers, fewer children and young people would experience the life changing holidays we provide.

#### How much time will it take up?

Our holidays last for 4 to 10 nights. Your church member may also attend a residential training weekend to prepare for the Venture. They may also be involved in preparing some activities before the Venture. For a very small proportion of our leaders the responsibility of leading on a Venture is a year-round responsibility.

Ventures is part of the ministry of CPAS



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