



## General Information and FAQ's

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### **What is the School of Sonship?**

The School of Sonship is a new 4 week school that has come out of the journey we have been on at YWAM Oxford. The journey of learning who our Heavenly Father is and then from this revelation living as his beloved sons and daughters. The Father is revealing to the church his love and rest and we are finding contentment to be who we truly are. He is calling us home, out of our own works and into his rest. We want to share this revelation with others and invite you to join us on a 4 week journey into the Father's Love and into our sonship.

**Dates** - The next school begins on **Sunday the 29th of January 2017 and finishes on the 17th of February 2017** (*this is a special 3 week school, not 4 weeks*).

Following that we have a school beginning on **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and finishing on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018.**

**Costs** - The cost of the school is \$1550 NZD which includes all food and accommodation, speakers costs, a 1 hour life coaching session and an outdoor adventure day. There is a camping and campervan option for the January school. Enquire about rates for this option.

***#The cost for the 3 week school is \$1300#***

There is also options for locals or people who want to live and eat off base. Email us to explore these options.

We definitely will consider families but at this point we have limited accommodation for families and we do not have a program to work alongside the school that caters for young people. Please enquire and we will see what God might do.

### **What does the school look like?**

We have times of teaching and discussion every morning from 9am to 1pm during the week. We have speakers from YWAM Oxford and other anointed invited speakers from NZ and beyond. We also like the participants to be able to process and be part of discussions and this often happens in our 'family time' that we have each morning.

During the first 2 weeks afternoons are relatively free although each person is given a small daily job. During the third and fourth week there will be some afternoon sessions. We also like every person to pursue 'hobby time' in the afternoon. Many people involved in Christian ministry lose the things that give them life and head towards burnout and dissatisfaction. So we encourage people to start a hobby again and pursue that during the afternoons. This is actually part of the course. Please bring any equipment/supplies you'll need to authentically participate in this time.

Usually we have 2 short evening sessions a week and try and keep the other evenings for rest and hanging

out with people. Weekends are free and are yours to enjoy. We may organise some optional weekend activities to beautiful places in Canterbury and these come at an additional cost but are usually very affordable.

Some of the teaching is by our staff here and some from invited guest speakers. We also usually have a few days with an emphasis on creative arts and we seek to include this somewhere in the school. Last school we had a life coaching session for each participant and finished with an outdoor adventure time with God. We hope to continue this in the future.

### **Frequently asked Questions (FAQ's)**

- **What is the weather like in NZ and what clothes will I need?** During the Jan/Feb school it will be summer and the weather should be warm. Bring swimming costume and towel for a possible swim in the river or ocean. However, it is necessary to have some warm layers even in summer as the weather can at times get cold. During the August school you will need layers of warm clothes as it is winter and Oxford is close to the mountains and at over 300m altitude it does get cold and can even snow. Most houses and rooms aren't heated centrally and so even inside it pays to wear layers at times. Our main dining teaching room has underground heating which produces a consistent, beautiful heat.
- **What might accommodation look like?** For younger participants there is usually shared accommodation in bunk style rooms. Married couples would have their own room but probably in a shared house. We always consider older participants and try and put them in their own room or sharing with one another.
- **What does an average week look like?** I have included a possible weekly schedule but this is just an example and things may be slightly different from this. In the general information I have talked about what a day might look like.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9.00am	Family Time					Day off/ Optional Day Trips	Church Anglican 9:00 Baptist 10:00am
10.00am	Speakers / Activity Time						
1.00pm	Lunch					Lunch (Weekend Crew)	
3.00pm	Work Afternoon	Hobbies & Jobs			Possible Family/Time Community. Activity		
6:00pm	DINNER				Dinner (Weekend Crew)		
7.30pm	Free Night	Speaker	Free Night /Speaker	Speaker	Free Night		
9:00pm							
10.00pm	Quiet on base						10:00pm Quiet time
10.30pm	Buildings locked				11.00pm Quiet on base 11.30pm Buildings locked		10:30pm Lock up



## School of Sonship School Application

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**Please send your complete application to the  
registrar@ywamoxford.org**

### Personal Information

Name:	
Date of Birth:	SOS Dates Applying For:
Current Home Address:	
<b>I currently live: With my family</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alone</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>In Community/Roommate</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please Describe:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Email Address:	
Marital Status: Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	
Any current physical/mental/emotional issues:	
Any food/medicine allergies:	

Questions: Please thoughtfully consider these questions are merely to get to know your heart as you apply for the SOS. If you need more room, please feel free to continue on a separate sheet of paper.

Why are you applying for the SOS?

How do you feel about living in community?

What does being a family look like to you?

**Can you describe your relationship with your parents or previous relationship if they are no longer with you?** (This information is helpful for us to know as this can affect how we connect with our Heavenly Father. However, in no way does it affect the process of you being accepted for the SOS).

**What are you expecting to get out of the SOS?**

**Please give us a brief description of the last 5 years of your life including your journey with God, work, church life and family. Include both positive and challenging experiences. (Please use additional paper if needed)**



## School of Sonship Teacher/Employer Reference Form

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**Teacher/Employer Reference Form** (must be a current/recent teacher or employer). Please answer these questions as honestly as possible to help us get a true reflection of who the applicant is.

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Fill out and mail or e-mail it to YWAM Oxford:

YWAM Oxford

PO Box 47

Oxford 7443, New Zealand

Telephone: +64 3 312 49 51

Email: [registrar@ywamoxford.org](mailto:registrar@ywamoxford.org)

Applicant's Name:
Your Name:
Email Address:
Telephone (include country/area code:)
What is your relationship with applicant? (e.g teacher/past employer)
How long have you known the applicant for?
How well do you know them?

From your observations what are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in a group/team situation?

Are there any health concerns they might have that may affect the applicant attending this school? (Include any emotional/mental health issues)

Do you believe the applicant is suitable for a community living situation for 4 weeks? Why or why not?

Your Name:

Date:

Your Signature



## School of Sonship Spiritual Mentor/Leader Reference Form

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**Spiritual Mentor/Leader** (must be a recent or current spiritual leader/mentor)

Please answer these questions as honestly as possible to help us get a true reflection of who the applicant is.

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PO Box 47  
Oxford 7443, New Zealand

Telephone: +64 3 312 49 51  
Email: [registrar@ywamoxford.org](mailto:registrar@ywamoxford.org)

Applicant's Name:	
Your Name:	
Church/Organization:	Title:
Email Address:	
Telephone (include country/area code:)	
What is your relationship with applicant? (e.g pastor, mentor, past YWAM leader etc.)	
How long have you known the applicant for?	
How well do you know them?	

Are you supportive of the applicant attending a 4 week Sonship School in New Zealand? Why or why not?

What are the applicant's strengths in terms of character?

What are the applicant's weaknesses and suggested areas of growth?

Are there any health concerns they might have that may affect the applicant attending this school? (Include any emotional/mental health issues)

Can you comment on the applicant's family background? (Current or past)

Can you comment on the applicant's journey with God to this point?

Do you believe the applicant is suitable for a community living situation for 4 weeks?  
Why or why not?

Your Name:

Date:

Your Signature