

# youth and young adults



## SYG 2016 - 20th Anniversary

It can be really tough to get church youth and young adults together in the one place, and even harder – sometimes it feels impossible! – to introduce non-Christian young people to Christian life and to Jesus.

To help churches with both of these aims, for the last nineteen years, Churches of Christ in SA has been running State Youth Games. SYG is a four-day, sports based camp for youth and young adults (ages 15 and up). Church groups enter a 'team' for the weekend (think of it like a 'nation' in the Olympics), and team members then participate in different sports of their choosing.

A day at SYG includes an early morning devotion, several hours of sport, meals, a

night worship service and free 'community time.'

It's lots of fun and a casual, non-threatening environment for non-Church youth and young adults to encounter a Christ-like community and hear about Him. We've had many participants in the past blown away by how kind and welcoming everyone is.

In 2016, the 20th anniversary SYG will be held **at Unity College, Murray Bridge from the 10th - 13th of June**. If you have any youth or young adults who might possibly be interested, we invite you to put the dates in your diary and get in touch. (Even if it's only one or two; we're happy to find them a team.)

## COMBINED EVENTS

One of the highlights of 2015 was seeing youth and youth leaders from all across SA - and from all different backgrounds, different nations and different mother tongues - come together like family. From the very birth of the Church, God has delighted in bringing people together who have no other reason to be together except that they've been called by Jesus to follow him (check out Acts chapter 2). And so it is no surprise to me that many of our youth leaders have taken it on themselves to organise a range of combined youth services and social events throughout the year. If there are any youth in your church that are interested in being involved, encourage them to come along

to these churches on the following Sunday nights:

- March 6th - Southpoint (Edwardstown)
- June 5th - Marion
- August 28th - Modbury
- November 20th - Elizabeth

### things to pray for:

**SYG:** for the taskforce as they organise SYG and for churches and participants; may God bring along those who need to be there and may they meet with him ● **Youth leaders:** for our youth ministers and leaders in 2016 as they continue to serve God and our youth. Please pray for them as they undertake a ministry training program together throughout the year ● **Combined youth events:** for our combined worship services and social events; may they be encouraging and challenging for all involved ● **Various youth programs:** for all our different youth ministries as they kick off 2016. Please pray that all would feel the presence of God in their work

If you would like any more information, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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