



# **INFORMATION PACK**

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## WELCOME TO SOLID 2022

We cannot wait to welcome you back to our first 'in person' SOLID festival since 2019. We are looking forward to exploring together what it means to run the race that Jesus has laid out for us, keeping our eyes on Him and not turning back. Our key verses for the weekend come from Paul's letter to the Philippians in chapter 3...

**“I’M NOT SAYING THAT I HAVE THIS ALL TOGETHER, THAT I HAVE IT MADE. BUT I AM WELL ON MY WAY, REACHING OUT FOR CHRIST, WHO HAS SO WONDROUSLY REACHED OUT FOR ME. FRIENDS, DON’T GET ME WRONG: BY NO MEANS DO I COUNT MYSELF AN EXPERT IN ALL OF THIS, BUT I’VE GOT MY EYE ON THE GOAL, WHERE GOD IS BECKONING US ONWARD—TO JESUS. I’M OFF AND RUNNING, AND I’M NOT TURNING BACK.”**

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### FRIDAY

5pm	Gates Open:	<u>No site access before this time</u> <i>Please note if you try and access the site before 5pm then Stubbers staff will ask you to drive away to prevent queues forming and blocking fire access to the site</i>
8pm	<b>Dauntless // Expect:</b>	<b>Evening Celebrations</b>
9:30pm	After Hours:	Quiz Night // Movie Night // Silent Disco
9:30pm	Leaders Lounge:	Open
11:30pm		Quiet on Site

### SATURDAY

8am	Leaders Lounge:	Open until 6pm (except during Celebrations)
9am	<b>Dauntless // Expect:</b>	<b>Morning Celebrations</b>
11-5pm	Stubbers Activities:	Queues start to close around 4:15pm
11-3pm	The Arena:	Various Sports
4pm	The Arena:	Soccer Tournament
7pm	<b>Dauntless // Expect:</b>	<b>Evening Celebrations</b>
9pm	After Hours:	Silent Disco // Movie Night // Live Music
11:30pm		Quiet on Site

### SUNDAY

8am	The Arena:	SOLID Fun Run
9am	Leaders Lounge:	Open
9:30am	Expect:	Morning Worship
11am	<b>Dauntless // Expect:</b>	<b>Morning Celebrations</b>
12:30pm	Programme Ends:	Groups can stay on site until 2pm

*Please note programme is indicative and subject to change*

## **ARRIVAL: PARKING**

Please respect the one way system and follow the instructions of Stubbers staff and SOLID team at all times. Any cars being brought on to site for SOLID **need to display either a Long or Short stay parking permit or Drop Off Only notice in the windscreen before arrival** – these will have been sent to you along with this pack to print out. This will allow stewards to direct you appropriately and most importantly if there is an issue with your car during the weekend will mean we can contact you rather than having to tow you away! Cars without a permit may be delayed at the gate to the end of the queue while permits are issued. Please note that short stay car parking is limited so any cars staying from Friday to Sunday should be accordingly parked in the Long Stay area; please do not take up a Short Stay space 'just in case'.

## **ARRIVAL: REGISTERING**

One leader per group should report to Information on arrival – we'll be in the first marquee you can see as you come on to the main event field.

The SOLID site will be an open site for all parents/carers and volunteers who are coming to drop off tents, food or help set up. The main arena and camping arena will then be closed to non-wristband holders from 7:30pm on Friday (just before the main festival programme starts) and all non-wristband holders will need to leave the site. Any visitors arriving after 7:30pm on Friday will need to sign in at Information and collect a visitor lanyard. Access to all SOLID venues and activities will be by wristband only.

Please assist our team in being vigilant and do speak to any SOLID team member if you have any concerns about unauthorised adults on the site. Leaders do need to be aware that the rest of the Stubbers site is accessed by authorised users throughout the weekend. The main arena and camping field will then open again for parents/carers and volunteers to help take camping gear home from 12:30pm on Sunday when the SOLID programme finishes.

To register at Information on arrival, you must have **three paper copies of your SOLID registration forms for every under 18 in your group**. You will hand over **two** at Information and should retain one copy yourself for reference during the weekend.

Each group once their registration forms are handed over will receive an event pack which contains:

- Wristbands for each person in your group. These are your ticket into the venues; they must be put on straight away and worn at all times.
- A map of the site;
- A final timetable of weekend events;
- Any other last-minute information we need to tell you.

Please note: if you have part of your group coming for the weekend and part for a single day, **all** of your wristbands will be given to the weekenders, so arrange to meet your day visitors when they arrive.

## **IF YOU ARE CAMPING...**

You will be directed to the camping area. Please note that the one way system means cars cannot stop on the road to make drop offs, so you must park and walk your equipment over to the camp site.

Please remember the camping area is limited and be considerate towards other groups as you position your tents! SOLID does not provide camp site stewards or pre-allocate spaces so please organise your own camping area taking up as small a footprint as possible. See the Camping section for further details.

## **IF YOU ARE BUNKHOUSE-ING...**

Please leave your car in the Long Stay car park – you will not be able to move it any nearer the bunkhouses for unloading. Information will let you know which bunkhouses you are allocated to. Please keep note of who is staying in which bunkhouse in your group, in case of emergencies. Please also note that you may be sharing a bunkhouse with people from another youth group so prepare your young people to make friends!

## **THE MAIN EVENT: DAUNTLESS & EXPECT**

### **DAUNTLESS**

If Dauntless in were a film, it would have a 'U' rating because like all the best children's films, they are best enjoyed with the whole family together, are loads of fun and challenge us to think without even realising it...

Dauntless is one of the main Celebration venues located in the large marquee next to the Maple Lodge building and is led by a team from the Red Balloon Foundation. Celebrations at Dauntless are in a magazine format with lots of motion, loads of space for interaction and all sorts of practical response activities from sung worship to giant art and craft projects.

When you arrive with your group at Dauntless, you'll receive a facilitation pack to allow you to work through the session with your group – while the RBF team will guide from the front, its up to individual leaders to make the session happen for their young people. RBF will help with practically making session happen, but it is up to the group leaders to experience the various activities with their group members to allow everyone to get the best out of the sessions.

### **EXPECT**

If Expect were a film, it might have a 12A rating as some of the themes explored might not be as accessible or appropriate for our younger SOLID guests, but as the 'A' suggests, everyone is welcome with a leader who can help under 12's process what's happening and there's definitely plenty there to entertain and engage all ages!

Expect is one of main Celebration venues located at the heart of the festival site near the Arena and is led by a team from Scripture Union. Celebrations in Expect largely follow the pattern of worship / teaching / ministry and are a great place to come and sing, sit and receive then respond in prayer.

## A-Z OF THE SOLID FESTIVAL

### AGES

SOLID is for 8-17 year olds. That's a big age range and you know your young people better than we do, so we leave it up to you as to which celebrations and activities to signpost your group to. We have two venues for our main celebrations, one called 'Dauntless' and one called 'Expect' – you can read more about them further on – but while both are exploring the same theme, each are doing it in completely different ways. You do not need choose one venue and stick to it for the whole weekend, nor does your whole group have to attend one celebration or the other, but please do make sure that you always have at least one leader in a venue where young people from your group are present.

If you go along to EXPECT, the celebrations will largely follow the format of worship, teaching and ministry, whereas DAUNTLESS is interactive in a different way with participants having the opportunity to get involved in a number of activities themselves during the celebration as well as enjoying worship and teaching from the main stage. Times where we are all together and led from the Radio SOLID Stage will be a mixture of both approaches.

### AFTER HOURS

This year the After Hours programme is packed with Silent Discos, Films, new inflatables, NERF Arena and more! All activities run on a turn up and queue basis.

### BUNKHOUSES

Your bunkhouses will have been allocated when you arrive at Information. Bunkhouses have sets of bunk beds, sleeping around 10 per bunkhouse. They are equipped with a thin mattress but you still need to bring sleeping bags and pillows. You may also want to bring along a roll matt or airbed for extra comfort. If you are allocated to share with another group, please make sure that your young people are ready to make friends and think about who you place in the shared bunkhouses carefully.

Bunkhouse dwellers have priority access to the large dining marquees where you can gather your group for meals, etc., but you still need to bring your own cooking/food storage equipment like our campers do.

Please ensure you leave the bunkhouses in a clean and tidy state before going to your first activity on Sunday morning. You may leave the packed luggage for your group in one of your bunkhouses until you are ready to depart.

## CAMPING

Tents must be pitched 1 metre apart, with tents/marquees used for cooking activities at least 2 metres away from the others. For safety reasons please ensure there are adequate pathways between groups of tents – remember that guy ropes can be treacherous especially after dark. Please respect the 'road' running through the site, which will be marked out by bunting and do not block this at any time. You have access to all the cooking facilities in the bunkhouse mess marquees but in general bunkhouse residents will have priority for using the equipment as it is unlikely they will have any other equipment available. See 'Cooking' for more information.

For safety reasons please do not let your group play football, throw frisbees or any other such games inside the camping area - make use of The Arena when it is not being used by organised tournaments or head over to near the Stubbers watersports area instead (by the adventure playground). Please notify us in advance if you are planning to bring a caravan on site as this will need to allocated space on the field and escorted by stewards on arrival; any caravans that arrive which haven't been notified to us in advance will be turned away.

No open campfires are allowed at any time during the weekend.

BBQs are allowed on site but due to new Stubbers site regulations must be gas powered if they are being used near your campsite. If you wish to use disposable BBQ's, please do so within the BBQ area next to the main toilet/shower block on the camping field.

## CAR PARKING

You will have been sent template Long Stay, Short Stay and Drop Off Only passes with this pack. These must be pre-printed and placed in the windscreen of any vehicles coming on to site; cars without a pass that arrive on site will be held by Stewards to the end of any queue while a pass is completed. As well as helping us with Stewarding, the permits are essential in case we need to move your car at any point – if a car is parked without a permit it may be towed away to allow access.

Please note that cars arriving in the Long Stay on Friday will then not be able to move off site until Sunday. Day visitors should make use of the Short Stay facilities.

## COOKING

Everyone attending SOLID needs to bring their own equipment for cooking, such as a camping stove or gas BBQ, but to avoid creating a fire hazard it should only be used 2 metres away from any tents or other infrastructure.

If you want to use a disposable BBQ it must only be deployed in the designated area next to the main shower/toilet block on the camping field; no open fires are allowed anywhere on the site.

## DEPARTING

Please make sure your tents and bunkhouses are largely packed down before you attend the Sunday morning programme. If you are staying on site for lunch, you are welcome to leave your cooking/eating area pitched until you leave.

Bunkhouse-ers may leave packed belongings in your bunkhouses until you leave. The Sunday programme will finish by 1pm at the latest and groups need to leave the site by 2pm.

We know that it will be tempting to leave before the main programme finishes, however we encourage groups to stay until the end!

## EMERGENCY ACCESS

Please do not block entrances as they may be needed for emergency access. Please park your car and pitch your tent where indicated by Stewards.

## FINANCE

Financial and legal responsibility of SOLID is wholly owned by Scripture Union.

## FIRST AID

We will have First Aiders onsite at all times. During the main programme times, they will be located by the gate on to the main event field.

## FOOD

On the Friday night, we suggest all young people bring their own picnic from home.

**Food Vendors** will be near the Arena selling affordable food from morning 'til night.

**The Source**, an on site coffee shop at Stubbers Adventure Centre is open at various times through the weekend serving a selection of home made treats as well as coffees.

**The Leaders Lounge** will be returning to SOLID thanks to the Diocese of Chelmsford Youth Advisory Team, offering FREE refreshments and a place of retreat, chat and networking for over 18's who are attending as leaders from particular churches/organisations.

**The Sports Café** will also be open throughout the weekend selling snacks, sweets and drinks, including a range of epic SOLID milkshakes.

## FOOTBALL

What would SOLID be without a Football Competition?! We will be having a tournament from 4pm on the Saturday – later in the day so you don't have to choose between football and the Stubbers activities. Register your team at the Sports Café and you will be given a time slot to turn up and play on Saturday afternoon.



## INFLATABLES

All the inflatables will be available for play during the after hours programme and other various points through the weekend. Also available this year will be our NERF Arena and an inflatable sports arena where a variety of activities will be taking place; check the timetables near the arena during the weekend to find out what's happening when. Please note that NERF guns are provided for use in the arena only and young people may not bring their own NERF equipment on to the site.

## INFORMATION

The place where you will find all the information you will ever need at SOLID, located by the gates to the main event field. The Information team will be able to help you with finding your way round the site, let you know what's on where and help with any other queries you may have. Mobile phone charging is also available at a cost of £1 (you must provide your own charger) as well as a variety of SOLID Merchandise. Lost property is also located here.

## IMAGES & FOOTAGE

There will be official SOLID photographers on site during the festival who will be clearly marked out wearing **blue** tabards. If there are young people within your group who should not be included in future festival publicity or appear on SOLID's social media feeds/website, please contact [hello@solidfestival.org.uk](mailto:hello@solidfestival.org.uk) and we can arrange for them to be issued with a special wristband so photographers can identify them quickly and easily, or where this may prove a sensitive issue, so they can meet with the photographers informally so they recognise each other. **We cannot guarantee any young person will not appear in wide-angle or large group shots.** By attending SOLID, you give permission for your image and that of the young people you bring along to be used in perpetuity by SOLID and its organising partners.

## LEADERS

Young people remain the responsibility of their leader at all times. Please make sure you know where your young people are during the day as SOLID will not supervise any participants outside of the various signed activity areas marked with SOLID banners. Leaders should be aware that other authorised Stubbers users and visitors will be around throughout the weekend and should not assume at any point that every adult on site is DBS checked – please assist our team and stewards by speaking to any adults not wearing festival wristbands especially on the main event field.

At dusk, we would strongly recommend that you restrict all of your group to the main event field unless they are being taken by one of your leaders to toilet/shower block near Maple Lodge and by 11pm no leaders or children should leave the main event field. At night, please ensure all young people are in their tents or bunkhouses by 11:30pm – whether they are asleep or not! Stewards will enforce this and ask for your support, but it is the responsibility of individual group leaders to make sure there is quiet on the site overnight.

Should there be an unfortunate incident resulting in a young person being asked to leave the site, it is the responsibility of their leader to ensure they are returned home. See Site Rules.

At no time should any young person enter any Stubbers activity area unless supervised by a Stubbers staff member on Saturday afternoon. There is strictly no swimming in any of the lakes at any time.

## **LITTER**

Please use the bins provided. If you find a bin overflowing please let a Steward or Information know. At the end of the weekend we ask that everyone lends a hand in clearing up, especially around the camping field.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

During SOLID if you find any lost property please take it to Information. If you have lost something, see if it's been returned to Information or to Stubbers' Reception. If you find something missing once you get home, contact the SOLID office on 020 3086 8186 for valuables or Stubbers' office on 01708 224753 for clothing.

## **MINISTRY TEAM**

At each Morning and Evening Celebration and throughout the weekend there will be a team of people available to facilitate prayer with young people who respond to Jesus in the Expect venue. They have all been recommended and prepared for this role, overseen by Scripture Union; the team will be easily identifiable by their 'Ministry Team' badges. At Dauntless, members of Red Balloon Foundation staff will be available to fulfil a similar role.

Although members of the SOLID team will be available for ministry we would strongly encourage you to pray with your own young people, and we will support you in that however you need us to.

## **MOBILE PHONES/DEVICES**

We understand that to ask young people NOT to bring a mobile phone to SOLID is like asking them to leave their heads at home. But please be aware, if they lose anything, it's bound to be their phone! Any devices they bring along are at their own risk, and SOLID do not take responsibility for any devices that are lost/broken/stolen. Mobile phones must be switched to silent during the Celebrations and workshops. There will be mobile phone charging services available at Information at a cost of £1 per charge.

Key leaders for each group should carry their mobile device at all times as this is the only way that SOLID team have of contacting you should one of your young people become lost/injured. Please check that if the person who is the named contact on your booking is not actually the person who we need to speak to during the weekend that you provide us with the correct contact details, and if your phone battery has died over the weekend, please head to Information and give an alternative contact number for your group.

## **PETS**

Please note that no pets of any kind are allowed on the Stubbers site. If your group includes a young person or adult with an assistance dog, please let us know ahead of time.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We expect that all groups will have and adhere to their own Safeguarding Policies which will operate through the weekend under the overarching Scripture Union Policy, a copy of which will be on site should anyone need to refer to it. All persons in attendance aged 18 or over must have a valid DBS Certificate. In the event of a safeguarding issue being raised on site this must be dealt with by Richard Shaw, SOLID's Safeguarding Officer, in accordance with the Scripture Union Safeguarding Policy. Richard can be contacted via a Steward at all times throughout the weekend.

Please note that the facilities at Stubbers Adventure Centre include a mixture of communal and cubical showers and changing areas; please adhere to your own organisation's policy regarding showering and advise your group on which showers to use.

## **SHOWERS**

The block on the Main Field has toilets, showers and hand basins.

This block may be closed periodically through the weekend for cleaning, particularly during the later morning on Saturday and Sunday. There are more toilets and showers in the administration block of Stubbers beyond Maple Lodge open from 8am-11pm daily.

## **STEWARDS**

The Stewarding Team, will be there to help you find your way around the site, report any problems and uphold the rules of SOLID. Overnight Stewards are NOT there to make sure your group is quiet at night – that's your job! They are there to help ensure the safety of everyone on site and to respond to any issues that arise.

## **STUBBERS' ACTIVITIES**

All of the activities are run on a turn-up-and-go basis, which means exactly that – you take your activity wristband, go to the activity you wish to take part in, and have a go as many times as you want to! Please be aware that there is likely to be queues at various activities and if there's something you are particularly looking forward to, start queueing for it by 4:15pm at the latest as queues will start to close after this time.

SOLID's Stubbers Activities this year are likely to include:

- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Banana Boat Rides
- Dirt Boarding
- Laser Combat
- High Ropes Experience (1-4pm only)

All Stubbers Activities are subject to availability and weather conditions. SOLID Management reserve the right to cancel or substitute any activities at the last minute.

In addition, Stubbers has the option of new 'pay and play' activities which they are offering at a generously discounted rate for SOLID participants. If you wish your group to take part in these, please prebook at the Stubbers Reception on Friday evening or as soon as you arrive on Saturday morning:

- Caving: £4 per person for 30 minutes
- Clip N Climb: £3 per person for 30 minutes
- Pedalos: £6 (book at the Source Coffee Shop)

## TOILETS

The block on the main field has toilets, showers and hand basins. There is also a disabled toilet which needs a key – if you don't already have one please ask at Stubbers' Reception. There are also toilets and showers in the Stubbers' administrative block next to Maple Lodge open from 8am-11pm.

## VISITORS

Please note that visitors to the site are the responsibility of the group they are visiting at all times. Between 7pm on Friday and 12:30pm on Sunday, all visitors must report immediately to Information to sign in, collect a Visitor lanyard and be met at Information by an adult with a SOLID wristband. Any visitors not signed in and wearing a lanyard will be asked to leave the site. Please make your visitors aware of who their registered group leader is (and their specific organisation name) so Stewards and other team members can contact you easily if there is a problem. Make sure that visitors have a mobile number for a leader who will have their phone with them and charged at all times as Information are not able to give out mobile numbers to visitors.

## WATER

A drinking water tap is located at the Toilet Block in the main field - you will need to bring your own containers.

## WHAT TO BRING

SOLID suggests that young people/leaders each bring the following:

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Airbed or sleeping mat
- Torch (& spare batteries)
- Pocket money
- Clothes (incl. warm jumper!)
- Hat or cap
- Sunscreen
- Old trainers (for water sports)
- Towels
- Trainers (for sports)
- Plastic bag (for wet/dirty clothes)
- Spare Complete Set of Clothes (to replace wet ones!)
- Toothbrush/Paste/Shampoo/Deodorant
- Drinking Water Bottle
- Mobile Device & Charger

### Cooking Equipment

- Plates
- Cups
- Cutlery
- Water containers
- Washing up bowl
- Sponges
- Brushes
- Washing up liquid
- Tea towels
- Matches
- Bin liners
- Cooking pots & utensils
- All food required (breakfast, snacks, lunch, evening and drinks, etc.)
- Gas BBQ or Disposable (no charcoal burners allowed due to Stubbers site rules)

## SITE RULES

The management of SOLID are keen that SOLID is a safe environment for all our guests. We ask all those that attend to follow these guidelines:

- Young people must respect the opposite gender and keep to their own accommodation.
- Guests must treat everyone on site with respect and comply with the instructions of the stewards and site management team.
- All campers must remain quiet and in their own tents overnight between 11:30pm and 7:00am. Stewards patrol the site overnight for security, but leaders are responsible for ensuring quiet around the campsite.
- Do not leave your tent or bunkhouse after 11:30pm except to use the toilets.
- Valuables are left in your tent / bunkhouse at your own risk.
- Group leaders are responsible for the supervision and safety of their young people whilst at SOLID and should be especially aware of this responsibility after dark.
- We ask all guests to keep to the main fenced festival area after dark and NOT to go beyond the children's playground, round the lakes or over the hills except during the adventure activities time on Saturday afternoon.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and substances are not permitted on site.
- Smoking is not allowed on site, there is an allocated area just outside the main gate. Young people must be under the supervision of their leaders to use this area, as it is technically 'off-site'.
- No one should enter any unauthorised area (clearly marked with hazard tape/bunting).
- No one should touch or interfere with any equipment owned by Stubbers, SOLID or those working on behalf of SOLID.
- Keep off Stubbers' activity apparatus other than when under the direct supervision of Stubbers' instructors.
- Keep off the boat jetties and landing stages. Be very careful around the banks of the lakes.
- No swimming or paddling other than when in a session supervised by Stubbers' staff.
- Please place all litter in available rubbish bins.
- No pets are permitted on site.
- Fishing is not permitted.

### Group Leaders

- Group leaders are expected to take responsibility for the actions of their young people. SOLID stewards, security and staff will intervene when one of the above guidelines is being ignored, but group leaders are responsible for ensuring their young people respect the decisions made by SOLID staff.
- Every group must have one leader to every eight young people, and a minimum of two leaders per group overall.
- The main group leaders must be over 18 years of age and be aware of their group's specific medical requirements.

**Group Leaders are responsible for:**

1. Ensuring that the SOLID site rules are adhered to.
2. Supervision of their group at all times.
3. Conduct of all members of their group whilst on site.

The management of SOLID retains the right to insist on the removal from SOLID of any person acting in an unreasonable way which puts them, others, or the reputation of SOLID at risk. Any such decisions will be made in consultation with the young people involved and their group leader. The decision of the SOLID Management is final and it is the responsibility of their leader to remove them from the site if necessary.