



## How does Phoenix Fest Compare to Pitch?

If you've been to Pitch in the past you and your students will experience similarities and differences between Phoenix Fest and Pitch. We've outlined a few of each to help students who've been to Pitch before prepare to have a great weekend.

### **FOCUS ON YOUR GROUP**

We will continue to place a high priority on providing a context for your youth group to build connections and grow as a group together.

### **GROUP MANAGEMENT**

We will continue to provide a safe environment for your youth to have fun and grow spiritually. We expect that you will handle your own groups discipline challenges internally. We will have EMT support on-site if your youth need health support.

### **CHALLENGING TEACHING**

We will continue to provide Jesus centred teaching that we hope will stir your students to ask questions and work to own their faith personally. If you disagree with something a communicator says we encourage you to speak directly with that person.

### **WELCOMING FOR ALL**

We will continue to provide a context where students that are struggling with any issue will not feel judged and unwelcome but will experience love and encouragement.

### **NO BIG TOP**

Because we have a limited attendance capacity this year, our budget will not afford us the ability to have a big tent for us to meet in. We will be packing out the Blair Theatre for the main sessions and will look to budget the Big Top for next year.

### **EPIC EVENTS**

There will be a couple opportunities throughout the weekend for the whole camp to engage in what we're calling 'Epic Events'. One of these events will be a foam party! Think of a huge slip and slide meets non-allergenic biodegradable foam bubbles. You'll want your bathing suit for this. We're keeping the other event under wraps at this point, but it'll be epic. These events will be optional of course, but why would you want to do anything else?

### **MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE FUN**

We want to encourage groups to come prepared with interesting activities they can offer to other groups to experience - seeking to contribute to the culture and fun of the weekend.

### **TALENT SHOWCASE**

We plan to continue a long history of featuring the talent and abilities of your youth but we are working to remove the negative nature of a talent competition.

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