

## FFWPU UK: South London Family Camp Returns To Cleeve House!

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After many years, South London Family Camp has returned to Cleeve House where families from up and down the United Kingdom have spent the past few days deepening bonds, strengthening faith and building a community. Simon Cooper shares about the last few days at Cleeve House.

"It has been two years since we have been able to meet up at the South London family camp. A lot has happened in that time. In our own lives, in our families, in the country.

With the scout camp down in Essex taking a long time to respond to Simon R. about our booking due to Covid-19, we had to switch location and ended up meeting in Cleeve House, the place where the camp culture was originally devised by Simon, Ashley and Toby back in the early 2000s.

No one ever sleeps that well (or that much) at summer camp, but the days are incredible. We took a journey, as four teams (Mavericks, Raptors, Cavaliers, and the Warriors) parents, children, grandparents, people who were fresh out of Uni, some having just been recovering from A-levels and GCSEs.

We ate together, cooked together, raced each other, played ultimate frisbee, football, rounders, and a host of other games with bizarre names. It was competitive, contentious, and passionate as the teams went up against each other in the challenges.

We finished on the last night with a Persian BBQ and some skits, which just get better and better every year: the props, the story lines, the one liners. Their scripts and originality would put Love Island to bed any day of the week.

Toby's daughter, Amelia, came for the final day with her mum and her son. She presented for the first time the Toby W. cup for the camper who was felt to have really gone above and beyond. She gave a powerful testimony to her father's life and to the spirit of South London family camp.



Tomorrow we start the journey back to our homes, but there was talk of next year doing two camps, one at Easter as well as in the summer. So we look forward to 2022, and inviting more of our friends and family next time round and growing older and wiser together.

The journey that we experience when we meet like this allows us to deepen our roots, understand why we care about each other, and shines a light on the path ahead to a place where we can find freedom in our faith, and strengthen the fabric of our family life." - Simon Cooper

South London Family Camp is an annual gathering of families open to everyone within our Unificationist Community. For more information, please contact: [franklinandcecilie@gmail.com](mailto:franklinandcecilie@gmail.com) or [energy1@btconnect.com](mailto:energy1@btconnect.com).