



Information sheet for Slum Survivor Applicants and their parents

What is during Slum Survivor?

Slum Survivor is a weekend event where we'll choose to spend a few days the way a billion people who live in the world slums spend their lifetimes. We build and live in our own slum houses (built out of basic discarded materials) for a weekend. We will eat simple food. We will face restrictions in what clothing and personal items we can bring. We will compete in challenges that simulate aspects of slum life. We will also get sponsored and raise money for work in poor communities around the world. We will also spend time in worship and prayer, reflecting on how we can respond to God's heart for justice.

The rules

Here are the foundational rules you will have to live by:

Rule 1: During Slum Survivor, you can only sleep in the slum house you've built or snooze outside.

Rule 2: You'll be able to eat two tasty meals a day - of rice and dhal (see section 3.4). During Slum Survivor you can't eat any other food, unless you win it as a prize in one of the challenges.

Rule 3: During Slum Survivor, all the water you need for drinking, cooking and washing can only be collected from one tap. You'll be allowed to wash in a private shower space, but you can't use running water from the shower - it's bucket baths only for Slum Dwellers!

Rule 4: If anyone visits your slum house, you must offer hospitality in the form of food and drink. (The guest may refuse to eat, but you can't tell them that, and a drink must be provided for them anyway.)

Rule 5: You must be present at the slum on time to participate in each challenge. You may not leave the slum during Slum Survivor unless required to participate in a challenge, or in an emergency.

Rule 6: You'll be limited in the items you can bring into your slum house. Here's what you can bring (if it's not on this list, you can't bring it):

Only one complete set of clothes:

Shoes, socks, shorts or jeans or some bottoms, t-shirt or shirt, jumper, coat, hat or cap and as many pairs of undies as you want.

One set of cutlery and crockery, a cup, bowl or plate, fork and spoon, toothbrush and toothpaste, a bar of soap, towel, sleeping bag, sunscreen and sunglasses, feminine hygiene as required, prescription medication as required, a Bible, a notepad and a pen.

Here's just a sample of what you **can't** bring:

No other toiletries, makeup, hairbrushes, combs or deodorant. No pillows, blankets, pyjamas or teddy-bears. No mobile phones, MP3 players, discmans, laptops, TVs. No books, newspapers, or magazines, or anything else in the world at all!

Rule 7: If anyone breaks any of these rules then their family will be subject to further limitations on food or other privileges.

The point of Slum Survivor:

The essential point is that we'd raise money for projects and people working in poor communities around the world. All the money raised will go to the work of Soul Action.

Where does Slum Survivor come from?

Soul Action (a joint initiative between Tearfund and Soul Survivor) are promoting Slum Survivor as a way that churches can raise money for and awareness of work in poor communities around the world. It is hoped churches across the country will take part in the Slum Survivor weekend. Slum Survivor is also a part of the Soul Survivor summer events. For more info see www.soulaction.org.

Sign me up now...

I want to spend a few days the way a billions spend a lifetime and raise money for work in poor communities across the world.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Do you have any allergies or medical conditions that may cause problems or require attention while on Slum Survivor? (NB you will have a limited diet of rice and beans for a few days).

Please tick:

I've read and understand the rules of Slum Survivor.

I agree to abide by the rules and follow all reasonable instructions given by the Slum Survivor co-ordinators.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

To be completed by the parent/guardian of anyone under 18

I have read and understand the rules of Slum Survivor and agree to my son/daughter participating in the event.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____