



Adventure School

Totara Camp Notice

21 January 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the parents who replied to our camp donations form that was sent out at the end of last term. We are still waiting on a significant number of parents to reply, so that we have a clearer indication of whether camp is financially viable and will proceed. If you haven't completed the form, can you please do so by accessing the following [link](#)? Please complete this form by Friday the 28th of January.

The rest of this correspondence offers the following important information with regard to your child's school camp, assuming it does go ahead.

- A confirmed itinerary.
- A list of clothes and equipment that your child will need to bring.
- A link to a google form requesting medical and other information about your child.
- A link to a google form that is an expression of interest for those parents who would like to be considered for a role of adult supervisor at camp.
- An authorisation form for your child to attend camp.

We are collecting the majority of camp information via google forms. This makes collation more efficient and accurate. It also ensures more ready access to the information whilst on camp. Please complete these digital forms by Thursday the 10th of February.

Link to medical and other information form - [Click Here](#)

Link to parent expression of interest (adult supervisor) form - [Click Here](#)

Consents and permissions will still be paper based as signatures are required. A paper copy of this notice will be sent home with your child on the first day of school, to save you printing it out at home. Please return the signed authority for your child to attend camp by Friday the 18th of February. If you prefer to remain paper based for all other forms associated with Camp, then feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher and we will also send these home with your child.

We don't have an update on the final cost of camp at this stage as there are still a couple of grant applications pending. Costs still sit within the \$290 - \$350 per student range, but we hope to firm this up by the end of the first week of February.

Finally, we will be holding a pre camp parent meeting in the Learning Studio on Tuesday the 15th of February from 5.30pm, assuming this meeting can proceed under prevailing Covid-19 protocols. The meeting will give you an opportunity to ask any other questions you have about camp. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have questions, feel free to email me directly at mhughes@adventure.school.nz

Thanks and regards,

Mark Hughes



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Totara Camp Itinerary

Day One Tuesday the 8th of March

- 8.00am Arrive at Adventure School and assemble on the lower playground. Bags and packs placed along the fence line by the lower gate. If it is raining, assemble in the Hall.
- 8.20am Final roll call.
- 8.30am Depart on coaches from Longitude Place.
- 10.15am Arrive at Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre.
Morning Tea and briefing from Camp Instructors.
- 11.00am Students will then split into their 3 groups and do one of the following three activity programmes for the day:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Bushcraft, mountain safety and survival skills. Short tramp.	Ziplines, high ropes, Adventure based learning rotations.	Orienteering, river safety, fire lighting and bivvy making.
An overnight bush hut / camp experience.	An overnight lodge accommodation experience.	An overnight camping tent experience.

Day Two Wednesday the 9th of March

- 7.00am Groups have breakfast, pack and relocate to their next destination / programme of activities within Makahika Camp.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Ziplines, high ropes, Adventure based learning rotations.	Orienteering, river safety, fire lighting and bivvy making.	Bushcraft, mountain safety and survival skills. Short tramp.
An overnight lodge accommodation experience.	An overnight camping tent experience.	An overnight bush hut / camp experience.

Day Three **Thursday the 10th of March**

7.00am Groups have breakfast, pack and relocate to their next destination / programme of activities within Makahika Camp.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Orienteering, river safety, fire lighting and bivvy making.	Bushcraft, mountain safety and survival skills. Short tramp.	Ziplines, high ropes, Adventure based learning rotations.
An overnight camping tent experience.	An overnight bush hut / camp experience.	An overnight lodge accommodation experience.

Day Four **Friday the 11th of March**

7.00am Groups have breakfast, pack and assemble at central camp buildings.

9.00am All groups participate in an Adventure Race.

12.15pm Lunch.

1.00pm Clean and pack.

2.00pm Depart camp on coaches.

3.30pm Arrive back at Adventure School.

Kit List – Totara Camp 2022

As a minimum you will need to bring the following items. Please ensure that all gear is clearly named.

- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- 4 t-shirts
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 2 pairs track pants (jeans are NOT recommended)
- Underwear (4)
- Togs (1 set)
- Pyjamas
- Towels (2)
- Socks (suitable for tramping in/wool)
- Waterproof parka / jacket (will be checked at school)
- Windbreaker
- 2 pairs of shoes/boots. One pair needs to be sturdy enough to withstand a half day of light tramping. The other pair should be suitable for tackling high ropes and climbing walls
- Jandals, or indoor shoes
- Wool or polyprop shirt for night-time
- Long Johns or polyprop bottoms
- Warm outer layers (Please bear in mind that the cotton hoodies worn by many to school will not offer enough protection from wind, rain and the cold)
- Woollen hat & gloves (for changing temperature)
- Small torch and spare batteries
- Warm sleeping bag (not an indoor sleepover sleeping bag)
- Pillowcase
- 2 large (black rubbish bag type) plastic bags (to use as pack liners)
- 2 smaller plastic/jute bags for dirty clothes
- Camping plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork, spoon. (Sturdy, no glass or domestic crockery. Named)
- Tea towel
- Book to read or pack of cards, small travel games
- Toiletries – soap, toothbrush etc.
- Personal medicines (to be given to teacher)
- Day pack – Large enough to hold morning tea, lunch, water bottle and jacket.
- We recommend no more than 2 pieces of luggage per student: one large tramping pack plus a decent sized daypack.
- Camera (optional and own responsibility)
- Packet of biscuits or home baking (in ice cream container)

Please also ensure that your child has morning tea, lunch and a water bottle packed into their day pack on our day of departure.

The following items are not to be brought to camp

- Cell phones, iPads, tablets, music players, electronic games etc.
- Money – students will NOT have any opportunities to make purchases.
- Makeup.



Authorisation to attend
Totara Camp - Term 1 2022

CONFIDENTIAL

Child's Full Name: _____

Rm: _____

has permission to attend the Totara Senior Camp at Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Centre from Tuesday the 8th of March to Friday the 11th of March, 2022.

- I give permission for my child to travel by bus, and/or car. All vehicles will be registered, warranted and driven by an individual with a full license.
- I understand that the school will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of personal property.
- I agree that my child should take part in activities and necessary duties that the staff may require.
- I give staff the authority to arrange and administer, if necessary, appropriate medical treatment for the student in our care.
- In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise that further medical assistance may be obtained for my child.
- I agree to pay any medical expenses incurred should the teachers feel that immediate attention is required.
- I also authorise that in an emergency or situation that requires medical treatment, a Doctor may view this form and my child's medical information.
- I also understand that if my child is involved in an accident or discipline matter that causes serious concern, I will be notified and my child may be sent home at my expense.

Consenting Parent / Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____