



Adventure School Totara Camp Notice

23 February 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The following notice outlines the following important information about camp:

- The status of camp at the moment.
- A link to a slide presentation on camp.
- A link to parent intentions to send your child to camp.
- A small revision of the kit list.
- Camp payment details.

Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre has generously extended the deadline on any final decisions about cancelling camp out to Thursday the 3rd of March. Given we are happy with the level of planning and protocols in place to ensure the safety of those attending, the decision has been made to proceed with senior camp this year. We will of course advise you immediately should we review and change this decision over the course of next week.

I have prepared a 20 minute slideshow outlining important aspects of camp and hopefully answering a few questions that I have been asked directly over the past couple of weeks. Access the slideshow by clicking [here](#). If you have any other questions about camp, please don't hesitate to email me directly at mhughes@adventure.school.nz

One question that I should highlight at this stage is - What happens if you have already paid for camp and your child is then forced to isolate and can't go? In this case all payments will be refunded. This will also be the case if we have to cancel camp.

It is important to note that we can't refund payments to families who decide not to send their child to camp for reasons other than they are at home isolating or quarantining. We will be sending our final student numbers through to camp at the end of this week and at that point we are locked into paying for all students who are intending to go. If you aren't intending to have your child go to camp, we must be made aware of this by the end of the week. Can you indicate your intentions by clicking into the following google form. [Camp Intentions](#).

I am also still waiting on a couple of dozen medical and personal information forms of students. This information must be collated and information such as dietary requirements sent to Makahika. I need to do this by the end of this week. If you haven't done so, can you please fill the information on the following google form. [Student Information](#).

Please note there is a small revision to the kit list. Makahika has asked that everyone also bring their own pillow. Don't worry if you forget, students can always resort to the old trick of stuffing their pillowcase/sleeping bag sack with towels and smelly socks.

The cost of camp remains at \$360 per student. A Request for Payment will be emailed tomorrow with a link to the Edge Parent Portal where you can pay directly into your child's account. If you prefer, you can deposit the payment into our bank account – number 12 3223 0130244 00 using the reference 'camp' and your child's name. As mentioned in the presentation, we understand that some people may find it a bit of a struggle to pay the full amount all in one go. The office is happy to arrange for this to be paid in instalments.

We are still waiting on one grant decision and if we are successful the money received will be applied to camp. Any excess funds generated will be applied directly to your child's individual technicraft fees. These are fees that the Ministry has mandated us to apply for the supply of materials at technicraft.

I would like to close by saying thank you for your on-going patience with camp this year. If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me.

Thanks and regards,

Mark Hughes



Adventure School

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

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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: _____