

# EASTER CAMP HUNUA APRIL 1-5 2010

## Hi campers and parents!

It's great to have you joining us for Easter Camp 2010. Here are some things you'll need to know.

### Dates and Times

Camp starts at 8.30pm, Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please try to arrive sometime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. You'll need to sign in when you get there. Please eat before you come to camp, as dinner on Thursday is not provided.

Camp ends at about 2.00pm, Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please arrange to be picked up then.

We recommend that you organise to car pool with your friends that are coming along, it saves petrol, and it's a lot more fun. Traffic can be a pain, and the roads aren't the best, so take it easy out there. We'd much rather you arrived late than not at all.

### How to get there

The website has a map of the camp location and will also show you driving directions. It's helpful to have some idea beforehand as Papakura can be confusing for the uninitiated.

#### From the Shore, Auckland City etc. (Hunua Gorge route)

Take the motorway to Papakura (Exit 458) and turn left on to Beach Road, through several sets of lights and over a bridge (Beach Road becomes Settlement Road, just keep going straight), and then turn right onto Hunua Road outside Edmund Hillary College.

Follow Hunua Road through the Gorge - try not to fall off the side and down the bank. Turn left into White Road (if you get to Hunua township you've gone too far), and right into Falls Road. We're at the Presbyterian campsite near the far end of Falls Road.

#### From Pakuranga/Howick/Botany etc. (avoiding the motorway)

There are many different routes you can take, but these are usually pretty good:

Either drive to Papakura via Alfriston and follow the Gorge route above, or drive to Clevedon via Ardmore or Brookby and follow the scenic route below. It takes about 45 minutes from Botany whichever you choose. The scenic route is the easier road.

#### From Clevedon (scenic route)

Go South on Monument Road past plenty of beautiful New Zealand farmland and some forest. It becomes Sky High Road at some point but you probably won't notice. About 10km from Clevedon Turn left onto White Road (there's an easy to spot AA road sign), left again onto Falls Road. We're at the Presbyterian campsite near the far end of Falls Road.

## What to bring

Here's a handy checklist of stuff you should bring. It gets very hot and very cold. Often it rains at least once. The mozzies are lethal. Be prepared.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plenty of warm clothes, and a jacket or raincoat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Any medication you need                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Togs and towel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy   | <input type="checkbox"/> A pen  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least another pair of shoes, and your jandals if you're still feeling summery in April. | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink bottle   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your theme dinner costumes (see below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> A packet of biscuits to share for a morning or afternoon tea |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent   |

In a bag so it's all kept together:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Knife, fork, and spoon      | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic plate, bowl and cup | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two tea towels              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |

Make sure all your stuff is named so it doesn't go home with somebody else.

## What *not* to bring

- Don't bring Jeremy Clarkson, even though he'd really enjoy the drive. He's a bad influence.
- Bad moods, bad weather, bad language, bad attitudes, bad taste, bad music.
- Your homework. As if.

## What you *may* bring

- You may bring your cellphone/iPod/whatever, but be prepared to be told to put it away. If you're using it at an inappropriate time, we'll take it off you.
- You might want to bring some cash for our tuck shop. We sell tasty treats to give you that mid-afternoon sugar high you're craving. We can look after your money for the weekend so it doesn't go missing. Profits from our tuck shop go towards making next year's camp even better.
- Sports gear or musical instruments, but remember this is a camp and you're bringing this stuff at your own risk.
- Anything you might need to support your talent for the camp concert.

## What's happening

Here's some of the stuff we've got planned for camp:

### Theme Dinners

#### Friday Night: When I grow up...

When I grow up I want to be a fireman.

When I grow up I want to be a train driver.

When I grow up I want to be a vet.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

#### Saturday Night: Kiwiana

Number 8 wire. L&P. Winning every rugby match except the one that matters. Giant sculptures of animals, fruit or gumboots outside our towns. These things make us uniquely kiwi.

#### Sunday Night: Blue

Blue. It's what you see when you look at the sky or the sea on a nice day. We're celebrating that with our blue dinner. Be dressed in something blue, someone who plays the blues, or someone who plays *for* the Blues.

#### Hunua Falls

If the weather's good, and the Falls aren't too crowded, we may go down for a walk and a quick dip. There will be lots of supervision, and we'll be following safety rules. However, if your parents aren't keen on the idea of you swimming in the Falls, just let us know.

#### E Mail

We've devised a clever scheme for being anonymously nice to people that we're calling E Mail. (E for Easter, get it?) You'll be able to 'mail' people notes and small gifts to make their day just a little bit more special.

## How to contact us

If you need to contact us during the weekend, call Simon (027 6025651) or Emily (021 1614794). We can't have someone near the phone at all times, so keep trying if you can't get through.

## That's all!

We're working non-stop to make this Easter an extra special experience for you and your friends. Don't forget to bring them along with you.

See ya soon.

Emily, Geoff, and Simon  
The Hunua team