

KAUAEARANGA VALLEY

CHRISTIAN CAMP

Parent/Guardian Holiday Camp Info Pack

Welcome to Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp! We are excited to partner with you and your family in the Holidays for some amazing memories made for campers.

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...a little about KVCC.

Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp is 3 km from the town of Thames in the beautiful Kauaeranga Valley. The camp started in 1975 when a farm was donated to a local trust to create a space where kids could come and experience God's love and have the best Holidays ever! KVCC has 106 acres of land and is directed by a board of Trustees. We have 8 full time equivalent staff onsite and many volunteers to make this place happen. We are a non profit organisation run by a Trustee Board.

Cabins: *To take a look at our facilities on our website click [here](#).*

KVCC has 8 cabins we use for Holiday Camps. We sleep **10 campers** to each room with 2 trained Cabin Leaders. We separate boys and girls which means that brother sister siblings cannot be together. We equip each cabin with supplies for Cabin Leaders (clock, night light, coloured pencils, paper etc.) to create a space for each camper to feel at home and enjoy their stay at camp. Campers **need to bring a fitted single sheet for their bunk** with a pillow, sleeping bag or bedding. Mattresses have wipeable covers for disinfecting and hygiene.

Toilets/Showers:

Campers have access to an ablution block of toilets, showers and sinks by their cabins and in the Gym.

Campers need to bring towels, toothbrush/paste, body wash/soap, shampoo/conditioner and any other toiletries they may need for their stay.

Activities:

We strive to create new activities for the campers for each camp. Our site has, BMX, Go Karts, Archery, Air Rifles, Kayaking, Raft Building, Waterslide, Frisbee Golf, Flying Fox, Axe throwing, Paintball, Outdoor Cooking, Horizontal Bungy, 9 Square, Raptor Ball, Full size gym, playground, field games, games room and so much more. We also tailor our activities to our theme, therefore we cannot guarantee a certain activity for each camp.

More info and RAMS forms go to our website [here](#)



Themes:

We love bringing a new theme to each Holiday camp. Our theme is included in the decor, activities, games, food and what we learn about in our bible time. We love seeing campers dress up in the theme, so if you can help your camper find something to wear, we love that.

Wide Games: (camp wide games full of mental skills, physical challenges and competition)

Our WIDE GAMES are of EPIC proportion. We are always cooking up new fun and highly active games that will bring the imaginations of the campers to a new level of excitement. Wide games are an hour long, throughout camp, and are full of story, skill and adventure.

God time/Chapel time:

At KVCC we spend time each day learning about who God is from a biblical perspective. We speak to the campers from the bible and invite campers to get to know God more. We want the campers to experience God's love, salvation and truth through our week together. We encourage love, respect, hope and truth towards each other and promote growth in self, love towards others, and living life to the fullest. Our chapel times include singing, dancing, hearing a speaker, and cabin time to discuss what has been taught.

Cabin Buddies:

We try our best to get campers in the cabins with their friends, ***but we cannot guarantee this.*** It will depend on the time of registration and the amount of campers registered. Campers are always meeting new friends here at camp and we encourage new friendships. If you are wanting your camper to be in a cabin with a friend, please indicate this on your registration form and we will do the best we can. If campers cannot bunk together, they will still have heaps of time to spend together.

Cabin Leaders:

Cabin Leaders are at least 16 years old and may have a Jr Leader at least 15 years old. All our Cabin Leaders come to 5+ trainings throughout the year with character building, culture, and community. We help empower and equip the Cabin Leaders with communication skills and opportunities to grow in faith, leading with patience and love, and growing as a person who serves one another. All our Cabin Leaders go through reference checks, applications, and before camp trainings.

Volunteers:

We have awesome Volunteers. At KVCC boast 1 Volunteer to 3 camper ratio. Camp could not run without the service and sacrifice of the Volunteers that come to help make it possible. All Volunteers go through policies and procedures, team buildings and communication trainings. Volunteers also go through references, police clearance and a application process.

If you would be interested in helping at KVCC, Please email Samanda at programme@kvcc.org.nz



First Aid/Nurse/Medications:

We love to provide space for campers to run and play outside to go beyond their comfort zone. We understand that this means kids will get hurt. **We always have 1 or 2 trained First Aiders available 24hrs a day.** Whether it's taking out splinters or administering medication, they are here to help the campers get through the week with ease.



If you have medication, please label it with their name and any instructions you may have in a zip bag. You will hand in the Medications during sign in. During sign in/registration, communicate with the Camp Nurse to make sure they have full understanding of how to administer it. Campers are NOT allowed to have their medications with them in their cabins, exceptions can be made with inhalers (please make sure that the Cabin leaders know and the nurse knows).

Parents are required to sign in and out medication and sign off for any medical procedures so they are aware of what happened here at camp.

Dietary Needs:

We have excellent food at KVCC and will cater to the needs of each camper. We provide breakfast, morning tea (**along with baking provided from campers**), Lunch, Afternoon Tea (along with baking provided from campers) Dinner and Dessert. All of our meals are catered by a certified food safe personnel.



There will be a separate charge for special diets. Please ensure that this is added to your account.

Fees:

Camp fees are due when registration is submitted. A \$40 registration fee will hold your spot for camp - this is non refundable. You are welcome to pay off your amount over the weeks leading up to camp. Please contact Bethany at office@kvcc.org.nz to organise payment plan.

You can put the amount in a transfer/with campers name to:

Campers Name & West Pac # 03 0458 0178492 00

Our fees of Holiday Camps do not fully cover the actual cost of camp to run. We rely on the donations of trusts and charitable individuals as well as volunteers to fill the roles.

O.S.C.A.R:



We are an OSCAR approved Child Care Facility. If you are new to OSCAR, please look up [INFORMATION HERE](#). For OSCAR funding you will need to fill in a form and send to us for us to fill in our part. Please do this before Camp starts. We do ask if you could pay the fees of camp before you know if you are approved or not.

Family Discount/additional Funding:

We offer a Family discount to additional children of one household. The discount is per child after the first. ie if you have 4 children, you will get \$60 off (\$20 for 2nd, \$20 for 3rd, and \$20 for 4th.)



If you are unable to cover the costs of camp, please let us know and we will do what we can to help your camper get here. Contact Bethany at office@kvcc.org.nz

Discipline, Behaviour issues and Sending Campers home.

We want every camper to have an excellent time at camp. We work very hard to create a top notch programme for all campers to enjoy. Bullying, belittling, gossip and slander are things that stop certain campers from enjoying the best of camp. Please have a conversation with your camper before they come to camp about the power of their words towards others. If your child has had problems with being bullied or bullying others, please let us know to help us navigate and prepare for these situations. We do not want bully's at camp. We will send them home.

Our Leaders are instructed to give discipline to campers to ensure all campers are having a good time and the leaders are being respected. Leaders are communicated with to write up a list of rules and consequences with their campers that are signed and agreed with by the entire cabin. Some consequences are physical; ie push ups, wall sits, runs etc, some are losing points for the team/cabin, some consequences are missing out on special events, dessert or canteen. We have a Head Boy/Head Girl that will have conversations with campers that do not respect the rules. If

they have to speak to the camper **three times** we will give you a ring to discuss the campers rest of week involvement with the programme. At times, we will need to include the manager if a incident occurs or a camper is endangered by your camper.

Lost Property: MARK YOUR CAMPERS STUFF PLEASE.



We always get a collection of campers items after camp. If you are missing items, please contact camp and we will arrange for you to come and pick up the item from the office.

Complaints/Suggestions:

We strongly encourage any parent with complaints/suggestions to contact us as soon as an issue, or suggestion is thought of. We would encourage this communication to us first, to help clear up any misunderstanding or address anything/any person we need to address on our end and to improve the standard of camp. Please send it in an email to Samanda at programme@kvcc.org.nz



We hope this has been helpful for you. We strive to make the best Holiday Experience for our campers. We absolutely love what we do and know the lasting impression that camp leaves with a person. We trust your child will grow in confidence, whakawhanaungatanga, and experience unspeakable Joy!

Any other questions please contact me.

Kia Ora,

Samanda and the rest of the KVCC Team



Frequently asked questions:

Q: I have a son who is 9 and a daughter who is 12, can my son go with his sister to the older camp?

A: This will depend on availability. If you have a younger sibling who is 9, they can join their older sibling in the 10-13 camp.

Q: My son is 13 and in yr 9 in high school. Can he still come as a camper?

A: Yes. We allow Yr 9's to come as a camper. We also have a Young Leader (YLEAD) programme for Yr 9-11 that runs at the same time as Holiday Camps.

More information for YLEAD [here](#).

Q: We do not go to church and are not Christian. Is it still ok for my child to come to camp? What kind of Bible stuff do you do?

A: Everyone is welcome to come to camp! We love teaching the life changing message of Jesus to everyone who comes to camp. We speak to the campers twice a day from a biblical perspective. We promote love, peace, joy and living a life of humility and faith.

GEAR LIST :
PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!

Food/Drink:	
Baking to share for morning and afternoon tea's	X 3 packages or 2 dozen
Water Bottle with name on it	X 1
Bedding:	
Pillow	
SINGLE fitted Sheet (to cover our mattresses)	X 1 Single
Sleeping bag or duvet	Preference
Small blanket	
Clothes: Please don't bring clothes to camp that are new or expensive.	
t shirts	X 6
Warm jersey	X 2
Pants - Seasonal Dependant	X 2
Jacket - Seasonal - Wet weather gear during wet seasons	X 1
Underwear	X 6
Socks	3-5 pairs
Pyjamas	X 2
Theme Costume- Nice clothes for dress up on last night	X 1
Extras:	
Togs	1 X Spring, 3 X for summer
Old Towels - River and Shower (kids don't remember their towels, so please put name on tag)	X 1 River towel X 1 Shower towel
Sun Hat/Winter hat	X 1
Sunscreen	X 1
Torch and extra batteries	X 1 torch and extra batteries
Bug spray	X 1
Bible	
Notebook and pen	
Shoes:	

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	Jandals - shower shoes	X 1
	Running shoes	X 1
	Gum boots - Seasonal during wet times	X 1
	Toiletries	
	Toiletory bag that hangs	Campers can hang in shower and on bunk.
	Tooth paste	
	Tooth brush	
	Shampoo/conditioner in small bottles	
	Feminine Hygiene	
	Medication	
	Campers own medication labeled in zip bag	
	Bandages/ plastered from previous injury	
	Pain medication if campers are prone to headaches etc	
	DO NOT BRING...	
X	Vapes, Drugs, Alcohol, smokes	Campers will be sent home if any of this is found.
X	Expensive clothes, shoes, make up etc	They get knicked and ruined.
X	Bad attitudes	
X	Lollies, snacks and fizzy drinks	We give campers enough food and snacks, please leave it at home.
X	Phones, Computers, Tablets etc.	