

Sr Summer camp volunteer info

To Volunteers and Cabin Leaders for Sr Camp!

We love Hosting SUMMER Ministry camp! Its always such an amazing camp and we savor the summer heat and enjoy the river countless times. We are anticipating God doing amazing things as we enter the GOLD RUSH and seek what faith that is worth more than gold looks like!

Only a few weeks to go until the summer holidays begin! We're so excited to have you volunteer with us and we thank you for sacrificing your time to come and invest in this camp legacy. We have a week full of fun, faith, growth and adventure planned and we can't wait to serve with you!

We know you're just as excited as we are, so here are a few things we thought you'd like to know:

IMPORTANT INFO

Camp Theme:	Gold Rush Summer Camp 2026 Finding, Mining and Purifying the Gold of Faith in Jesus Christ
Location:	304, Kauaeranga Valley Road, 3577 Thames
Dates to be at Camp: Including Training, Camp, Post camp reset for Sr, and Debrief.	SATURDAY JANUARY 10th AT 1pm - Training Starts. TRAINING FROM Sat Afternoon to Sunday Afternoon. Its not a lot of time... Sr Camp: (Saturday-Friday)
Sign Out Time*	FRIDAY 16TH AT 6pm - Cleaning, debrief and Campsite reset <i>*There may be a baptism prior to the time indicated. Baptisms would be at 5pm if there is someone interested in being baptised. If you are wanting to be baptised, let me know!</i>
Spiritual Theme for the Week:	Seeking the Jesus is worth more than Gold. Allowing Jesus Christ to refine us as Gold.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

*Please note that this list is subject to change as people confirm their availability closer to date. For more info on roles: [Holiday Camp Roles](#)

Volunteer Staff Manual

Staff Manual is [HERE](#)

STAFF TRAINING

All volunteers and leaders are required to attend our staff training **Saturday, 10th January 2026 at 1pm to Sunday 11th January 2026 @1pm**. During this very full day, we will go through our code of conduct, policies and procedures, programme, the vision for camp, additional training, decorations. This helps set everyone up for a successful and impactful camp experience. Please understand that this sets the tone for the week and we truly need everyone here for that time. Even if you have been at camp before and don't think you need to be here. You are valuable and we always have new Volunteers who need you. Also, when you are here you are supporting the MASSIVE load of our Camp Coordinator and relieving the pressures she is taking. Be here. Be ready. Be available to serve.

Staff training days are fully catered. Please come fully fed on Saturday night as no catering will be given, but we will probably have some camp fire treats in the evening.

If you bring other kid campers (other than your own) with you during training, please ask the parents of the camper to give a KOHA to camp to help cover the food for the couple of days. We believe we are MORE than generous with the camp fees compared to the cost of camp.

Please to help us with catering, please check the link provided to confirm that your name and the names of any children or campers you are bringing are listed under the meals you'll be present for. If a name is not listed, that person will not be catered for, so it's important to double-check.

If there is an issue with the link please contact Sheli at programme@kvcc.org.nz.
Link here:

DAILY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Please note: This schedule is for reference only and may be subject to change due to weather, group needs, or unforeseen circumstances.

	Sunday 11 January	Monday 12 January	Tuesday 13 January	Wednesday 14 January	Thursday 15 January	Friday 16 January		
8.00am		Rise and Shine				Pack Up		
8.30am		Breakfast						
9.00am		Devotionals in Cabin				Evaluation Form		
9.30am		Cabin Clean Up				Surprise!		
10.00am		Chapel Time						
11.00am		Cabin Time + Morning Tea				Pack Up + Movie		
11.30am		Choice Adventures						
12.00pm		Lunch				Closing Ceremony + Sausage Sizzle		
12.30pm								
1.00pm		After Meal Activity				Sign Out Boys		
1.30pm		Adventure Rotation				Sign Out Girls		
2.00pm	Arrival Boys							
2.30pm	Arrival Girls							
3.00pm	Welcome							
3.30pm	Choice Adventure							
4.30pm	Water Fun							
5.30pm	Dinner							
6.15pm	Ice Cream							
6.30pm	Wide Game							
7.15pm	Quick Dip							
8.00pm	God Time/Fire							
8.45pm	Cabin Time /Brush and Flush							
9.30pm	Lights Out							

God time- GOLD TIME & devotions

Devotions:

- Morning - after breakfast
- Leader Lead- Cabins
- Introduction to the day
- Gold theme message
- Bible Memorizing

Morning God time: At Dining Hall *

- band or video songs
- Message
- Activity
- memorizing etc.

Night God time: at Fire*

- Camp fire songs
 - ukelele songs
- Message
- Testimonies

*God time expectations for Leaders:

- will stay with their cabin campers
- No leader lumps - always campers in between leaders/YLEADS
- watching for campers engagement
- keeping campers quiet and engaged- nothing goes into the fire
- TOTAL participation; songs, skits, games, activities, responses etc.

Swimming Supervision

We tend to live in the river during the hot days of the summer. We are blessed to have multiple swimming holes for the kids to enjoy! We take the safety of the river into deep consideration during our “Water Fun” swimming times, adventures, quick dips and choice adventures.

We strive to keep a high level of swimmer to supervision ratio at least 5 to 1 and limit the amount of Campers at each swimming hole. We have river bank supervisions and active supervisors in the water with the campers to ensure safety at all times.

We have three swimming areas the campers will swim in

They are all on the camp property and no public access.

Rapids - small rapid perfect for tubing, body surfing and snorkeling, it is narrower and has rocks for the kids to jump from into the water. It is a shallower swimming hole.

Rapids Supervision*:

Total swimmers for Lagoon: 25 MAX

Total Supervision: 5, at least 2 are 18 and over.

2 X spots on land, Across, Island

1 X are swimming, actively supervising (can play as well)

Head Rapid Supervisor: On Beach overseeing. Uses whistle for Buddies. To stay entire time, over 18 or has life saving- Responsible for counting campers

Swim Checker: Checks Swim band, has sun safe, has buddy before allowing in water

CAMP WATER SAFETY

UPPER SWIMMING HOLE SUPERVISION:

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SAVING- RESPONSIBLE FOR COUNTING CAMPERS

SWIM CHECKER: CHECKS SWIM BAND, HAS SUN SAFE, HAS BUDDY BEFORE ALLOWING IN WATER

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SBB CHECK

S - Sun Smart

Sunscreen, rash shirt, hat, etc

B - Band- no band, no swim

GREEN -GO

BLUE - needs to be in shallow areas

RED- Lifejacket

B - Buddy

Each swimmer needs to wait till they have a buddy. Someone they can watch for while swimming.

Blow whistle every 5 minutes, yell

"BUDDY" wait till everyone finds there buddy, then continue.



Potential Hazards:

Large unexpected rocks-

No bombs, or jumps

Flash Flood- everyone out

Drowning- Keep kids where their level of swimming is, use buddy system

Distracted supervisors

Lagoon- a wider lagoon style swimming hole with a diving dock for kids to jump from, Kayaks, and heaps of places to play, build things, dive deep and look for crystals. There are shallow spaces also for campers that don't swim well, and can still be with all the campers.

Lagoon Supervision*:

Total swimmers for Lagoon: 40 MAX

Total Supervision: 8, at least 4 are 18 and over.

4 X spots on land, Across, kayak launch, Island

2 X are on diving dock, actively supervising (can play as well)

Head Lagoon Supervisor: On Grass overseeing. Uses whistle for Buddies. To stay entire time, over 18 or has life saving- Responsible for counting campers.

Swim Checker: Checks Swim band, has sun safe, has buddy before allowing in water

CAMP WATER SAFETY

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TOTAL SUPERVISION: 1 TO 5 RATIO.
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Summer Village - Shallower space that flows from the lagoon

Each parent will be asked during registration what the level of swimming their camper is at and will confirm the level during sign in.

Our levels are as follows:

Red- Not confident at all. Some parents prefer for campers to wear lifejackets if their swimming is at this level.

Blue- Can Swim a little bit, but isn't strong to swim lengths, tread water and dive.

Green- Confident. Can swim, tread water, dive and confidently swim for long period of time without breaks.

Our Leaders will give the camper a bracelet they will wear for the week. It is easily replaceable if it falls off and campers are not allowed to be in the water without one. If we feel like a camper's level does not suit the bracelet they were given, we will have the lifeguard determine the level to the trust of the campers ability to swim.

When a camper goes to the swimming hole they will;

- Make sure they have their proper colour bracelet
- Have sun screen on/hat on?
- Have a Swimming Buddy*?
- Tell them any rules they may need to know

*Swimming Buddy System

"BUDDY"

Our Swimming Buddy system is a system that gives more accountability to everyone swimming. We try and get swimmers with the same level of swimming capability or pair weaker swimmers with leaders that are swimming. This system makes sure that all swimmers have someone they are looking out for. Every 5-7 minutes, we call out "Buddy" to make sure everyone has their buddy. It helps our lifeguards, supervisors and campers have eyes on everyone, help us to count and keep our supervisor transition seamless. The campers/leaders are told they need to know where their buddy is at all times.

🌟Canteen Cards, Merch and Trade Post

Every Summer we offer Canteen, this includes a daily choice of lollie bags, chocolate bars, chippies, frozen fruit kababs, and ice blocks etc. Each day the campers get to choose from daily special items like Popcorn, Slushies, Fairy Bread, ice cream etc. Campers will receive their Canteen at the beginning of water fun to enjoy inside the DH with a movie before entering the Hot Valley weather and a swim in the River.

Canteen For Volunteers, Cabin Leaders, Yleads etc:

Cabin Leaders will receive free Canteen to choose from along with the campers canteen and can add a *Canteen Card* with the appropriate funds to spend on special items in the Trading Post.

Yleads: Have the canteen fee included in their YLEAD fees and can add a Canteen Card with the appropriate funds to spend.

Volunteers: Can purchase a **Trading Post Canteen Card** to the amount of your choice.

Volunteer Kids: If not in the programme, can use the Canteen Card of the parent volunteer or alternatively can pay the Canteen amount of \$15 for the week.

The Trading post is camps new CAFE and Canteen. It will be open during Film Fest (and possibly other times of the day to be determined) and have special items for Volunteers to purchase like \$2 drinks; Coffee, Iced Coffee drinks, Cold drinks, Full sized Chocolate bars, chips etc. that the campers do not get to choose from. All our items are discounted for our volunteers as a thank you for your service. Some items will be similar to what the campers can choose from.

Volunteers wishing to have canteen or Merchandise; you can purchase by putting the amount into:

Westpac #: KVCC 03 0458 0178492 00 and Canteen card as reference.

CANTEEN CARDS: We will get the money from volunteers at the beginning of the week and have a card which will have the amount you brought in. Full cards are \$25, but you can make it any amount less or more.

We will deduct the amount spent each day on the card and give back any money not used at the end of the week.

HOODIE \$65
T-SHIRT \$40
HATS \$30 OS
GRAB YOURS TODAY
BUY @ CAMP's New Store @ SIGN IN/SIGN OUT
EMAIL Orders to: office@kvcc.org.nz
REF: NAMEMERCH
Account West Pac # 03 0458 0178492 00

KAUAERANGA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP
NAME: _____
AMOUNT: \$ _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____
AUTHORIZED BY: _____ DATE: _____
GOOD COFFEE
TRADING POST CANTEEN CARD

2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1

COMMUNICATION DURING CAMP

For Cabin Leaders:

To help campers fully engage and build relationships without distractions, phones, tablets, and other electronic devices are not permitted during camp. All personal devices will be collected at the start of camp and safely stored for the duration.

If you have a specific need to retain your phone (e.g. for medical or health-related reasons), please contact a staff member before camp to discuss arrangements.

In case of emergency, you can reach us at:

Phone: 07 868 8348

Email: programme@kvcc.org.nz

For Adult Volunteers:

You are welcome to keep your phones with you during camp. However, to set a strong example for our young leaders, we ask that you avoid using your phone in public areas or around campers and leaders, especially for personal or social media use.

Please limit phone use to camp-related communication only while in view of participants.

THANK YOU!

Once again, we are so excited to have you volunteer with us and sow into the kingdom of God. Our team has been planning, praying, and preparing for a week full of fun, faith, and lifelong memories.

As we head into camp, we would greatly appreciate your prayers for our leaders, campers, and the week ahead—that God would move in powerful ways, keep everyone safe, and that each child would leave feeling loved, encouraged, and inspired.

Thank you for serving with us, we're honoured to be part of your family. If you have more questions, feel free to email Sheli at programme@kvcc.org.nz

Blessings,

Sheli Taylor the KVCC Team
Ministry Camp Coordinator
Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp

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304, KAUAERANGA VALLEY ROAD, THAMES. 07 868 8348

Cabin leaders Packing List:

Ultimate Cabin Leaders Checklist: UPGRADE the campers experience!!

As cabin leader, the more responsibility you take in your role, the more memorable the experience it will be for your campers. This can also be encouraged with the other volunteers, the firstaiders, the Camp Parents, etc.

Make it special, make your space yours. Remember its the little things that the kids remember!!

- Decorations- Lights, disco light, streamers etc
- Night Light
- Alarm clock

- Stuffed toy that can be used to help homesick kids, or each camper has to hug it to sleep each night etc.
- wrist watch with new batteries
- Things that make your leading its own experience. ie Stickers, stamps, braceletts, special game, a special ball, etc
- your own bug spray, torch, sunscreen, waterbottle, hat,

Holiday Camp Leaders Gear List

Please ensure that all gear is labelled with the child's name on it.

CLOTHING

- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Pants
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Togs
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Warm clothes
- ☐ Sunhat
- ☐ Waterproof Jacket
- ☐ Covered Shoes (that can get dirty)
- ☐ Sandals/Slippers/
- ☐ Jandals/ Slides
- ☐ Themed Costume
- ☐ (Viking Style)
- ☐ Wrist Watch



OTHERS

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Notebook and pen
- ☐ Hand torch (to play night games)
- ☐ Bug Spray
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Baking (to share for morning afternoon tea)
- ☐ Bag to put wet clothes
- ☐ Medication (Please label in zip lock bag)
- ☐ Waterbottle

BEDDING



- ☐ Single Fitted Sheet
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Sleeping bag/ Duvet
- ☐ Extra blankets if needed

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Body Wash
- ☐ Conditioner
- ☐ Tooth Brush
- ☐ Tooth Paste
- ☐ Floss
- ☐ Hair Brush
- ☐ Feminine Hygiene (if applicable)



DO NOT BRING

- ☐ Vapes
- ☐ Phones
- ☐ Peanuts
- ☐ Knives
- ☐ Expensive clothes
- ☐ Expensive shoes
- ☐ Drugs
- ☐ Extra lollies/ food (we cater for everything)

