

## 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. My name is Sheli Taylor and I'm the Ministries Director here at KVCC.

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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 16 Acres of Riverfront Property, and is directed by a board of Trustees. We have 3 full time employees, 2 part-time and have multiple onsite 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 Holidays Camps. We sleep **10 campers** to each room with 2 trained Cabin Leaders. We separate boys and girls which means that brother sister siblings can not be together. We equip each cabin with supplies for Cabin Leaders (clock, light for light time, coloured pencils, paper, scissors 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. **Campers need to bring towels, toothbrush/paste, body wash/soap, shampoo/conditioner** and any other toiletries they may need for their stay. Having a hanging toiletry bag is also handy for in the shower.

## Activities:

We strive to create new activities for the campers for each camp they come too to with our THEME. Our site has, BMX, Go Karts, Archery, Air Rifles, Kayaking, Raft Building, Waterslide, Frisbee Golf, Flying Fox, Axe throwing, Paintball and so much more. We can not guarantee an activity during a camp, and try to switch them from camp to 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 we offer, the games we play, food we eat 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:

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. We love running WIDE GAMES.

## 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. We will not change the campers cabin on the day of registration when the camp is full. Campers are always meeting new friends here at camp and we encourage healthy new relationships as well as cultivating new ones.



## 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 in the year with character building, culture, and community. We help empower and equip the 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. We boast 1 Volunteer to 3 campers. 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 registration process.

If you would be interested in helping at KVCC, Please email Sheli at [programme@kvcc.org.nz](mailto:programme@kvcc.org.nz)

### First Aid/Nurse/Medications:



We are always prepared for cuts, and bruises and stings here at camp. We love to run the campers and give space for them to go outside 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** for the campers to get the right attention from. Whether its taking out splinters or administering medication, they are here to help the campers get through the week with ease.

**If you have medication**, please properly label it, any instructions you may have in a zip bag. During sign in/registration, communicate with the Camp Nurse to make sure they have full understanding of how to administer it. You will hand in the Medications during sign in. 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 a camper. We provide Breakfast, morning tea (along with baking provided from Campers), Lunch, Afternoon Tea (along with baking provided from campers) Dinner and Supper. All of our meals are catered by a certified food safe personal and hygiene and cleanliness are our top priorities.

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



### Fees:



Camp fees are due when registration is submitted. You are welcome to pay off your amount over the weeks leading up to camp. You can put the amount in a transfer/with campers name to :

**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.



#### **OSCAR:**

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: [office@kvcc.org.nz](mailto:office@kvcc.org.nz)

#### **Lost Property:**

We always get a collection of campers items after camp. If you are missing items, please contact camp and we will do what we can to get your items back to you!

#### **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 we need to, to improve the standard of camp, help grow our Cabin Leaders/or Volunteers. Please send it in an email to Sheli @ [programme@kvcc.org.nz](mailto: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, Whanau, experience and find unspeakable Joy!

Any other questions please contact me. Kia Ora, Sheli

### **Frequently asked questions:**

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

**A: Yes! If you have a younger sibling who is 9, 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 to 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:

### Food/Drink:

Baking to share for morning and afternoon tea's  
Water Bottle with name on it

### Bedding:

Pillow  
SINGLE fitted Sheet (to cover our mattresses)  
Sleeping bag or duvet  
Small blanket

### Clothes: PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!

Please don't send clothes to camp that are expensive.  
Bring Clothes for the weather (warm, or cool etc.)  
Jacket for weather (wet weather gear for Autumn, Winter and Spring camps)  
Undergarments/sox

### Extras:

Togs  
Towel X2  
Hat  
Torch  
Sunscreen  
Bug away spray

Costume -If you desire

### Shoes:

To run in  
Get muddy (in April, July and September/October camps)  
Jangles

### Toiletries:

Teeth  
Hair  
Skin  
Bath towel  
River Towel

MEDICATION if needed.

