

Temple Christian College Year 8 Camp 2018

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child will soon be taking part in the Year 8 Outdoor Education experience. The camp will be based at Normanville, with activities being run in the surrounding areas of Second Valley and Middleton by Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures (WEOA), in partnership with Temple Christian College. The program is designed to utilise the features of the unique natural environment to present students with some challenging, exciting and worthwhile learning experiences in the outdoors.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Temple Christian College Year 8 Outdoor Education program has been designed to introduce students to a range of aquatic recreational activities, whilst encouraging students to develop positive relationships with themselves, classmates, school staff, and the natural environment.

Students will be working in 4 small groups for the duration of the camp whilst they rotate through a range of activities. Further information regarding the camp structure and activities can be found in the camp booklet, available for download via the Wilderness Escape dedicated camp webpage (see login details over page).

Experienced and qualified staff from Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures will be in charge of each activity during the camp, whilst school staff members will accompany each group and assist with supervision. Overnight supervision is coordinated by school staff, with assistance from on-site Wilderness Escape staff.

*For more information regarding activities, associated risks and campsite information, please check the WEOA website <http://www.wildernessescape.com.au>

DATES AND TRANSPORT

Wednesday 28 Feb – Friday 2 March, 2018 (Term 1, Week 5)

First day of camp: Please meet at school by **8:15am**

Last day of camp: We will return to school by **2:00pm**

Transport to and from the camp will be provided by Wilderness Escape and sub contracted coach companies. All vehicles will be driven by appropriately licensed and accredited company staff.

To assist with transport arrangements please ensure the following:

- Your child arrives at school on time to allow for a prompt departure.
- Your child's bags are kept clear of walkways and are not left unattended.
- You allow room for the buses to park when loading / unloading students and luggage.

*The School Office will be notified of any changes to travel arrangements.

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

All staff and students will be staying in dorms at Dzintari Accommodation Centre in the town of Normanville. The property has separate boys and girls toilet and shower facilities, dining hall and kitchen, basketball courts, separate boys and girls dorms and road access.



CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The clothing and equipment list, which can be found in the camp booklet, can be viewed and downloaded from the camp webpage (see login details below). We ask your child to prepare their own gear for the camp and that you check your child is prepared for all weather conditions according to the equipment list provided. Trailer space may be limited so please ensure that luggage is kept compact.

Please help ensure your child does not take the following as they will be confiscated if brought.

- × Mobile phones
- × MP3 players, iPods etc.
- × Pocket knife
- × Nuts or wrapped lollies
- × Electronic games (Nintendo etc.)
- × Any items that are against school rules

PLEASE NOTE: Please do not allow your child to bring any of the above items, especially mobile phones on the program. Part of the outdoor education experience is to be isolated from technology and the outside world. We have also experienced difficulty in the past with all electronic items being lost/damaged etc.

FOOD AND CATERING

What to provide:

- Recess and lunch for the first day (pack separately in day pack)
- 1 x Water bottle

What Wilderness Escape provide:

- ✓ All other meals including morning and afternoon teas
- *A copy of camp menu can be found in the camp booklet.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Any allergies or dietary requirements must be indicated when completing your child's online medical information so that we are able to cater for everyone.

GENERAL CAMP HAZARDS

The programs we conduct have been designed to provide a level of mental and physical challenge to participants. With all activities come specific hazards as well as general hazards which need to be noted.

Wilderness Escape programs are held outdoors throughout many different areas of South Australia's wilderness. While our staff minimise each activities risk there are some variables which are out of our control such as the environment and weather. Participants need to be aware the planned activities will still run during weather which may not be ideal e.g. heat, cold, wind, or rain although activities do have contingencies for extreme weather. While the weather or conditions may not be ideal during the program, this is a part of the overall experience and will help participants build resilience through stretching comfort zones.

More information regarding risk management strategies is available at our website:

<http://www.wildernessescape.com.au>



REGISTERING FOR CAMP AND CONSENT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

In order to participate in the Outdoor Education program, you are required to register your child online at the Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures' website.

To access the school/college's dedicated camp web page, please use the link provided below. The page contains information on all aspects of the program and allows you to view and download all documents.

Web page link: <https://wildernessescape.configio.com/go/tcc818>

You simply need to type this link into the URL Address bar of your web browser (Address box at top of page- NOT Google search), and click the 'Add to Cart' button.

Medical care plans: If your child takes medication (including anti-histamines), for asthma, allergies epilepsy or diabetes we will require a medical care plan signed by a GP or specialist. This must be uploaded at the time of registration. ***Please make sure you have these prior to registering.**

Please complete your child's online registration by **Wednesday 7th February 2017** to assist with collation of information and to allow for any follow up that may be necessary.

By completing the online registration process you are consenting to your child's participation in the outdoor education program. You will be required to complete the "General Consent" section, which includes an acknowledgement of the inherent risks associated with the activities. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained on this webpage, please contact the WEOA office to discuss.

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND MEDICAL CARE PLANS

All outdoor education staff from Wilderness Escape have a minimum of Senior First Aid training, whilst support staff hold an upgraded skillset which includes remote area first aid. All staff will carry a comprehensive group first aid kit during the activities and journeys during camp. A school first aid Kit will also be available. If you feel that additional information should be supplied regarding your child's medical or psychological history then please upload/return it as a medical action/care plan.

Before the camp, ensure your child's medical information is completed online so staff are aware of any medication they are taking. Please make sure any medication required is noted on the medical form indicating the condition under which it is to be taken, and it is brought to the camp. For example, Epipens or Ventolin must accompany your child. This includes medication that may be taken infrequently and over the counter medication (such as *Panadol* for headaches or *Nurofen* for migraines). WEOA staff are not able to supply medications to a student unless it is noted on the medical form.

***PLEASE NOTE:** In the case of medical conditions, such as asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis, diabetes or epilepsy, any existing management plan and emergency plan signed by a GP or specialist must be attached/uploaded at the time of registration (please make sure it is legible). This also applies to any medication your child may be taking for any of these conditions. If you are unsure about your child's ability to participate in the program activities based on their medical conditions then please consult your family physician.



ALL HOURS CONTACT

During camp an **All Hours Contact** person from the school will be available to be contacted if the need arises. In the case of an emergency or incident whilst the camp is in progress, WEOA staff will follow a strict communication protocol. The **WEOA AHC** will make contact with the **School/College AHC** to pass on information to parents.

Please direct all contact to this key school staff contact via the following phone number:

During office hours – Student Services Office 8:30am to 4:00pm

Shari Dearman on (Ph) (08) 8405 0968

After hours – Member of School Leadership: **Magan Schaefer**

(Please contact school shall you require the contact details)

It may be necessary to require parents/caregivers to collect their child from camp under the following circumstances:

- If a student's behaviour is deemed to be unsafe and puts themselves or others at risk.
- If your child becomes too ill to remain at camp or where there is a risk of infection to others.

***PLEASE NOTE:** A parent / caregiver (or trusted other) must be available to collect their child for the duration of the program. If this cannot be guaranteed then your child cannot attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Please do not allow your child to bring electronic items, especially mobile phones, to camp. WEOA has approved communication pathways between the Program Management, the School, and groups in the field. We utilise the best possible communication systems to ensure any incidents can be managed. To prevent any mixed communications, confusion or double messages which could impact on the safety of groups in the field, it is vitally important that the approved communication pathways are the only means used. Should you need to contact your child whilst on camp, please refer to the all hours contact details listed above.

CONTACT US

Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures believe school camps allow students to interact and develop relationships with school staff and other students in a different environment outside of school, be challenged personally, to experience being 'out of their comfort zone', be immersed in nature, learn independence skills, and skills needed for working in groups.

Temple Christian College staff and Outdoor Education staff from WEOA are looking forward to working with your child. We believe Wilderness Escape programs are an exciting learning experience that will be enjoyed by all and provide memories that will stay with your child for a lifetime.

If you require any further information about the camp program please feel free to make contact with **Cassie Thomas** at the College or **Emily Gregor** at WEOA during office hours on the details listed below.

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