Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child will soon be participating in the Temple Christian College Yr 8 Outdoor Education camp. This program is being conducted for all Year 8 students as part of the schools commitment to provide a complete learning environment for you child. The Year 8 students will be participating in a 3 day Outdoor Education camp based at Normanville, with activities being run out of the surrounding areas of Normanville, Second Valley and Goolwa. There will be a student briefing session conducted prior to the camp where the students will receive a student booklet, program outline and packing list. They will receive additional information and preparation during these sessions to ensure they have an enjoyable experience. The program is designed utilising the features of the unique natural environment to present students some challenging, exciting and worthwhile learning experiences in the outdoors.

**Dates and Transport**

The camp dates for this year’s program are:

**Monday 27th Feb – Wednesday 1st March, 2017 (Term 1, Week 5)**

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 company staff. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time on their morning of departure to ensure the program gets away promptly.

Meet: 8:15am at the school
Depart: 9:00 am
Returning: 2:00 pm to the school on the final day

To assist in our transport arrangements please ensure the following:
- 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 student’s and luggage

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

**Program Description**

Over the course of the program students will be participating in the following activities;

- Surfing
- Beach Activities
- Fishing
- Snorkelling
- Beach Mini Olympics

When not participating in activities students will be based at Dzintari campsite, Normanville. The students will spend both nights in dormitory style accommodation. The campsite has toilet and shower facilities, modern group kitchen facilities and large dining hall.

The program aims to provide students with the opportunity to expose them to new and exciting experiences and promote interaction outside their friendship groups. Working in small groups will encourage students to develop their group skills, socialisation and interdependence. Experienced and qualified staff from Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures will supervise each activity during the camp. School staff members will also accompany each group. For more information regarding activities, associated risks and campsites check the website.
Clothing and Equipment

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 in the Student Booklet when registering for the trip. This will contain a detailed equipment list. **Trailer space may be limited so please ensure that luggage is kept compact.**

Please 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

NOTE to PARENTS: Please do not allow your child to bring any of the above items, especially mobile phones on the expedition. 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. WEOA has a strict communication path way and the best possible communication system to ensure we can manage any incident in the field. To prevent any safety issues, confusion or double messages it is vitally important that the official communication methods are the only means used.

Food and Catering

What to provide:
- Recess and lunch for the first day (pack separately in day pack)
- 1 x 1L Water bottle

What WEOA provide:
- Wilderness Escape will provide all other meals and snacks for the remainder of camp. Students will be required to help out with some of the preparation, setting up and cleaning up of meals in small duty groups.

*Please make sure that you indicate any allergies or dietary requirements that students have on their medical form so that we can ensure that we are able to cater for everyone.

All Hours Contact

During the camp an All Hours Contact 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 system. The WEOA AHC will make contact with the school 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 on (Mob) 0403 625 764

It may be necessary to ask 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 it may be necessary to ask parents / caregivers to collect their child from camp. All school and WEOA rules apply on camp.
- If your child becomes too ill to remain at camp or where there is a risk of infection to others, it may be necessary to ask parents / caregivers to collect their child from camp.

*A parent / caregiver (or trusted other) must be available to collect their child for the duration of camp. If this cannot be guaranteed then your child must not attend camp.*
Registering For Camp, Medical Information and Consent/Acknowledgement of Risk

In order for your child to participate in the Year 8 Outdoor Education program, you are required to register your child online on the Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventure’s website for both camp’s school organisers.

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


You simply need to follow this link, and click the ‘Register Now’ button. Detailed and up-to-date medical information and any action plans (if applicable) are required during the registration process. Please note, that in the case of medical conditions such as asthma, allergy, anaphylaxis, diabetes, or epilepsy you must attach an existing management plan and an emergency plan (please make sure it is legible).

Please complete your child’s online registration by Monday 16th January 2017 to assist with collation of information and to allow for any follow up that may be necessary.

When registering we will also require that you read, fill in and sign the Acknowledgement of Risk Form and Student’s Medical Form on the web page. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in these forms then please contact our office to discuss.

Contact Us

Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures believe school camps allow students to interact and develop relationships with teachers & other students on 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 the program is an exciting learning experience that will be enjoyed by all and stay with your child for a lifetime.

For more information on the program and to view other documents visit our website: www.wildernessescape.com.au

If you require any further information about the program please feel free to make contact with WEOA during office hours on the details listed below.

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