

Leader Information Pack 2017

Our Mission Statement

The overall purpose of eCamp is to bring praise and honour to our amazing God and to bless your local church and young people by providing a camp that encourages young people to follow Jesus with all their heart!

Dear Leader,

eCampGo is almost here!

eCamp debuted in 2004 with 320 campers and leaders and this year, our 14th eCamp, will host more than 950 people as we discover the Jesus who is “the way, the truth and the life”.

How did eCamp come about? Intermediate age is sometimes a “fall through the cracks” age in our churches, so we wanted to put together a camp that would compliment and enhance whatever is happening in your church with this age group. Our emphasis is on the local church bringing their local young people to a camp with age appropriate speakers, worship and loads of **FUN!!** We also hope it is a camp that caters for all sorts – big youth groups, small youth groups or groups with a couple of young people and someone’s amazing Mum or Dad who will bring them and your community young people. Whether you like a quiet dinner celebration or a Festival One type affair this camp is for you.

We hope it is a camp that you can sign up for, turn up to and then pray it will have a real benefit for your church and your young people long after camp.

SO – put a big circle round Easter in your diary, get some leaders committed and then get your young guys and gals on board!

See you there!

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WHAT'S up FOR 2017

12 noon Friday 14th April to 2pm Monday 17th April 2017.

Every year we as an eCamp team try our best to improve on the year before. So 2017 should bring you all the best of eCamp 2016 and a whole lot more!

BEFORE CAMP

Ok so you've decided to come to eCamp. What now?

1. Promo eCamp in Church and at your Youth Group events.
2. Hand registration forms out to your youth (if you need more you can download them at www.ecamp.co.nz)
3. Collect the registration forms and money before the closing date on the registration forms **19th March 2017**
4. Download the spreadsheet from www.ecamp.co.nz and fill it out with the details for everyone who is attending camp
5. Email the spreadsheet to Naomi at regos@ecamp.co.nz by **Wednesday 22nd March 2017**. Don't worry if the boxes on the forms aren't big enough for the information, we download them into a database, this is just the easiest way for you to send us the information.

Please note, cabin spaces are limited and usually fill up weeks before the closing date. The only way to reserve cabin spaces is to email Naomi your completed spreadsheet while there are still spaces available!

6. Post the registration forms:
Naomi McKinnell
25b Great South Rd
Manurewa
Manukau, 2102
7. Once you have your registrations in you will be invoiced. Then you can make your payment. **Please do not make payments before you have recieved your invoice.**

All payments must be made before camp starts. If you need to discuss this please contact Josh 021 242 2682 or josh@ecamp.co.nz

Please note there is a \$10 fee added to each camper who pays after the registration date- NO EXCEPTIONS!

When you have completed the above then celebrate! You are registered for eCamp 2017!

PROMO MATERIAL

Promo video can be watched and downloaded from the eCamp web page. This should be available sometime in February. Remember all campers from last year will have a copy of the amazing highlights DVD too.

CONTACT DETAILS

Registrations Naomi Mckinnell

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Enquiries Josh van de Worp

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021 242 2682
From Thursday 13th April
027 504 5318

Web: www.eCamp.co.nz

FEES and REGISTRATIONS

All payments can be made directly into the eCamp bank account.

- *Bank Details- ANZ-01-0315-0003492-01*
- *Information needed on internet banking transfer.*
 1. *Particulars – Group Name.*
 2. *Code – Total number of people coming from your group.*
 3. *Reference – Church Name*

Cheques can be sent to Naomi (details above) with Registration forms. These need to be made out to Baptist Youth Ministries. One payment per youth group please

NB: There will be a \$10 fee added to fees paid after the registration date.

1. YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE Rego forms are completed by campers AND leaders and handed to you (their local camp coordinator) with their full payment by **19th March 2017**. Remember to check the forms are legible and accurate and signed by parents/guardians. This enables you to get full payments and rego forms to us before cut off date.
2. Rego forms and payments must then be to Naomi (details above) by **22nd March 2017**. We would also appreciate it if you would fill out the rego spreadsheet available on www.eCamp.co.nz and email it to Naomi, especially if you have a group of 10+.
3. We need to have hard copies of the registration form, so if you use the spreadsheet, please send us the registration forms with the camp fees. Please make cheques out to Baptist Youth Ministries.

Family pricing

If two or more family members from the same household are at eCamp a discount of \$10 per person is available. This information will need to be highlighted on the registration form so our accounts people know what you are paying for.

DAY VISITORS

If parents wish to visit at eCamp, please contact us beforehand to arrange that.

We encourage your Pastor, his/her spouse and children to visit camp – we just ask that they let us know that they are coming. Donations for meals will be \$10.

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN –(The sign in sheet is kept in the programme room).

Sorry, no other visitors are allowed.

LEADERS

Each church is required to have one leader to every 6 campers from your church, with a suitable male/female ratio. These may be existing youth leaders, or parents who are keen to bring some young people to eCamp. If you need leaders to come to camp with your young people, we suggest two things – that you pray, and that you ask people.

PLEASE meet with your leaders prior to camp to discuss the leader expectations with them and sign the additional document to say you have done this.

SPECIAL NEEDS

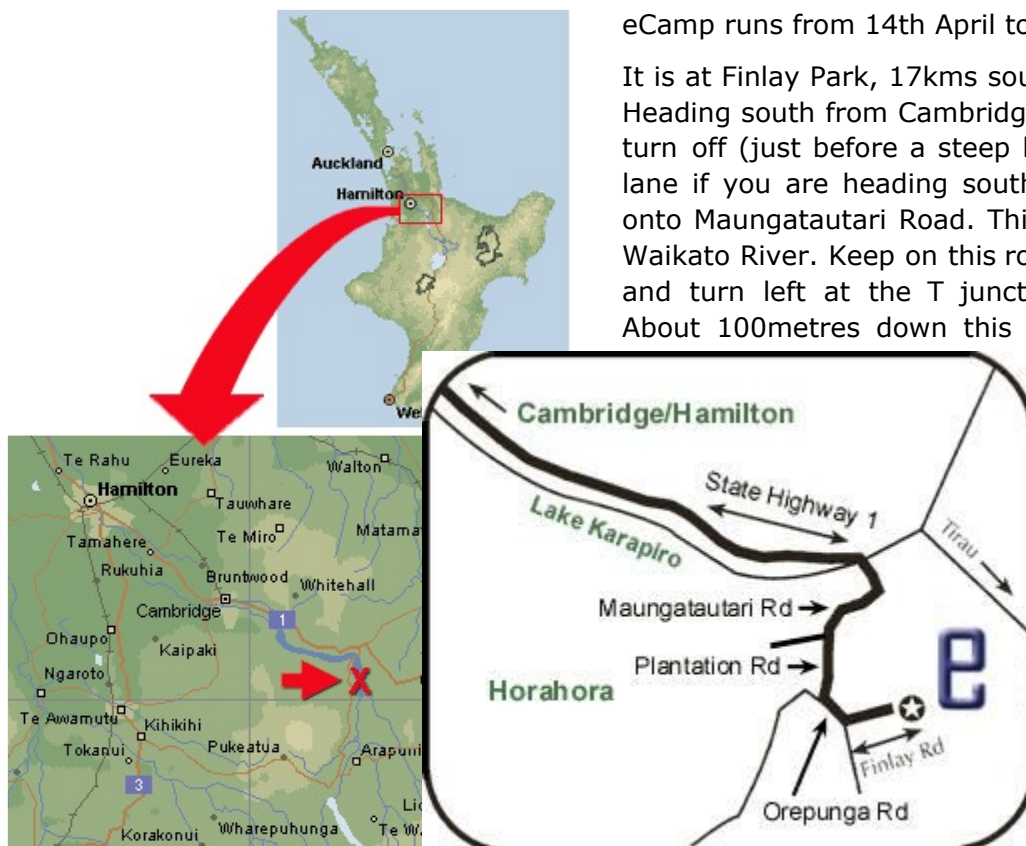
Food: Because of large numbers our cooks are unable to cater for all dietary needs. If you have any queries about what will be available please contact Josh.

Carers: If a camper needs to bring a caregiver with him/her, the caregiver must register. Please contact Josh to discuss the fee for this carer.

HOW TO GET THERE

eCamp runs from 14th April to 17th April 2017

It is at Finlay Park, 17kms south of Cambridge on SH 1. Heading south from Cambridge you will come to Piarere turn off (just before a steep hill with a double passing lane if you are heading south.) Turn off Highway One onto Maungatautari Road. This will take you across the Waikato River. Keep on this road for approximately 6km and turn left at the T junction into Orepunga Road. About 100metres down this road turn left into Finlay Road. Follow the AA sign to Finlay.



AGE LIMITS AND EASTER CAMP

eCamp is for youth in Years 7-9. Year 9 are able to attend either eCamp or the Easter Camp at Mystery Creek (see www.eastercamp.org.nz). This is because some churches have Year 9 as part of the older Youth Group and in some they are part of the Intermediate Ministry. If you are leading camp as a couple and have a younger child who must attend with you, please contact Josh.

BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES

eCamp is a BYM camp. BYM is made up of youth consultants from the major centres throughout New Zealand employed by their regional Associations. BYM is committed to helping local churches by offering training, resources, networks and consultations to help build healthy youth ministries.

BYM supports and helps co-ordinate both eCamp (for more details go to www.eCamp.co.nz) and the high school Easter Camp (www.eastercamp.org.nz) for Auckland, Waikato and the Bays. These camps are open to Baptists as well as other denominations. **IF YOU KNOW OF AN INTERMEDIATE MINISTRY IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE EMAIL US SO WE CAN SEND THEM INFO!**

As well as our involvement with Easter camps, BYM runs an annual Youth Leader training weekend over Queens Birthday and Xtend camps for Christian teenagers. There is also an extensive youth pastor-training course offered through Carey College.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CAMP

When you get to camp you must register out the front of the dining hall and collect your accommodation details (including tenting location). Registrations are open from 10am. Please aim to be at camp by midday! Traffic is not the best on Good Friday, so allow plenty of time to get to camp.

EXPECTATIONS OF CAMPERS

- To respect God
- To respect camp equipment and abide by the few simple rules, which will be outlined by the Finlay staff at the start of camp.
- To co-operate with the spirit of the camp and requests made by camp staff and your leaders.
- To encourage campers to be respectful of other campers and leaders around camp.
- To be on time to meetings and be respectful during meetings.
- To enjoy the Camp!

EXPECTATIONS OF LEADERS and PARENTS

To be discussed with helpers before camp:

- To Respect God
- To make the most of the weekend by spending as much time as possible with your young people.
- To look out for your young people and your own group of leaders. You are responsible for all those registered under your group's name. This includes making sure they eat, drink and wear sunscreen!
- To aim to keep your young people on time to meetings and respectful during meetings.
- To help new members of your group to integrate and feel part of what is going on.
- To be available for one-on-one ministry to your own young people (be wise about where you meet with the camper - no campers alone with leaders!).
- To ask for help from the eCamp Team if you get out of your depth in any situation.
- To respect and co-operate with requests made by the camp staff and eCamp crew.
- To help the eCamp crew by encouraging your young people to be quiet during sleep time.
- To be willing to participate in any extra duties or supervising activities as needed. **Especially helping to serve meals.**
- To attend all leaders meetings. These are held first thing in the morning while your young people enjoy some supervised exercise to kick-start their day.
- To not be in cabins or tents alone with campers.
- To avoid excessive physical contact with campers (long hugs, dangerous play fighting).

PROGRAMME

As a leadership team we aim to have a programme that caters for a variety of activities to suit all personality types – anything from arts & crafts to water sports and go karts! The program is structured to tire, but not exhaust; to have a mixture of big group and small group activities; to have some options but also do stuff all together.

MEETINGS

THESE MEETINGS ARE COMPULSORY

We also expect that leaders attend meetings and sit with their kids.

We have two main meetings for all campers each day, in the morning and at night. Our main speaker is David Firth. Dave is new to eCamp in 2017. He is excited to share some cool messages with you and some fun stories as well. He works at Capernwray, which is a Bible college in Cambridge. eCamp 17 is lucky to have Dave speaking this year.

To complement our speaker we will have a worship team who have experience with this age group and are able to lead them in fantastic, age-appropriate worship.

There is also 'Small Group' time following the morning meeting. Church groups meet together to do a short Bible Study, pray and discuss what they are learning. This means that you get to apply what is being talked about to your young people! We hope that leaders will use this as a time to get to know their campers on a deeper level.

RESPONSE TIME

Youth Leaders are responsible for their young people and following up on the commitments made or needs expressed. Campers often respond outside the meeting times. Youth Leaders need to be sensitive to this and ensure there is someone these people can talk to.

At the end of some meetings there will be an opportunity for young people to respond for prayer. Key Leaders, please come forward, with your leaders, to minister to those from your group who have responded.

Appropriate resources for counselling young people for salvation or re-commitment will be available to give to your youth. Any Leaders who have never done this before can meet with Raewyn to go through the material and be guided through the expectations for this time.

MEALS

Yummy Scrummy meals are provided from Friday lunch through to Monday lunch as well as morning tea and afternoon tea. A well fed camper is a happy camper!

Campers need to bring their own plates, cutlery, cups and tea towels. SOME OF YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL FORGET THIS even though it is on the rego form, so please make sure you have a plan B! (we recommend leaders bring spares eg. A packet of plastic knives, forks, spoons etc.).

SLEEPING

You have two options – Cabins or Tent Town. In order that your leaders can supervise your young people, you as a group have to decide one option or the other. Leaders will be responsible for their own young people in their cabins or tents after lights out.

CABINS

Finlay Park has cabin sleeping for 220 people. We stretch this to maximum by adding extra, but the simple fact is that there is not enough cabin space for everyone.

Cabins will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please be aware that we can do absolutely nothing about the fact that it is limited.

There is the possibility that the cabins will be over subscribed, and we will come back to you and say that they are full. The most “fool proof plan” is to aim for the tent town.

TENT TOWN

Not only is tenting a \$10 a head cheaper option, we want to make it the best place to be in camp!

Your group will be tented together in a tent community. You will need to bring your own tents/marquees and stretchers/mattresses.

CHILLY NIGHTS

Night can be really cold, so please make sure your youth bring warm clothing and bedding!!! Maybe one of those good old Cardies Nana knitted you, the one that matches the crocheted blanket!!

MEDICAL AND ACCIDENTS

Medical staff will be available. Youth Leaders are encouraged to have supplies of band aids – BUT any medical needs beyond this should be referred to the Ambulance Staff. Please ensure a leader comes to the Ambulance Staff with any young person and stays during treatment.

There is also a Medical Cabin for all after hours medical needs. Please listen in leaders meetings for the location of this cabin should you need it.

Please can you make an effort to find out if any of your campers have any allergies or need to carry medicine like Asthma Inhalers.

We will be keeping an accident register so please make sure that this is filled in for any incidents involving your young people.

CELEBRATION NIGHT

On Sunday night we are having a LAN PARTY!. So find your best Gamer outfit and wear it on the last night! **And leaders we know you can do this - so do it well!**

CANTEEN

There is canteen available for a short period each afternoon for snacks. Youth are welcome to bring money for it, but please be sensible about the amount they bring!

LOST PROPERTY

A lost property box is kept in the programme room during camp.

TELEPHONE

A landline is available at the office for emergency calls only (07) 8272841. Emergency contact at camp is **Josh** on **027 504 5318** or **Raewyn** **027 304 9646**. **There is limited cellphone coverage at camp for Vodafone networks.**

PACK UP

Camp closes after lunch, Monday 17th April. **Instructions on pack up will be given at the leaders meeting on Monday Morning.**

Adults picking up campers should arrive around 2pm.

Every camper will leave with a copy of the HIGHLIGHTS DVD!

LOST PROPERTY AFTER CAMP

Each year, we end up with half a dozen kleensaks of lost property!

Campers (or their Mum!) can phone **Josh 021 242 2682** or email josh@eCamp.co.nz if they lose anything.

We do our best to reunite lost property with its owners, but please be patient! It can take some time for gear to be returned, especially if it has been taken home by the wrong person.

At the end of May we donate leftover lost property to a local charity.

YOU WILL GET MAIL

Raewyn will be posting back to your youth group the response forms filled out by your youth who made commitments or re commitments during camp. If you have any queries about how to follow up with your youth or materials used for discipleship, she will be happy to help you. You can contact her at Raewyn@westgatebaptist.org.nz

FEEDBACK

New in 2017 - Google Form Feedback

Youth Leaders, Crew members, Parents, and young people – ahh, whoever! - are encouraged to give feedback to the eCamp Team on the running of the camp and suggestions for future camps. We want eCamp to be an ongoing, relevant camp for this age group that encourages young people to follow Jesus with all their heart! Please reflect with your leaders and young people and fill in our online response form.