

Year 10 Camp Programme Options 2024

Please read the camp descriptions below then choose the five activities in rank order that you would be interested in attending.

Follow instructions as written on the questionnaire.

Reminder: Students must be logged into their **School Google** account, using their **school email and password**, to be able to use the link to the questionnaire.

ALPINE ADVENTURES

Cost: \$480.00

Our group will stay at the Massey University Alpine Club Lodge, close to the Turoa Mountain Road, on Mt Ruapehu.

This site is well above the bush line and looks down over the lights of Ohakune each night. The wind can blow, and the views are simply amazing.

Except for a scheduled raft trip on the Rangitikei River on Wednesday, we will be flexible to some extent so that we can choose the best weather window to drop into the Mangaturuturu Valley for an overnight stay in this stunning valley with possibly the best views of Ruapehu from any place in the Tongariro National Park. Camping in the valley will be under flies or tents in the trees around the small Mangaturuturu Hut and during that time, a short walk will take us to the nearby Mangaturuturu Falls, the most powerful but rarely visited waterfall in the Tongariro National Park. Swimming under the falls is both fun and chilly.

We expect to take the very short walk to the twin Hapuawhenua Viaducts, located at the end of the historic Ohakune Coach Road.

One day will involve a trip to the Tokaanu Thermal area, including a visit to Tokaanu Hot pools, with a stop at Te Porere Redoubt and some other sights on the way.

A quick visit to the National Army Museum will complete the week.

Costs will cover all meals except Monday lunch. Our few days really are in a stunning area.

Maximum Number: 20 students

CANOE THE WHANGANUI

Cost: \$660.00

Experience real New Zealand! A remote and awesome wilderness adventure of 100km over five days, carrying all gear and food in Canadian canoes down the Whanganui River from Whakahoro to Pipiriki. Includes a visit to the Bridge to Nowhere, powhiri at Tieke Marae and other exciting outdoor challenges. Experience not necessary – introductory on-water training provided by certified guides. Cost includes 3 main meals per day plus some snacks (biscuits, lollies, scroggin, fruit), all on-water equipment, DOC passes and bus transport from and to PNBHS. Guides will do all cooking. Camping in tents at DOC campsites beside the river.

Maximum Number: 30

GLENBURN

Cost: \$545.00

Name of Activity: Glenburn Camp Staff Member in Charge: D Durie Five days and four nights living on the Wairarapa Coast with the sea on your front doorstep. Experiencing activities associated with the sea i.e. snorkelling, swimming, Cray fishing, surf casting, boogie boarding etc. Scenic tramping routes included. If you are into the outdoors, hunting and gathering in the sea then this is the camp for you.

Maximum number: 19 students

INTRODUCTORY OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE – TRAMPING 101

Cost: \$380.00

This camp offers an introduction to camping and tramping in New Zealand conditions. Ideal for students who have had limited experience (or no experience) in the outdoors and would like to give it a go. During the week students will encounter some of the lower North Islands most scenic areas and a range of activities such as camping next to the river and low-altitude river walks, learning to cook in a campsite environment, trip planning for walks and tramping expeditions and finishing the week with day tramp in National Park and an overnight stay in a Great Walks Hut. All essential equipment is provided by the camp. All students need to bring is suitable footwear and a sleeping bag. All food costs are included. A reasonable level of fitness will be required.

Max. Number of Students: 8

KAPITI COAST EXPERIENCE

Cost: \$385.00

Talk about value for money! The group will be staying in the Lodge at Paekakariki Motor Camp, a few minutes' walk from the surf beach. Activities will include a walk across the escarpment high above the highway and coastline, Daily eel feeding, a bike ride at the nearby MTB park, snorkelling and surf lifesaving, Swim at Porirua pools, Adrenaline High Ropes and free time around the camp. A great location and lots of activity.

Maximum number: 22 students

KAWHATAU OUTDOORS

Cost: \$405.00

The group will be staying at the Kawhatau Outdoors Centre, a very well-equipped outdoor centre inland from Mangaweka. The site is perfectly located near access points to the Ruahines Ranges and the Kawhatau River catchment. Student activities will include one evening tenting and cooking for themselves, a commercially provided river raft trip, gumboot throwing and dinner in a rural town, a simple day tramp and a farm activities day. Some of the simpler activities are the rock sculptures on the riverbank, our own version of 'Master Chef', a quiz night, a mini sports tournament plus mini golf on the way home. Cost will cover most meals (except Monday). All students will be required to work together in catering for the group.

Maximum Number: 22 Students.

OHAKUNE OUTDOORS

Cost: \$590.00

This camp is based at Station Lodge, an historically significant building located right next to the base of Mount Ruapehu, where the Old Coach Road ends/begins. The spa pool will provide an evening soak (and a view of Ruapehu) after each activity packed day. Activities include an exciting commercial raft trip on the Tongariro River (a scenic stretch of the river with more grade 2-3 rapids than on any other river available to the school's camp programme), indoor rock climbing (recently modernized and awesome), indoor pools (which includes a "manu" pool) and daily team events (such as the mini-Olympics). Throughout the week, we also explore the Ruapehu region by hiking some the local scenic walks such as the Old Coach Road (which offers one of the most scenic historical walks in the country). With comfortable accommodation, days filled with adventure and almost all meals prepared by Mrs Mills' "personal chef", this camp can safely be considered as the "Luxury" camp.

Maximum Number: 27 students.

RANGITIKEI RAFTING ADVENTURE

COST: \$675.00

This river adventure begins at the Mangaweka Domain (adjacent to the Rangitikei River) where we will camp for the first night. The four days will involve commercially provided training in river safety and skills and then travel with Mangaweka Adventure Company on a journey exploring the Rangitikei River by raft and kayak. As well as experiencing one of New Zealand's most famous rivers, we explore side-rivers, study the enormous gorge walls above us, and visit sites off river which are otherwise inaccessible. There is also the opportunity for the fishermen to experience one of New Zealand's named rivers in a 'wilderness' setting. Food costs are built into the rafting package, except for lunch on the Monday. This is an excellent opportunity to make the most of a commercial raft journey at reasonable cost on one of the country's most spectacular rivers.

Maximum Number: 13 students.

RUAHINE TRAVERSE

COST: \$255.00

The Ruahine Traverse delivers young men into New Zealand back country; crossing the Ruahine Ranges from the East where the sun rises, towards the setting sun in the West. You will tramp on marked DoC tracks through various types of bush, sub-alpine environments and rivers; sleep in tents and cook your own meals. This camp is physically demanding and requires a minimum level of fitness if you want to enjoy the trip. You will carry a heavy pack with all your food (self-provided), gear, and be walking up to six hours each day. A rest day is planned to enjoy the bush around you and build friendships with other students. There is a minimum gear list that you must have, but the school is able to provide much of the equipment if you do not have it. Please talk to Mr. Jochem or Mr. Macdonald about gear if you think it may be an issue.

Maximum Number: 16 students

SURF WAIRARAPA

COST: \$425.00

Do you love the beach, surfing, bodyboarding, fishing and a spot of snorkelling? This camp will be for students who love the outdoors and want to have a high impact week. This camp is based in the stunning Castlepoint, Wairarapa. Daily activities included learning to surf, fishing, snorkelling and outdoor games. Each day the group will participate in surfing lessons led by our competent staff. Some wetsuits are available, and surfboards are provided. Students will require excellent swimming ability and a high level of fitness if they select this camp. All food is provided. 25 students, so be in quick.

Maximum Number: 25 students

TARANAKI HARD CORE

Cost: \$480.00

Are you keen for a week of adrenaline and high-octane adventure? The Taranaki Hardcore camp is packed with exciting outdoor activities that put you out of your comfort zone and guarantee a week of enjoyment. The camp is based at the Fitzroy Beach Camping Ground in New Plymouth. The campground sits on the doorstep of the world-famous Fitzroy surf break with walkways, golf courses, rivers, and fishing spots just a stone's throw away.

The week of activities includes:

- Dam Dropping
- Mt Taranaki 3hr Day Tramp
- Surfing
- Fishing
- A range of other beach and outdoor activities.
- A mystery activity

Students will require a sound swimming ability and a basic level of fitness if they select this camp. All food is provided.

Maximum Number: 30 students

TARARUA SOUTHERN CROSSING

COST: \$245.00

This camp will follow the established "Southern Crossing" route over the Tararua Mountain Ranges. There will be a day when we're in an exposed alpine environment that will require good weather to complete the crossing. Tramping begins on the Wairarapa side at Walls Whare through to Te Matawai Hut on the first day, then onto Alpha Hut the second day. Tramping from Alpha Hut to Kime Hut will involve tramping on the "tops". Departing Kime to the road end at Otaki Forks will complete the journey. All this will be spread out over the week and will be dependent on weather conditions. Students will camp under fly's or tents and will need to have above average fitness levels (**and be prepared to push themselves physically**). Everything the student will need; he will carry himself in his pack. Note students provide their own food and this camp is from Monday to Friday. **No experience is necessary. This is an excellent learning opportunity for boys that wish to get into the outdoors.**

Maximum Number: 15 students

TURANGI ADVENTURE

COST: \$510.00

What a camp - some extreme mountain biking around the greater Turangi area hitting speeds over 70 k's per hour and getting some drift on, riding across single lane bridges that are 100 metres above the ground and using long drops that are so extreme there are signs warning against young children using them. During the down time we will be popping some "manus" into Lake Taupo in the ultimate test of your manhood, and rafting down Grade three/four rapids in the Tongariro river. Topped off by quality time with outstanding company. Really, who could ask for more!

Maximum Number: 20 students

VENTURE LODGE OUTDOORS OHAKUNE

COST: \$490.00

This group will be staying at Venture Lodge in Ohakune, the outdoor centre owned by Auckland Grammar School. The accommodation is relatively luxurious, with four students sharing a four-bunk room with own ensuite. It has a great outdoor area and excellent communal areas. The programme will involve two commercial days, with rafting on the Rangitikei on the first day and with an escorted mountain bike ride over the increasingly well-known Old Coach Road, stopping for lunch on the old Main Trunk Railway viaduct over the Hapuawhenua Stream. The best weather day of the following two will be chosen for a spectacular walk on Ruapehu, dropping down the Cascades to Mangaturuturu Valley. One of the days will involve a journey to Te Porere Redoubt and a walk around Rotopounamu Lake (with an optional swim if the weather permits) followed by fish and chips and a swim in the Tokaanu Hot Pools.

Maximum Number: 40 students

WHAKAPAPA OUTDOORS

COST: \$515.00

The group will be staying at either the Hawkes Bay or Wellington Alpine Club lodges, in the Iwikau Village high on the slopes of Ruapehu – Whakapapa. The site is perfectly located for activities around the Tongariro National Park. The accommodation is relatively luxurious and gives a great morning perspective as the sun rises over Mt Taranaki. The group, because of the large numbers, will divide into two lodges, and be independent of each other on two of the three days. The entire group will have some opportunity to divide socially well before the camp. All students will experience the walk to Taranaki Falls – perhaps for a swim, a day riding the Old Coach Road to Ohakune (bikes being provided commercially), a walk to Whakapapaiti Hut, a day 'out and about' with hot pools to finish, and Grade 2 rafting on the way back to Palmerston North. Most meals will be covered by camp costs.

The group will be divided by social choice, after camp selection has been confirmed.

Maximum Number: 40 students