



ILLUMINÉ CAMPOREE

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NEWSLETTER ONE



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Welcome to the first Information Newsletter of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) Pathfinder Illuminé Camporee to be held **January 8th - 12th, 2019** in the beautiful South Island of New Zealand. We are committed to making this Camporee an absolute blast and an incredible lifetime memory.

We expect up to a thousand Pathfinders and Leaders to attend.

It will surely be a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the joy and thrill of camping with Pathfinders from across our Union.

Pathfinders from the five entities in our Union will be there:

- + Cook Islands
- + French Polynesia
- + New Caledonia
- + North New Zealand
- + South New Zealand

This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for many current Pathfinders to experience cross-cultural fellowship and skill sharing in a Christian environment. Of course our main objective for coming together is to have fun whilst challenging our pathfinder skills, growing in faith and being inspired about sharing our Lord, Saviour and Friend – Jesus – with people around us.



OUR VISION

Our Vision is for the 2019 New Zealand Pacific Illuminé Camporee to be a catalyst

for the rise of a generation of young people who will:

- + Know Jesus personally
- + Live passionately for Him
- + Have a sense of personal mission
- + Step up to assume leadership

We will pursue our objectives in a fun-filled environment where wholesome friendships will be forged and fostered.



ABOUT THE SITE

Our NZPUC Pathfinder Camporee will be held at a working sheep/dairy farm with

brehtaking views of the amazing Canterbury landscape. The area is called "White Rock" which is north of Rangiora in the region of Canterbury in the South Island of New Zealand. This is an amazing place with hills, valley and a river flowing right through the farm. The location alone inspires you for thrilling adventures.



ELIGIBLE ATTENDEES

All Pathfinders, staff and official helpers are eligible to attend the Camporee e.g.: cooks and drivers.

Pathfinders are only eligible to attend if they meet the following conditions:

- + If they have turned 10 years old by the opening date of the Camporee (January 8th, 2019)
- + Each Pathfinder must be a registered member of a club.

Children who are not Pathfinders cannot attend. This includes children of staff members.



CAMPOREE FEES

Our Camporee Fees are designed to encourage applications.

All applications must be submitted and fully paid by September 30th, 2018

It's good to hear that many clubs are getting ready now to fundraise for this great event.

The Fees below reflect a discount for Mission Clubs:

NZ Clubs (NZD\$)

Early Bird

Deadline: July 30th 2018 \$155.00

Regular Fee

Deadline: September 1st 2018 \$175.00

Mission Clubs (NZD\$)

Early Bird

Deadline: July 30th 2018 \$125.00

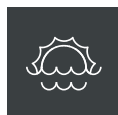
Regular Fee

Deadline: September 1st 2018 \$145.00

Please note the following:

- + Rates given are per person
- + No applications or fees will be accepted after September 30th, 2018

ACTION TIMELINE



WEATHER

The Canterbury area gets hot in the valley where we will be camped. The sun can be very hot and not much rain. However it can cool down quickly if there is a southerly wind. Prepare for both extremes of weather.



COMMUNICATIONS

The campsite has no reception for mobile phones or internet.



INTERNATIONAL PATHFINDERS

We look forward to having Pathfinder Clubs from each Mission attend the Illuminé Camporee.

We realise that the cost of travel will be a major factor. However, we would encourage each mission to send a composite club made up of representatives from various clubs within the Mission. Buses will be provided to and from Christchurch airport.

All Youth Directors should begin planning immediately to:

- + Advertise to all Clubs (an advertising poster will be sent soon).
- + Get applications and payments in early.
- + **Ensure that the Pathfinders and staff have current passports and visas arranged by May 30th 2018** (where relevant)
- + Make airline and travel bookings
- + Organise your own travel arrangements (such as return airfares to Christchurch Airport)
- + **Youth Directors to ensure they receive the clubs Notice of Intent to Attend Form' by Dec 13, 2017. Then forward all forms to the Union by Dec 20, 2017.**





NEW ZEALAND PATHFINDERS

New Zealand Clubs should plan to arrive direct to Christchurch Airport or to the Camporee site.

The Camporee site is approximately 60kms north of Christchurch. About 1 hour by car from Christchurch.



ACCOMMODATION IN CHRISTCHURCH

Pascoe Park Campground can be an option for travellers wanting to stay in Christchurch before or after Camporee and it would also be open to family and friends of Pathfinders not attending the Camporee. Accommodation would be in tents. Please note that you will need to supply your own bedding and sleep mat. Costs will be your own and outlined in future newsletters.



'BUDDY' CLUBS

To help make the Camporee experience more memorable for all our clubs we would like the New Zealand clubs to adopt a buddy club. E.G. The club from Nelson (Sth Island) would buddy with the New Caledonia club. The two clubs would operate independently – but would camp near each other and assist their buddy club by sharing and/or loaning equipment such as cooking and camping gear.

An *Honour Badge* will be awarded to participating New Zealand clubs who meet the honour requirements. Honour requirements will be provided in future Newsletters.

Certainly the two clubs could share worships, music, and even may like to sample food from a different culture.



SIGHTSEEING

Pathfinder Clubs flying in to Christchurch International Airport may like to spend some time sight-seeing. A list of suggestions will be provided in the future newsletters.



EQUIPMENT

Water, rubbish collection and toilet facilities will be provided for you. Apart from this, it is each Pathfinder Club's responsibility to ensure that their camping equipment meets safety requirements and enables them to be self-sufficient. This is where the 'Buddy Clubs' can help meet needs.

Further details of what to bring in regards to personal and club equipment will be supplied in future information newsletters.



No digging



No cutting down trees



No fires

All cooking is to be done by gas cookers.

Buddy Clubs would lend or assist in hiring cooking and other equipment for the missions clubs.

All clubs are permitted to use generators and commercial furniture in the form of tables, trestles, chairs, tents etc. so there is to be no damage of nature (trees, greenery and flowers) in the area.

The Pathfinder Spirit means we treat with respect and love the camping site and leave it better than how we found it.





WATER

Drinking water only will be provided for the clubs. You will need to fill up a water container from the supply area for your needs.

The water we provide is limited and is only for drinking and cooking. For washing and cleaning you will need to use water from the river.



FOOTWEAR

Thongs / jandals / flip flops and bare feet are considered unsafe by the Pathfinder Camporee Executive Committee for activities.

However, the Committee has decided that it is appropriate to use these in the sub-camp area.

At all other times, sneakers must be worn.



FIRE AND COOKING

It is necessary to emphasize that **NO OPEN FIRES** are permitted. All Clubs will need to bring gas cookers or similar cooking facilities. Due to the time of year there will be a total fire ban so the normal regulations will apply. Gas refilling will be available from the town of Rangiora, but it is imperative that gas bottle owners adhere strictly to the 10 year inspection regulations. As experienced campers, we know you will take every precaution with respect to the use of gas cookers and lighting etc. No trenches are to be dug in the ground. We need to leave the grassed areas of the camp ground as we find them on arrival.

NO GAS REFUELLING ON SITE.

It takes only 15 mins to a local gas refuelling place.



FIRST AID

Doctors and nursing staff will be on duty in the Camporee Medical Centre and will be on call at all times during the Camporee.

To assist our medical staff we request you accurately complete the medical information on your application form. This is vital in the event of a medical emergency.



RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Please provide your own plastic garbage bags for rubbish. After the rubbish is bagged, place your rubbish bags in the commercial bins located in a designated place. Rubbish will be removed as necessary from the site by service vehicles.



ELECTRICITY

No electricity is available and generator noise must be kept to a minimum.

Clubs will be camping in very close proximity to each other. Respect your neighbours by being aware of noise and fumes from generators. The only exception will be 'silent' generators used for sleep apnea machines or similar medical devices. (Please note, to avoid damage to your sleep apnea machine, ensure you run a voltage regulator as the start-up surge can be damaging.)

Generators will have curfews too!!!



TOILETS

Port-a-loos will be provided, and sewerage removed by a commercial contractor during the course of the Camporee. However all sub-camps will be responsible for regular cleaning.



SHOWERS

Showers will not be provided for Pathfinder Clubs but you are welcome to set up your own portable ones.



CAR PARK & CARAVANS

Car and bus parking areas will be situated in clearly marked areas on or adjacent to the Camporee site, and will be patrolled. Only pathfinder related vehicles and trailers are to be left in this area. The area will only be patrolled at night and we take no responsibility for vehicles or their contents.

Families attending Camporee and holidaying with a caravan and / or car may leave it in the official car park but (as is always the case at Camporees) they are not to be used for accommodation purposes during Camporee.



DISTRICT DIRECTOR

As you are already aware, your District Directors are an integral part of the Camporee program and are keen to make it as easy as possible for you to attend. Most of your questions will be answered in the Information Newsletters, however, if you are a 'first-time' Club Director at a Camporee, you will find that your District Director will be pleased to discuss any concerns you may have. Don't be shy in seeking their assistance.

District Directors who wish to assist with the Camporee as staff should discuss this with their Conference / Mission Youth Director.



FACEBOOK

Our Camporee facebook page is:
facebook.com/NZPUCcamporee2019

This newsletter can be viewed on the page and the Notice of Intention to Attend form can also be accessed from there.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Updated and more detailed information will be distributed via Facebook and Newsletters as we get closer to the Camporee time.



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ATTEND

The Notice of Intention to Attend form is not an application form to attend Camporee. It is simply an indication that you plan on coming. This is to assist us with planning.

It is essential that you complete the attached Notice of Intention to Attend form, as the information contained assists your Youth Directors with Camporee planning. Items such as expected numbers determine the number of toilets, amount of water needed and subcamp area planning.

Fill out the form. Keep a copy for yourself.

Send a copy to your local conference / mission youth director by December 13th 2017

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