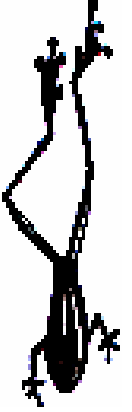




Leapfrog Bulletin

News of our trips and future events.

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Bulletin 25 is a moveable feast, which contains information on trips that will be added to. It has some of the January School Holiday's programs so you can get in early and book.

New Zealand Again!

MARCH 10 TO MARCH 19 2006.

Cost \$3300.00

This is the last time this trip will be offered. We need 6 people to join us on this great holiday. We will be staying mostly in cabin accommodation on our trip. This is your chance to explore the North Island of New Zealand at a reasonably leisurely pace. We will travel around the Island visiting places like Rotorua, The Bay of Islands, Cape Reinga, The Coromandel Peninsula, Mount Egmont, and Mount Ruapehu. In fact we will try seeing as much as we can without busting a boiler. There will be of course the mandatory swimming in hot pools, and eating the wonderful seafood along with may be a bit of trout fishing before hitting the duty free shops at Auckland Airport.

Sea Kayaking

Date: December 9 to 11

Cost: \$88 for ACT school kids \$77.00 for club members

TRIP # 167

This is again an invitation only trip and is for the young people who attended the first camp "the kayaking with a surprise trip". Only young people who have been on the first Sea kayaking trip will be eligible to attend this second trip.

New years Trip.

Trip: Jervis bay New Year extravaganza.

Date: December 30 2005 to January 6 2006

Cost: \$1100 INC gst.

TRIP # 171

Come and spend a fabulous time at Jervis Bay. This is one of our favorite trips. You can escape to the beaches and just enjoy being there. Barry Moore will do

his magic tours showing you the Koori way of life. This is a trip that most people want to return to. Activities will include chasing dolphins, swimming, Fishing, pipi catching, a night out at the club and general coastal relaxing. We will also venture out of the area to visit the funland at Jamberoo and a trip to The Kiama Blow Hole and Mirramurra Falls.

Jervis Bay Special

Date: January 7 to January 15.

Cost: Students with a disability who attend school in the Act \$220

Students with a disability who attend school out of the Act. \$440

Club members can take \$10 off this cost if you attend school in the ACT. \$20 if you attend school out of the ACT.

TRIP # 172

This is a very special trip. It is being offered to kids who are covered by our **Out of Schools Grant** and it is also open to people who have a lot of outdoor experience with the Leapfrog team.

The activities are similar to the Jervis Bay New Year trip.

Tops in the Summer

Date: January 18 to 22

Cost: Act Students \$132. \$122 for club members

NSW Students \$264. \$244 for Club members

ADULTS \$570 Club members \$10 off.

TRIP # 173

Enjoy the Alpine areas of the high country. We stay at the Tops and do a bit of walking, a lot of swimming, some fishing if you like and maybe even some canoeing on Lake Talbingo. This is a great way to enjoy a relaxing break.

A Taste of the Wet and the Wild

Date: January 25 to 26

Cost: ACT students \$55 \$44 for Club members

NSW students \$110 Club members \$88

TRIP # 174

This is an introductory camp for our new comers who have joined in on our day activities. It is open to all kids who attend school in the ACT and who feel comfortable about being away from home. On this trip we will give participants a taste of adventure by taking them to one of the easier adventure caves where we use helmets and torches to discover the beauty beneath. We will also do some beginning air bedding.

Cost of the trip is heavily discounted but if you have genuine trouble affording the camp you can ring us and apply for a further discount or a trip at no cost at all.

Day trips in January 2006.

Leapfrog Adventures Inc. is offering 4 one-day trips as an Introduction to our programs. These trips are for beginners only but we will have the assistance of some of our more experienced members of the Leapfrog Club who are sponsored by our Healthpact club grant. Activities will be fairly low key and will be used as a training session, and a get to know you experience.

January 9

Introduction to Caving.

On this trip we travel to Wee Jasper to visit Carey's Caves. Here my friend Geoff Kell will lead us through the underground labyrinth and show us the wonders of the under world. After this adventure we will retire to the barbecue spot on the Goodradigbee for a sausage sizzle before exploring a part of the Hume and Hovell track.

January 11

Water Activities

A spot of play and an introduction to air bedding on a river near us (probably the Murrumbidgee) if it is suitable at this time of the year. Here the kids will be introduced to our river safe course where they are shown how to enjoy the river whilst still being safe.

January 16

Explore Leggo Land

Join us on a short walk to one of the most exciting and beautiful places in the ACT. Leggo land is a bush walking, rock climbing and scrambling spot located near Honeysuckle Creek hidden a short walk away from where our vehicle is parked, we get magnificent view of the Brindabellas. You will need a packed lunch for this day as we have quite a bit of exploring to do and there is no barbecue available.

January 18

Canoeing & Fishing

We will use Lake Burley Griffin to introduce the kids to some canoeing and try and catch a carp or two. In the afternoon if we think the kids have learn enough we might head off and explore the Molonglo River or have some fun in the Duntroon Maze.

Cost: \$27.50 for kids who attend school in the ACT, Club members are \$22.00

Charges for these trips assists with costs not generally covered by our grant, and also enables us to do more trips than we specify in our grant application. If there is genuine need these charges can be reduced or not charged at all. Phone us if to discuss if this is the case.

Discounts on trips:

Discounts on trips now apply for members of the Leapfrog club. So it's time to think whether you would like to become a member. Membership would mean that we would have to have a meeting or two but it would also mean that you would have a say in what we plan for the future. Membership would also mean a bit of work for members but it would also mean that we can apply for grants and we can fund raise for trips

Out of School Grant.

We again have a grant from the Commonwealth Government through ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services Special Education Section to do activities with kids with special needs who attend school in the ACT. This enables us to offer highly subsidised trips to students. In the case of economic need these trips can be free of charge. Such is the success of what we have done we are now extending our offers to a larger group of students. Any student who attends school in the ACT is eligible. If you wish to be included in our camps give me a ring.

Children who do not attend school in the ACT may attend camps but have to pay more so that the grant is not being used for them. Siblings of children with a disability may also attend camps especially where their attendance assists the child with a disability.

Club Memberships are due.

Club memberships are usually for 12 months> In this case memberships runs until December 31 2006.

We have received a small grant from Healthpact to assist with the running of our club, which started nearly two years ago. New memberships are due for this year. Club membership entitles you to discounts on most trips, participation in club outings, the opportunity to raise funds to help pay for special club only member outings and the ability to plan trips that you might like to do. You will also get first notice of up and coming trips.

Club Membership

Adult working \$30.00

Adult pensioner \$20.00

School attendees \$20.00

Club Fundraising

Miniature head torch usually cost \$49.95 our price \$25.00. These are an ideal present. They can be carried in your pocket on night trips and have a battery life of, would you believe, 100,000 hours. All profits go to the Leapfrog Club.

So we at leapfrog have been working hard over the last few months to get everything organized so that the office works more efficiently. We ask you to

help too. We have also established the following to assist with the smooth running of trips.

Future Bulletins.

Running the Leapfrog Adventures Inc. office has become a major cost component of our trips. To cut down costs, in the future, we will be sending bulletins out to only our frequent fliers. (Frequent fliers are people who have done at least on trip with us in the last three years or people who request to be on the mailing list within the past year.) The bulletin will also be posted on our web site and notification will be made of its publication in the Fridge Door of the Canberra Times and in special cases in the public notices. We will also send bulletins via E-mail. If you would like information sent to you via E-mail please contact us.

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