

The Leapfrog Bulletin

Bulletin #33 contains
information on programs from
February to May 2008.

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Easter Fishing & coastal extravaganza camp

March 21 to 24

Learn to Surf and Camps

March 28 to 30 &

April 11 to 13

School Holiday Coastal camp

April 15 to 20

School Holiday Mountain Camp

April 22 to 27

Please read the notes at the end of the bulletin regarding our current funding situation.

But first, to the camps...

Easter Fishing and coastal extravaganza

Date: March 21 to 24

TRIP # 253

Cost: \$880.00 per adult, \$440.00 per child.

8 days of fun in the sun!

HERE IS a perfect Easter Holiday for those fishing fanatics and people that love a getaway at the coast. It is a four day trip to Eden which combines 2 days fishing along with swimming & other fun at the beach, visits to the whaling museum, Boydtown and the coloured cliffs at Haycock Head amongst other activities. A great trip for Adults and younger people who love to fish, explore and relax at the coast.

This trip includes two day-trips fishing and sight seeing from the "Connemara" a 38 foot Classic Randell boat especially outfitted for chasing the denizens of the deep. Our skipper Richard knows where the fish are and how you can find them.

Learn to Surf and be safe in the water

DATES: March 28 to 30 & April 11 to 13

Trip 1 # 254

Trip 2 # 256

Target Participants: Anyone who would like to learn to surf

Cost: For Each trip - kids who attend school in the ACT \$220.00, Kids attending school outside of the ACT \$330, adults \$360.00.

Here is a chance for you to learn to surf and to learn water skills safely! The last surfing trip we did to the south coast was a great success so we thought that we had to do it all over again.

We Have room for 8 people aboard the troop carrier so get in quickly.

We will camp at Island View Caravan Park so we can be close to the beach and concentrate on the surfing. Mick Anderson (from the Narooma surf

life saving club) and the "Surf Sisters" will be our instructors. You will be taught by this thoroughly professional team, firstly safety on the beach, and within no time bobbing around in the waves.

You will learn how to read waves, identify rips, what to do in case of an emergency, how to ride a surf board and how to catch a wave. At the end of the camp you may not be the best surfer in the world, but you will be a lot safer in the water.

On our previous surfing trip in December most people got to the stage of being able to stand up, and everybody had a great time.

School Holiday Coastal camp

Date: April 15 to April 20

Trip #257

Cost: \$330 for kids with a disability attending school in the ACT, \$440 for kids who do not have a disability or come from out of the ACT and \$550 for adults.

Come and have a fantastic time on this coastal camping trip where we will explore the south coast of New South Wales and Northern Victoria. We will also camp in the alpine Valleys on our way. Camping, fishing, surfing, air bedding visiting the Merrimbula theme park and even possibly (if we have enough time) visiting Bendethra Caves.

School Holiday Mountain Camp

Date: April 22 to 27

Trip #258

Cost: 6 days for \$110 for kids with a disability attending school in the ACT. \$440 for kids who do not have a disability or come from out of the ACT and \$550 for adults.

This is a camp planned to introduce kids who have only been on a couple of camps with Leapfrog to the joys of 'The Tops' (our Alpine Retreat), and to gain experience with camping and bush skills. We will have the help of some of our past participants as leaders on this camp.

We will be based at The Tops where we will do a lot of exploring, learn some new skills, some swimming (at the hot pool) and a whole lot of preparation for the future trips in the winter. Whilst there you will be taught a lot of bush craft skills, learn how to find your way around in the bush, how to work the generator, light fires, cook bush damper etc.

Funding for our Out-of-Schools Grant cut... again!

You read it correctly; our funding to subsidise and create programs for students with a disability who attend school in the ACT has been cut once again.

In the last two years our funding for our out-of schools program has been halved.

When we applied for funding for this year we asked for written support from parents of children who have attended our programs and unfortunately we received no responses. This may have had an effect on how much money we were offered.

We will accept the grant, but unless we receive an increase in the next funding round we will have to close the out-of-school program down. It is possible we may have to close Leapfrog altogether.

Jed is at present applying for more grants so any support we can get from parents and carers would be much appreciated. And of course volunteers on our programs help to lower costs so if you, or anybody that you know, may be interested in volunteering for Leapfrog please give us a call.

In an attempt to cover our costs this year we have to increase our charges for kids who attend school in the ACT. It is possible to reduce the fees (or even waive them) in certain cases so if you have difficulty meeting these costs please contact us in writing so that we can consider your case. We will do everything we can to continue working with the children we have had an ongoing relationship in our programs, however we will have a limit on the new participants that we can accept as we will have to make drastic cuts to our programs.

In an attempt to spread the money as far as we can I will weigh up each camp by applying certain amounts of our grant money to ensure the continuation of our programs.

Coming Soon To Leapfrog:

- ❖ High Needs Camp
- ❖ Bendethra Caving
- ❖ Skiing Preparation Camp
- ❖ Ski Camps in late June and July
- ❖ Yass Dance
- ❖ Sydney holiday

And much, much more...

If any of the coming soon trips interest you please contact us and notify us of your expression of interest. Leapfrog is able to cater camps, holidays and programs to specific wants and needs of clients and service providers, so if you have an idea for a camp or program that Leapfrog may be able to deliver, or if you would like to talk to us for any other reason please, call or email us at the Leapfrog Adventures Office.

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