

# The Leapfrog Bulletin

Bulletin #34 contains  
information on our programs from  
July to January 2009.

In this Bulletin we have:

Ski Camps for kids and adults

July 4 to 6

July 7 to 10

July 14 to 16

School Holiday Coastal camp

October 4 to 12

Two Surfing Camps

November 21 to 23

December 5 to 7

New Years at Jervis Bay

December 29 to January 4

Please read the notes at the end of the bulletin regarding our current funding situation and our reacquisition of or tax deductibility status. At the moment we have no government or private funding for the rest of the year and this has a dramatic effect on all our programs.

*But first, to the camps...*

### 3 Ski Camps for kids and Young adults

#### Camp #1

**A weekend of Fun in the Snow!**

**Date:** July 4 to 6

**Cost:** \$330.00 per adult, \$220.00 per child attending school in the ACT.

Children from out of ACT \$330.00

**Trip # 260**

#### Camp #2

**4 days to learn to ski**

**Dates:** July 7 to 10

**Cost:** \$440.00 per adult, \$330.00 per child attending school in the ACT.

Children from out of the ACT \$440.00

**Trip # 261**

#### Camp #3

**Dates:** July 14 to 16

**Cost:** \$330.00 per adult, \$220.00 per child attending school in the ACT.

Children from out of the ACT \$330.00

**Trip # 262**

These three camps are for all of our participants - adults and children. We are out to teach you to cross-country ski. Our aim is that by the end of the snow season you will be competent in skiing and ready to do some longer trips to, perhaps, one of the huts in the high country to really have a bush snow experience.

On these camps we will be staying in the comfort of the TOPS, either skiing there or going to Cabramurra or Mount Selwyn. Cost of the trips are

below our actual costs but they are an increase on last years costs as we no longer have grant money to support the.

Kids are especially welcome on these trips whether they are from schools in the ACT or from anywhere else. We are offering the trips to our adult leaders who have left school but want to continue with the Leapfrog Experience.

You do not have to have a disability to come on these trips, just a desire to learn to ski and have great time.

The cost of these trips includes accommodation, all food at the snow, transport, park entry, ski hire, fuel, and tuition.

## School Holiday Coastal Camp

**Date:** October 4 to 12

**Cost:** \$495.00 for kids, \$693.00 for adults

Trip #263

Come and have a fantastic time on this coastal camping trip where we will explore the south coast of New South Wales. Our base is at Fisheries beach in a secluded camp area. The weather will be getting warmer so swimming, fishing & crabbing will be on the agenda. We will also visit and explore a light house and do a little expedition into the hinterland to catch yabbies and visit our friends at Fulligan's Retreat and at Lewis and Gwen's Corinna Farm.

## Learn to Surf and be Safe in the Water

**Tentative dates:** November 21 to 23 & December 5 to 7

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

**Target Participants:** Anyone who would like to learn to surf

Trip #263 & #264

Here is a chance for you to learn to surf and to learn water skills safely! The last surfing trips that we did to the South Coast were 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. I must admit that some of the people who learnt to stand up also learnt to how to dive into the water head first very quickly!

### **New Years Extravaganza at Jervis Bay**

**Date:** December 29 2008 to January 4 2009, Monday to Sunday.

**Cost:** \$1650.00 INC GST.

TRIP # 266

HERE IS A NEW YEARS HOLIDAY THAT CAN'T BE BEAT. I know all the regulars will be happy to join us again. Coming each year is like meeting up with an old friend. And talking about old friends; we will be meeting up with Barry Moore again. This trip is not a secret; it is not only for our regulars - we would love to have more people join us.

Barry Moore will do his magic tours showing you the Koori way of life. Activities can include chasing dolphins, swimming, fishing, pipi catching, a night out at the club and general coastal relaxing it will be your choice. If we need a break from all the excitement at Jervis Bay we can take a trip out to Kiama and its legendary Blow Hole or the fun park at Jamberoo or a day trip to Minnamurra Falls. We often offer these trips and but as often people choose to stay at Jervis Bay and just relax.

This is a trip that most people want to return to- and they do! Become one of those people!

### **January School Holiday Camps 2009**

These will only take place if we have received sufficient funds. If we do not receive the grants that we need we will offer fewer outdoor learning experiences in January at the real and unfunded cost.

Watch this space!

## Update on our Out-of-Schools Grant

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

Already we have run out of funds from our 2008 grant, so we cannot fully support our programs beyond June.

We are applying for funding from other bodies. At the moment there is no intention of closing Leapfrog down if we do not receive assistance, but we will certainly reduce the number of activities and have to charge full price for all our trips if we do not receive more support.

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. Since then we have put out another request and at the moment have received 12 replies. This is great - but we need still more!

Jed is 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 please give us a call.

In an attempt to cover our costs this year we have to increase our charges. These increases for the rest of the year still do not cover our actual costs and are subsidised by a little money that we think we have in hand and not our grant. 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 accept as less funding means less places on the camps.

## Leapfrog Has its Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status again!

After much wrangling with the Tax department Leapfrog has reacquired our DGR status which was shut down without our knowledge a few years ago. What does this mean to you? Well, **any money given to Leapfrog as a donation is once again tax deductible**. No donation is too small, so why not dig deep to help ensure our programs will keep running into the future.

## Post School Options Expo

Post School options is running an information evening for Students, parents and carers; Schools and service providers on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June from 4 - 7pm at the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive Stirling.

*Information and advice on: Employment Services, Further Education and, Training, Life Skills and Community Access, Advocacy and Information , Employability Skills and Being Work Ready, Planning Career Pathways & Employment.*

The Motivational Speaker for the evening will be Mr. Michael Milton. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Jeff, our friend at Post School Options is seeking people with a disability to speak of their positive experiences since leaving school. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact Post School Options on 6205 8464 or 62071086.



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