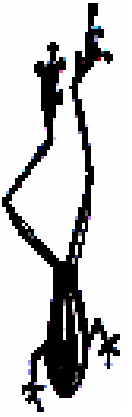




Leapfrog Bulletin

News of our trips and future events.

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Bulletin 27 is as always a moveable feast, which contains information on trips that may be added to. Please note that some changes may have occurred since our last bulletin. It includes our planned trips until the start of Christmas so you can get in early and book. There may well be other camps within this period that will be devised at a later date. Please check the notes at the end for changes and other Leapfrog information.

July School Holidays:

'Tops' Weekend Work party for Club members.

This is an invitation only work party for some of our members of The Leapfrog club who are adults or who attend secondary school. I will be ringing you to ask for assistance on this trip

Ski Trip 1

Date: July 10 -14

Target Participants: Beginner Skiers and Snow Lovers and those who want to learn to ski better.

Cost: \$560.00 adults, \$550.00 adult club members, \$220.00 ACT school children with a disability, \$440.00 for children without a disability or children who attend school out of the ACT.

TRIP #188

This is an excellent way to learn to cross-country ski. If you have a little experience, or none at all, we can show you how to ski in no time.

We ski in the Cabramurra area, which is the best area to ski at the North end of the Snowy Mountains. Your first couple of days are spent learning the basics whilst near the Cabramurra Nordic Shelter. After this you will be able to go on short tours down to our toboggan hill and work up to larger treks. During these camps we usually shoot down to the hot pool at Yarrangobilly to have a relaxing swim on the final day.

July School Holiday Ski Trip 2

Date: July 15 - 19

Target Participants: People who have been Skiing before and want to brush up on skills.

Cost: Cost: \$560.00 adults, \$550.00 adult club member, \$220.00 ACT school children with a disability, \$440.00 for children without a disability or children who attend school out of the ACT.

TRIP # 189

I will be ringing up the members of the A team to invite them on this trip but we will have a few places vacant for those who really like to ski and are wanting to build confidence and to ski longer distances. We will work towards staying in a hut in the high country and more touring around in a future camp.

July School Holidays Free Introductory Day

Programs:

During the July School holidays we will be running 1 day programs for Primary aged Children, 1 day program for secondary and college aged students and 1 programs of a mixed age group.

This program will be advertised in the paper. It will be open to all students with a disability who attend school in the ACT. These day activities will give you a taste of what our programs are about as well as a lead in to further programs. Hopefully many of the participants will want to join in our longer programs in the next Holidays (in October) or on some of our other activities.

As these day programs are intended as an assessment, we ask that you only plan to book your child in for one of these days. If there are available spaces on trip #3 we may invite participants from either trip one or two to join in.

Please note that these day trips are not targeted as respite but are for mutual assessment between the Leapfrog and the participant.

Day Program #1.

Date: July 17.

Target Participants: Children with a disability who attend Primary school in the ACT.

Trip # 195.

We take a day trip to Wee Jasper to look at the underground world of Carey's caves. This is a trip that is especially suitable for beginners. The cave we enter is a lit tour cave. Our guide, Geoff Kell, has shown many young Leapfrogers through the caves over the past few years. We will also explore the area around Wee Jasper.

Day Program #2

Date: July 19

Target Participants: Year 6 students and above who have a disability and attend Secondary or College Schools in the ACT.

Trip # 196

Here is the opportunity for you to do some exploring in a wild cave (or if abilities do not suit we may go to Carey's Cave). If we have time we may also visit the fossil site at Burrinjuck Dam to see what we can find.

Day Program #3

Date: July 21.

Target Participants: This trip is for kids of all ages who attend school in the ACT.

Trip# 197

We again go to Wee Jasper with a similar day to trip #1.

What we do for each day will be a little different, but it will all be fun we can assure you!

AND BACK TO THE CAMPS...

The Yass Dance

Date: October 21 to 22

Target Participants: All Party Animals!!!

Cost: \$240.00 or \$230.00 For Club members.

TRIP # 190

Here is a chance for you to get and dance the night away. We Leave on Saturday for Yass and party all night long. We stay at Wee Jasper on Saturday night. After a late start we visit the caves before having lunch at 'Angela's Stables Tavern' and returning to Canberra.

High Needs Getaway

Date: Probably September or November - To be advised.

Target Participants: People with Higher Needs

Leapfrog is planning a camp for people with high needs to get away from it all. Due to our many other commitments and the difficult logistics of the camp we are still working on the fine details.

WE NOW HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ARE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM SOON.

If you haven't yet expressed an interest there is still a chance of being included in this camp so give us a call.

And for those really, really, really interested in skiing...

August is Ski Month.

Most weekends we will be spending our time in the snow we may even go to Perisher and do some camping at Island Bend. Those of you who have been on our camping trips will have the knowledge about how to look after yourselves so if you fall into this category give me a ring.

I will be getting in touch with members of the A team and also club members to offer one weekend at 'The Tops' and maybe a snow camp.

August Ski Trip for Adults.

Date: 9th - 13th of August.

Target Participants: Adult Skiers.

Cost: \$550.00 or \$530 for club members.

Trip #:198

Here is an opportunity for you to become involved in a ski trip at just the best time for snow in the mountains. We will stay in the warmth of our mountain lodge at 'The Tops' and ski in the Cabramurra area. Cost of the camp encompasses everything including cross-country ski hire. However it doesn't include down hill ski hire, snowboards or lift tickets. But if you want to give this scene a bit of a go feel free to cut the turns with the trendies.

AND THEN...

Tasmania and Fishing.

Date: October or early December

Cost: \$2420.00 For Ten Days.

Trip #191

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

Leapfrog is offering a great camp of exploring and fishing in Tasmania. To come on this trip you must be crazy about fishing, like the outdoors, enjoy sight seeing and have decent walking and balance ability. This is a trip that will take you to wild places that few people visit. We go with local guides. We travel by boat up the Gordon River and stay at an abandoned fishing lodge, we travel across to Schouten Island in the eco tour boat and camp there. WE visit the town of Dover and catch fish from off the wharf and go to Bruny Island to fish the reefs. Take into account an optional extra, the flight over the Gordon River and Frenchmans Hat Peak and you have an exceptional trip and a once in a lifetime experience. The cost is \$2420.00 and covers everything except extras such as the flight over the Gordon. However you must book now as places will fill up quickly and I have to book the flight to Tasmania and accommodation.

Notes on Camp suitability - Please read.

Each Leapfrog Adventures Inc. trip is designed with specific objectives in mind. Activities and venues chosen are not suitable for all prospective participants.

People with higher needs require special attention and sometimes a one-on-one staffing ratio. Because of this we cannot supply staff within our budget and therefore have to offer specific trips for these people, or the trips will become more expensive for others with lesser needs as the cost of extra staff will be passed on to them.

Leapfrog always looks to make the trip as enjoyable as possible for the group as a whole, this means keeping group dynamics in mind at all times. When choosing a trip please keep these facts in mind.

We will be offering specific trips for people with high needs and greater behaviors so we suggest you take advantage of these.

Leapfrogs 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

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

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 one 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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