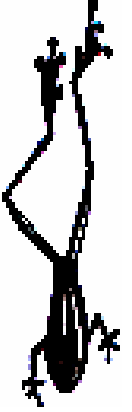




# Leapfrog Bulletin

News of our trips and future events.

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Bulletin 26 is a moveable feast, which contains information on trips that may be added to. It includes our planned trips until the start of August so you can get in early and book.

Please check the notes at the end for changes and other Leapfrog information.

## Come and Try Prawning

**Date: March 24- 26**

**Target Participants:** Anyone who likes to get wet. You must have good mobility.

**Cost:** \$340.00 Club members \$330.00 Act school kids with a disability \$66.00. Children without a disability and coming from out of the ACT \$132.00

**TRIP #182**

The moon is a dark on this weekend and we are all ready to catch the mighty prawns before they head out to sea. According to our surveys there are many of the lakes brimming with prawns waiting to be caught. So come and get out and get wet. But what will we do in the daytime you may say, we will take the canoes with us and do a little canoeing along with a little some snorkeling.

## Jervis Bay at Easter

**Date:** April 14 - 17

**Target Participants:** beach bums and fun lovers

**Cost:** \$550.00 for adults \$ 540.00 for club members

\$225.00 for school age children with a disability attending school in the ACT. \$ 440.00 for children without disability or children with a disability who attend school out of the ACT.

**TRIP #183**

This is a trip that cannot be beat. We are lucky to have secured accommodation over Easter At Jervis Bay. So come with us and relax and wile the hours away in the closest Paradise to us. The water will be warm the sun not too hot and the fish (for those who like fishing,) will be biting. We may even chase the occasional dolphin across the Bay.

## Day Trips for Young People

**Dates:** April 19 and April 21

**Target Participants:** Young people who Attend school in the ACT

**Cost:** \$27.50

**TRIPS # 184 and 185**

On these days we will be exploring areas around the ACT. The trips are designed for children who are interested in joining in our longer camps and would like to sample the activities that we can offer. They are subsidised by our Out of School Activities Grant<sup>\*</sup>. The activities will be non-threatening as we are interested in getting to know the new young people and for them to experience some of the things we do. Places that we may visit include Tidbinbilla; Leggo Land rock climbing site (for an explore, we won't be rock climbing on this day), The tracking station at Tidbinbilla, and Cotter River with a walk to the small caves there. The days will be shorter than usual, as new kids get tired easily.

<sup>\*</sup>For a better understanding of what the grant provides please see the information on Grants later in this bulletin.

## The Great Coastal exploration Camping Trip

**Date:** April 19 to 30

**Target Participants:** All those who love to explore new places and to Fish, prawn, swim, snorkel.

**Cost:** Adults \$1320.00 ACT school Students with a disability \$396.00

Children without disability or who attend school out of the ACT \$528.00

**TRIP # 186**

This is not only a fishing trip. It is one where we will do a variety of things and do some fishing as well. In the latter part of 2006 we will be offering a trip to Tasmania to fish at some wilderness lakes. This trip is an ideal preparation for the trip to Tasmania.

We start our tour at Jervis bay where we pick up Barry Moore who will help us along the way. Then we make our way down the coast staying at Narooma and Eden before heading inland to explore the lakes and rivers of the Snowy Mountains. This trip is aimed at offering our more experienced young people the opportunity learn even more. However it is being offered to all of you that have shown a liking for the outdoors

## Dubbo Zoo Trip

**Date: May 12 - 14**

**Target Participants: Animal Lovers**

**Cost: \$440.00 Club members \$430.00. Kids with a disability attending school in the ACT \$220.00 (\$200 club members) kids without a disability and those from out of the ACT (\$330.00)**

**TRIP # 187**

**WE ARE GOING TO THE ZOO ZOO ZOO - HOW ABOUT YOU YOU YOU.** This is a repeat of one of our most popular trips. We will have two days of fun and frolic with the animals of the wild. We will meet up with Gerald the Giraffe and Tommy the tortoise (not Tommy's real name but coming from the Galapagos Islands he prefers to use a pseudonym). We stay at the Wellington Caves Motel Friday night and Saturday night and spend a full day at the zoo on Saturday. The Sunday is spent visiting the Caves and the famous Lake Burrendong Arboretum before wending our way home through the Wellington Valley.

## Katoomba Trip

**Date: June 9 - 12**

**Target Participants: people ready for a great explore and getaway**

**Cost: \$550.00**

**TRIP #187**

Yes you must have the ability to do a little walking on this trip. Come on a journey to Katoomba traveling with the Leapfrog Crew to Wombeyan caves staying in farm stay accommodation viewing the caves before taking the sights of Katoomba. There is too much to see but we will try to pick the best to view and do. Put this down on your checklist and see what we can see in the days at our disposal - The Three Sisters, Govett's Leap, the scenic skyway the Zig Zag Railway, Jenolan Caves, The scenic skyway, Katoomba Falls, the rainforests, echo point, shopping for souvenirs the scenic cliff drive.

## July School Holiday 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 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 at all. We ski in the Cabramurra area that is the best area at the North end of the Snowy Mountains. Your first couple of days are spent in learning the basics whilst near the Nordic hut. After this you will be able to go on short tours down to our toboggan hill. During these camps we usually shoot down to the hot pool at Yarrangobilly to have a relaxing swim.

## 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 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 get good enough to ski longer distances so that we can stay in a hut in the high country in a future camp.

## Yass Dance

**Date:** October 21 to 22

**Target Participants:** All Party Animals!!!

**Cost:** \$240.00 \$230 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 the night away. We stay at Wee Jasper on Saturday night and after a late start visit the caves before having lunch at Angela's Stables Tavern and returning to Canberra.

## High Needs Getaway

**Date:** July. 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. At present we are working on the fine details but if you are interested or know somebody who may be, please give us a call at the office.

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.

## Tasmania and Fishing.

**Date October or early December**

Cost \$2420 For Ten Days.

Trip #191

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

Leapfrog is offering 9 days of exploring and fishing in Tasmania. To come on this trip you must be crazy about fishing, like the outdoors, enjoy sight seeing have good 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 \$2400.00 and covers every thing except extras such as the flight over the Gordon. However you must book now as I have to book the flight to Tasmania and accommodation

Each Leapfrog Adventures Inc. trip is designed with specific objectives in mind. Activities and venues chosen are not suitable for all of our participants. For example Fraser Island is not really suitable for people with mobility problems. (It is all sand). People with behaviours can find long trips in the troop carriers frustrating.

People with higher needs need special attention and sometimes 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.

We at leapfrog always look 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.

We at leapfrog always strive to keep fees as low as possible. You may have noticed the cost of some activities has risen slightly in this bulletin. We unfortunately have to keep up with rising costs around us (i.e. fuel), and our administration time and office hours seem to increase every year. Unfortunately granting bodies don't seem to want to give us money to pay for the every day office cost and that is where between a quarter and a third of our money goes.

### **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 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.

Which trip is suitable?

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