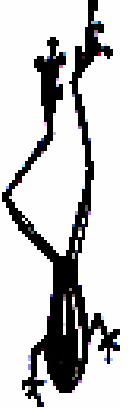




# Leapfrog Bulletin



News of our trips and future events.

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## Format Change. Trips First. Boring stuff at the end

**TRIP # 146 Caloola Farm Rock Climbing with Armando Corvini (Leapfrog Club activity).**

**COST: \$88.00 (Includes \$22 for club membership) for children covered by our grant.**

**DATE: June 4 and 5. PLUS at least one beginner afternoon on May 30 or June 1.**

First let me introduce you to Armando Corvini. Armando lives and breathes rock climbing. He is a qualified instructor who on this time off climbs anything that is vertical and offers a challenge. Armando has extensive experience teaching people with a disability to climb.

This is an invitation only camp for children who are members of our A Team and who are also members of the Leapfrog Adventures Inc. Club.

Armando Corvini is leading a rock-climbing extravaganza at venues around the ACT. Those lucky individuals on the course will at first learn basic rock craft at an indoor centre and then on the camp week end, on Saturday, hone their skills at White Rocks near Queanbeyan. Saturday night will be camping at Caloola Farm. On Sunday we will do a climb at Tharwa Ridge before returning to Canberra.

**Trip # 147 First ski of the year 2005**

**Cost # \$132 for kids covered by the grant \$122 for kids covered by the grant and members of our club. \$550 for adults \$540 for adult club members.**

**DATE: July 2 to July 6**

Here is an opportunity to get into some early season cross-country skiing. There is always some snow available thanks to our friends at Mount Selwyn who make snow for the holiday crowd. We leave on the Saturday and ski on our way down to our mountain retreat at the Tops. Great food, a new warm fire to sit around, a snow camping practice for those who may later be camping in the snow and of course a day off at the hot pool if we feel the need to relax from skiing and tobogganing.

Trips 148, 149, & 150 Trips for kids who are new to our camps.  
Cost: the cost of these introductory camps will be subsidised and announced in the near future. Venue and activities will be decided based on the number of children attending, their skills, experience and their age.

## **August is ski month**

Here is your opportunity to really learn to ski. In August we will be mainly concentrating on cross country skiing but there will be a snow boarding experience and some down hill skiing as well. Cost of these trips covers the usual:

Accommodation, park entry, food, staff wages, fuel, camp preparation and cross country ski hire. The trip cost does not cover snacks, down hill ski hire, snow board hire and other entries and lift tickets.

On our trips we will mainly stay at the Tops. We have picked August as it is the best time for snow. We may even be able to ski right at our door step. So if you are interested give me a ring.

**Trip #151 Ski Trip 2 of year 2005**

Cost: \$66.00 for kids covered by the grant \$55.00 for club members who are covered by the grant. All other attendees are \$330.00 for the weekend 2.

Date: August 5 to 7

Venue: The Tops

**Ski Trip # 152 Blue Gum school trip to the snow.**

A trip for Veronica's class to the Tops to learn to Cross-country ski.

Date: August 10 to 12

Venue: The Tops

**Ski Trip # 153 Trip3 of year 2005**

Cost: \$132.00 for kids covered by the grant. \$122.00 for club members who are covered by the grant. Adult attendees \$550.00. Club members \$540.00. On this trip ski hire and lift tickets are to be paid for by our guests.

Date: August 16 to 21.

Venue: The Tops.

**Ski trip # 154 Trip 4 of 2005.**

**Cost: \$66.00 for kids covered by the grant. \$55.00 for club members. All others \$330.00 for the weekend.**

**Date: August 26 to 28**

**Venue: Some where in the mountains.**

This trip is a little different. This is the one where we will actually camp either in the snow or very, very close to it. The weather and snow conditions are going to have an influence on what we do where we camp and what adventure we set ourselves. This is a trip for Leap-frogers who have had a fair bit of experience

## **Other Winter Activities.**

During the winter we will be training to go to Great Keppel Island to do some snorkeling and some scuba diving. Those who are going and wish to try scuba will do a couple of pool sessions with local scuba experts 'In Depth Scuba'. They may even do a shore dive with those who are coming and want to be a bit better prepared. This doesn't mean people who want to come to Great Keppel and soak up the sun will be excluded from our trip.

**Trip: #142 Great Keppel Island Trip**

**Date: 10 days in late September to early October.**

**Cost: \$2200.00 or \$550.00 for kids who attend school in the ACT.**

Spend 8 full days on Great Keppel Island with the sea at your doorstep and great snorkeling to be had OR join in and do some scuba diving on the reef.

There are jet boats to hire or sail one of the catamarans. This is a great offer for such a splendid holiday. You will be joining with a group of young people who will be doing some scuba diving. You may wish to join in also. Please give me a ring if you are interested.

**October School Holidays.**

**In the latter part of the September/October School Holidays we will be offering activities for young ACT school kids with a disability. These will be posted in our next bulletin.**

## **New Zealand Again!**

**November 19 to 30**

**Cost \$3300.00**

Last time we only had three people booked. So we will try one more time. We have shortened our stay so that we can afford to use more 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, 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.

## **Now to The Boring Stuff.**

### **The Year Plan.**

The year plan that I have included with this bulletin is not complete. We will be adding to it during the year. However it should give you an idea of things to come so that you can save for them and plan your activities. Please if you want to go on any of the trips get in touch with me as soon as possible. Some of the longer costs are based on us getting an early warning of bookings so that we can take advantage of cheap fares.

### **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. **If you are a member it means that you can take \$10.00 off each trip in this bulletin. There will be more offers of discounts in the future.**

### **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.

### **Club Memberships are due.**

Club memberships are usually for 12 months> In this case memberships runs until June 30 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.

## **Some important Changes and News.**

With this bulletin you will find a year plan of Leapfrog Adventures Inc. activities for the year. This will enable you to plan ahead. This will also enable our participants to get all of their information and monies for trips in well ahead of time. In the past, often at departure time, forms and money would be handed to the leader before leaving. This has led to great confusion.

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.

### **Day trips and week end trips.**

- **MONEY FOR THE TRIP AND ALL FORMS ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO US NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE DEPARTURE. IF THE NUMBERS FOR THE TRIP ARE LESS THAN THE MINIMUM, CANCELLATION WILL OCCUR TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE PROPOSED DEPARTURE. MONEY PAID FOR THE TRIP WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL.**

Five day to seven-day trips.

- MONEY FOR THE TRIP AND ALL FORMS ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO US NO LATER THAN THREE WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE IF THE NUMBERS FOR THE TRIP ARE LESS THAN THE MINIMUM, CANCELLATION WILL OCCUR THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE PROPOSED DEPARTURE. MONEY PAID FOR THE TRIP WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL.

Trips longer than seven days.

- MONEY FOR THE TRIP AND ALL FORMS ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO US NO LATER THAN 6 WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE WITH AN INITIAL DEPOSIT PAID ON BOOKING. IF THE NUMBERS FOR THE TRIP ARE LESS THAN THE MINIMUM, CANCELLATION WILL OCCUR TEN WEEKS BEFORE THE PROPOSED DEPARTURE. MONEY PAID FOR THE TRIP WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL.

### **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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