

## EC23 Parent Info

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## What's It All About?

### **SO WHAT'S EASTER CAMP ALL ABOUT?**

Hanging with your mates + joining others in some unbelievably fun activities + encountering God through the powerful story of Easter = an absolutely lit Easter weekend!

### **WHO RUNS EASTER CAMP?**

Easter Camp is organised and run by the Wellington Baptist Association, and Baptist Youth Ministries which is the youth arm of the NZ Baptist Churches. However, we believe that Central Easter Camp is a 'kingdom resource' regardless of which church or denomination you are a part of. We love the diversity of all the different churches and youth groups that participate in and make up the Easter Camp family and we celebrate the unique flavour of each community.

### **WHERE IS CENTRAL EASTER CAMP HELD?**

Central Easter Camp is held at Manfeild Park, South Street, in Feilding and it is a great place to hold an event such as this, with a massive indoor stadium and a highly adequate outdoor space for tenting and sports.

### **WHO WILL LOOK AFTER MY YOUTH?**

Each youth group creates their own campsite at Easter Camp. Our team of youth leaders will be looking after your youth at camp. We aim to have a 1-5 ratio of adults to youth.

As well as youth leaders, there is a large, almost entirely volunteer, workforce. The EC Safety Team is on the gate and securing the site day and night, and there is a team of doctors and nurses on hand at all times to handle any medical emergencies and accidents.

### **FOOD, PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES**

Meals from Friday lunch to Monday lunch are provided. There is no meal provided on the Thursday night, however our onsite cafes which run throughout the weekend will be open. Afternoon activities are mainly free of charge, but some have a small fee to cover costs. The morning programme is a mixture of youth group based challenges and activities, and a main session in the stadium with our camp band and a speaker. The afternoon features a mix of sport, fun, optional seminars, and an open stage for bands. The evening also has a main session, and our nightlife programme starts when the main session is finished.

### **DO YOU CATER FOR SPECIAL DIETS?**

We cater for vegetarian or gluten free diets outside of the normal camp menu. If you have other dietary requirements, we can provide you with some (limited) chiller space and a separate area for meals to be heated. You will need to bring your own named meals which can be stored in the allocated chiller space. There will be microwaves available.

Unfortunately, no discount applies for 'part eating' of camp food.

It's vital that our medical team know all your dietary requirements in case of a medical emergency so please let us know when you register for camp. If you have questions about special diet catering, then please contact the [EC Admin Team](#).

## **Key Info**

### **WHEN IS EASTER CAMP?**

- Thursday 6 April at 5pm EC21 Gates Open
- Monday 10 April 1:30pm EC21 Camp Finishes

### **WHAT IS THE COST & HOW DO I PAY?**

|                    |       |                  |                     |
|--------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Early Bird:</b> | \$215 | <b>Deadline:</b> | 5 February 11:59 pm |
| <b>Standard:</b>   | \$240 | <b>Deadline:</b> | 12 March 11:59 pm   |
| <b>Late:</b>       | \$260 | <b>Deadline:</b> | 26 March 11:59 pm   |

#### Payment:

Pay To: The Street Church  
Bank Number: 02 1269 00 16157 25  
Particulars: Name of Camper (ie. MattSwank)  
Reference: EC23

## **REGISTRATION & CONFIRMATION**

You can register at <https://rego.ec.org.nz/register/campers/> and select youth group name **"The Massive."** A confirmation email is sent to each camper when their registration is processed and can be re-sent at any time.

## **GEAR LIST**

All campers sleep in separate girls and boys tents at Easter Camp and will be allocated a space in a tent.

- If you are letting us borrow tents please make sure that they are dropped off by Monday 29th March at Church. You can do so either on the Sunday or at the office during the week (office hours are Monday-Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm). This is so that we can go and set them up on the Wednesday before camp.
- It may be wet over camp so waterproof outerwear and shoes are a must, as are waterproof bags for all bedding. Please check the gear list thoroughly. Cold, wet campers don't enjoy the weekend nearly as much as those who come prepared for anything!

### **Gear List:**

- ☐ Bedroll, Lilo, air mattress or stretcher
- ☐ Warm sleeping bag, pillow and extra blanket (if you want)
- ☐ Tea Towel (if you need to wash your dishes after meals)
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sun block
- ☐ Essential medications
- ☐ Warm and waterproof clothes
- ☐ Spare footwear
- ☐ Polyprops
- ☐ Torch

### **Optional:**

- ☐ Musical instruments
- ☐ Money for cafes & camp merch
- ☐ Fold out camping chair

### **What CAN'T I bring?**

- ☐ Alcohol and all types of drugs (except medication of course). This includes all legal high drugs too. Either of these will result in you going home immediately... no exceptions, no refunds. If the law is broken, the onsite police will be informed.
- ☐ If you bring your iPod or mobile phone, you do so at your own risk... from time to time they do go missing.
- ☐ A stink attitude... no-one loves that!

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The Massive youth group will be providing transportation to and from Easter Camp by way of Bus, vans and cars. We will leave from The Street Church on 6 April.

We will be stopping for dinner in Levin so please bring money or pack your own dinner.

## **DEPARTURE TIMES**

Drop Gear at The Street Church: **2-5 April 2023**

- Needs to be at the street church by 9 am Wednesday April 5.

Leave The Street Church: 6 April 2023 @ 4:30pm

Return to The Street Church: 10 April 2023 @ between 3:30pm & 4pm

## **LEAVE PASSES**

The best way for campers to get the most out of the Easter Camp experience is to arrange a weekend off sport and work. If however there is a major event such as a wedding, a leave pass needs to be arranged. This is done by filling out the Pick-Up & Drop-Off Form before 22 March. Here is the form: [Pick-Up & Drop-Off Form](#)

## **VISITORS**

Visitors are not allowed on site at Easter Camp. This is a large event, and Easter Camp takes the security of the young people onsite very seriously. People who attend selected parts of the programme often unknowingly disrupt the community atmosphere of camp. Visitors also create headaches for our Site Safety team who are responsible for the integrity of the site and the wellbeing of a very large number of young people. Therefore Easter Camp cannot allow any person who has not pre-registered and paid for camp onto the site.

If you have questions, please feel free to ask, if we don't have the answer we'll do everything we can to get it for you.

## **MEDICATION**

If your child takes medication for any reason we need you to fill out the [Medication Consent Form](#). When you drop your youth off at the church you will need to give one of these forms along with the medication to one of our youth leaders. During camp one of our leaders will be responsible for administering all medications.

## **CONTACT INFO**

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## **PICK-UP & DROP-OFF**

If you are planning to pick up your child directly from camp at any point then you need to fill out the following form. Likewise if you are planning to drop off your youth directly to camp then you also need to fill out the following form. If you are planning to drop off your youth at

the church and pick them up from there as well you do **NOT** need to fill out the following form.

[Pick-Up & Drop-Off Form](#)

### **SETUP TEAM**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** If you are willing and able to help us with setting up our campsite we would greatly appreciate it. We will be heading up on the morning of either Wednesday 31 March or 1 April. If you are available please fill out the following form.

[Set-up Team Form](#)