

Pressing ON

“Together with Jesus!”

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1 Pressing ON Camporee

It's coming! Our "Pressing ON" Camporee is getting closer.

We have a great tradition of excellent Camporee's in South Queensland and our 'Pressing ON – Together with Jesus' Camporee is shaping up to follow in that tradition.

Camporee's are great fun and are all about making new friends, joining in great activities (Slides, mazes, challenge courses, water, mud and more, more, more!) and camping under the great southern cross in a billion star sky. The night programs are the highlight where we learn more about Jesus together and how we can be His disciples.

Our South Queensland Camporee's happen every 4 years and tend to be the biggest event in our Pathfinding calendar. They are definitely not to be missed. Plan to have your Club attend so they can experience a special encounter with new and old friends as well as having the opportunity of strengthening their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please find attached to this Bulletin both Pathfinder and Staff application forms. Once these have been filled out, please send them to us here at the office:

Pathfinder Camporee, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane 4000.

Note: In order for your payment to be processed easily by the Conference Treasury Department we request that a 'whole Club amount' payment be made with the use of a single cheque (or similar). Cheques will need to be made out to; South Queensland Youth Department.

To help you with planning and preparation we are glad to publish the following details. Be on the lookout for further information updates as our Camporee approaches.

Our Camporee Theme

Pressing ON – *"Together with Jesus!"* See Philippians 3:4

What we'd like to achieve with our Camporee

With God's leading and your help, we'd like to:

- ☺ Develop disciples for Christ
- ☺ Build community and friendships
- ☺ Engage our Pathfinders in the fun of physical activity and problem solving
- ☺ Give everyone wonderful memories to take home

Camporee Commitment and Attitude

It is important for Pathfinder clubs to commit themselves to the whole Camporee program. As you know, Camporee extends from Thursday registration time to the closing ceremony on Monday morning. It is a request of the Camporee Administration Team (CAT) that all clubs stay on site and are involved in the closing ceremony scheduled for Monday morning.

Your attitude as a club leader is vital to the success of the program. It is so important to remain positive when you encounter problems. It's often the most difficult experiences that



Pathfinders remember after the event has finished. Don't despair if some aspects of the Camporee get a little trying at times and remember that there are Camporee staff available to support you if needed.

2 KEY INFORMATION

2.1 ATTENDANCE PREREQUISITES:

- a) **Active Club Membership:** All participants must be 10 years of age or over and be active members of a Pathfinder Club. PLEASE NOTE: For insurance purposes, we cannot have children present who are not Pathfinder Club members.
- b) **Beginner's Swimming Honour:** As there are water activities at this Camporee, every Pathfinder and Staff member supervising Pathfinders at water activities **must** have completed the honour requirements for the Beginner's Swimming honour.

2.2 LOCATION:

Camp Somerset, 1180 Stanley Pocket Road, VIA ESK.
(Each Club will be allocated to a Sub-camp up "The Gorge" at Camp Somerset).

2.3 WHEN:

Thursday 9 April to Monday Morning 13 April

2.4 COST:

\$95 per person – **Regular Fee** Due 23rd February 2009

\$115 per person – **Late Fee** Due 9th March 2009

(We have carefully gone over the budget and this is the amount that will help us cover the cost of running the Camporee).

Costs include:

- Toilets
- Drinking Water
- Rubbish Disposal
- All activity programming & resources
- Evening program
- Stage and other infrastructure

2.5 PROGRAM OUTLINE:

Thursday 9 April

Afternoon – Registration, settling in,

Night: Finalising settling in. Club time

Friday 10 April

Morning – Club worship, Opening Ceremony, Activity Session 1

Afternoon – Activity Session 2, Sabbath preparation and opening Sabbath

Night – Night Program

Sabbath 11 April

Morning – Worship services

Afternoon – Special Pressing ON program and Baptism

Night – Night Program, plus concert, where each Club provides an item

Sunday 12 April

Morning – Club worship, Activity Session 3

Afternoon – Activity Session 4

Night – Night Program



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Monday 13 April

Morning – Club worship, Closing Ceremony, Pack up

2.6 REGISTRATION for PRESSING ON CAMPOREE

2.6.1 General Notes

2.6.2 No person will be admitted to the Camporee site without appropriate documentation being completed.

2.6.3 Appropriate documentation includes: -

2.6.4 Cross referencing Club list against Camporee master sheet of attendees.

2.6.5 All wrist bands will be fitted under the supervision of registration staff.

2.6.6 Members of the advanced party not intending to stay must be offsite no later than 9pm.

2.6.7 Place of Registration

2.6.8 Outside of Main Gate prior to entry of Camp Somerset.

2.6.9 Registration Process

2.6.10 Each Club asked to advise their 3 time slot preferences in descending order of choice in the application form above. Clubs will then be advised of their allocated arrival time.

2.6.11 Time Slots will be between the following hours Thursday, 9th April:

2.6.12 2pm – 5pm

2.6.13 5pm – 8pm

2.6.14 8pm – 11pm

2.6.15 Director or nominated responsible person will report to registration upon arrival.

2.6.16 Club Director or nominated person is to supply a complete list of Pathfinders & Staff upon arrival. (NOTE: This person should arrive first!)

2.6.17 Registration staff will cross reference club list against Camporee master sheet of attendees.

2.6.18 Registration staff will ensure wrist bands are fitted prior to entry through the PRESSING ON CAMPOREE gate.

2.6.19 For Clubs that do not arrive as a complete group. A list of their ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) for the various vehicles must be submitted to the Youth Department by the 30th March.

2.6.20 CRITICAL NOTE: No person from any Club will be allowed into the Camporee until those at registration receive a complete list of Pathfinders and Staff as mentioned in 2.6.16 above.

2.7 CLUBS NEED TO BRING: (See Camping at Pressing ON Camporee)

a) Camping Gear for the Club

b) Plenty of good food.

c) Cooking equipment (No open fires are permitted, so please use gas)

2.8 PATHFINDERS & STAFF TO BRING: (See "Camping at Pressing ON Camporee")

a) Personal effects (clothes, toiletries, sleeping gear, Bible etc)



- b) Water Bottle
- c) Sunscreen & Hat
- d) Bible & Pen
- e) Torch
- f) Positive attitude

2.9 What NOT to Bring (Please read on for more information)

- a) Electronic gizmos (Electronic games, Ipods, MP3 players etc)
- b) Mobile Phones
- c) Grumpiness, crankiness, grouchiness etc



3 Camping at Pressing ON Camporee

As stated previously we will be camping up the gorge at Camp Somerset.

At this stage, it is likely that there will be about 700 of us. Camping is likely to be at close quarters

3.1 CLUB SITE ALLOCATIONS

We will be having a number of Sub-Camps along the gorge. Club sites will be allocated as per the usual formula:

- Under 20 Pathfinders and staff: 15 x 15 metres
- 20 to 50 Pathfinders and staff 15 x 30 metres
- 50 plus Pathfinders and staff 30 x 30 metres

Hint: Some Clubs gain an extra blessing from Camporee (and space) by sharing space with each other.

3.2 CLUB EQUIPMENT

Each club is to be self sufficient as far as camping equipment is concerned. Toilet facilities (but not showers), rubbish collection and drinking water will be provided by the Youth Department. Items your club will need are:

- Camping equipment (tents, tarps etc – but, NOT caravans / campervans).
- Food and cooking gear (Note open fires cannot be permitted because of fire risk)
- Tarps/blankets for the Pathfinders to sit on in the amphitheatre stage area. We would ask all to be prepared to sit on the ground, as portable chairs make it awkward and inconvenient for others to see. However, the lower variety of chair that sits very close to the ground may be acceptable. Alternatively a small section of CCF (closed cell foam) mat about 30 x 40 cm makes a nice insulated, waterproof and softish seat for the ground. Recycle your old worn out sleeping mats if you have one.
- At least one First Aid kit per club.
- Basic hygiene products (ie. Hand wash; spare tampons etc)
- A number of cheap plastic buckets to transport all grey water (for example, dishwashing water) to the large plastic waste water tanks on site. Grey water will then be disposed away from our Camporee site. We cannot have any grey water entering the dam

3.3 GAS FRIDGES

We are endeavouring to keep with the 'true' spirit of camping, however small gas fridges will be permitted as long as the following requirements are met.

- All legislative requirements are met.
- They must be of small size
- They must be sited in a well ventilated food storage tent (not in a sleeping tent) and a safe distance away from any flammable materials.
- The Club must have a dry powder fire extinguisher housed near the appliance
- The flame must be well protected with a metal back, floor and sides and have an automatic cut off valve if the flame goes out



- The club must notify the Conference Office that they are bringing one and that they are able to meet the conditions set out above.

3.4 ELECTRICITY- Generators for those with a medical condition

If people in your Club have a medical condition which necessitates a generator, please advise in your application. Otherwise, generators cannot be permitted.

3.5 DRINKING WATER

Strategically placed filling stations will provide drinking water to the Sub Camps. As this water is limited, we ask everyone to do-the-right-thing and save water as much as possible.

Please bring containers for storing of your club's drinking water at your club site. This is much better and less messy than having people running to and fro for meagre amounts. We suggest that you include some containers that can be used to carry water easily, by young Pathfinders from our water filling stations back to your campsite.

Please remind your Pathfinders that it is very important for them to bring a suitable personal drinking container for taking to their activity sites each morning and afternoon.

3.6 NIGHT LIGHTING

Minimal night lighting will be provided at Camporee. Each club and camper will need to provide their own torches, gas lights, lanterns, etc.

3.7 FIRE SAFETY

We know you will take every precaution regarding safety with gas stoves. Fire can rapidly spread around tent materials, so we are requesting that **every** club bring with them the following:

- Fire blanket (minimum size 1800 x 1200 mm)
- 2 buckets to be filled with water and kept full at all times
- ABE Dry Chemical Extinguisher minimum rating '3A 40BE' (recommended size 4.5 kg but nothing less than 2.7 kg)

3.8 TOILETS

Portaloo hire continues to be a significant cost at any large function. Unfortunately, this Pathfinder Camporee is no exception.

Portaloos will be installed at strategic locations and each of our sub-camps will be supplied with a number of cleaning products that may be utilised in the cleaning of the Portaloos.

We have contracted our Portaloo suppliers to service each Portaloo at regular intervals over Camporee. However, this is no substitute for everyone observing basic hygiene - another do-the-right-thing!

3.9 OPPORTUNITY TO HIRE PERSONAL CLUB PORTALOO'S

There is an opportunity for Clubs to invest in their own Portaloo/s for the duration of Camporee. This means that a Club will have direct control over its own Portaloo.



These Portalooos will be reserved only for the club who has 'hired' them through the Youth Department. You will be supplied with a combination padlocking system where the code will only be known to the individual members of your club. The cost of such, for the duration of the Camporee is outlined below;

1 Portaloo	\$ 240
2 Portalooos	\$ 480
3 Portalooos	\$ 720

For those clubs wishing to take advantage of this offer you will need to notify the Conference Youth Department of your intentions in the Club application form due by **Monday 23rd February**.

4 Personal Things to Bring

- 4.1** Sleeping mat (either closed cell foam, or self-inflating)
- 4.2** Sleeping Bag and inner liner
- 4.3** Head Torch (Preferable) or Small torch, include spare batteries
- 4.4** Toothbrush / toothpaste & Toiletries
- 4.5** Knife, fork and spoon, plate, plastic mug, tea towel.
- 4.6** Water bottle – most durable are the 'Sigg' brand aluminium bottles, a very good cheap and indestructible alternative is a Solo or Fanta 1.25L plastic soft drink bottle, remember to put your name on it.
- 4.7** At least 3 sets of clothes
- 4.8** Change of underwear for each day.
- 4.9** Swimming togs
- 4.10** Towel
- 4.11** Sunscreen
- 4.12** Warm jumper for night time
- 4.13** Beanie (optional)
- 4.14** First Aid Kit (12 bandaids, RID, Lipeze, personal medicines if required).
- 4.15** Small Bible & Pen
- 4.16** Hat.
- 4.17** Footwear to bring: sandshoes, wet boots & or sandals) **NO THONGS!**
- 4.18** Large supply of humour, patience and commonsense



5 What to do from Here-On

- 5.1 **PROMOTE** the Camporee to your club and parents.
- 5.2 **ASK** supportive parents to organise some Camporee fundraisers.
- 5.3 **GATHER** a firm list of names of who will be attending camporee. Give these people the following forms: Individual Application Form, Medical Form, Consent and Release Form.
- 5.4 **COLLECT FORMS** from all participants. Fill out Club Application form and forward all: Individual Application Forms, Medical Forms, Consent and Release Forms along with the appropriate Club Payment. (Photocopy all of the above so you have a copy for Club purposes prior to sending).
- 5.5 **NOMINATE TEEN FORCE** representatives from your club on the Club Application Form. One eligible boy and one eligible girl 16-18 years of age who will assist us through volunteer service in running the Camporee. For those of you who were at Stuarts Point Camporee, you will be familiar with this. We reserve the right to select volunteers from all nominations and will inform the Club Director and young person if their nomination has been successful.

5.6 REGISTER YOUR CLUB

Register your club using the “Club Application Form” at the end of this Bulletin.

Due Monday 23rd February

5.7 NOTIFICATION OF YOUR ADVANCED SET UP PARTY

It is not necessary but we do recommend that you send an advanced party of adults for general set up purposes. These advanced set up parties will be allowed onto the Camporee grounds at Camp Somerset on Thursday 9th April from 9:00am till 12:00pm. Members of the advanced party not intending to stay must be offsite no later than 9pm. Using the “Notification Advanced Party” form at the end of this Bulletin.

Due Friday 27th March

All forms are to be posted to:

PATHFINDER CAMPOREE
C/- Seventh-day Adventist Church
19 Eagle Terrace, BRISBANE 4000.

We wish you all God’s blessings as together we assist our Pathfinders in PRESSING ON “Together with Jesus.”