



Teen Camp 2025 – Rego Info Pack

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Camper,

Thank you for registering your teen to be a part of this year's Teen Camp.

Our theme for this year is **#nofilter – Living an Authentic Life** with our special guest speaker, **Pastor Ben Flynn**

DATES AND TRANSPORT:

When: July 1-6, 2025

Where: Mt Hutt Retreat, 437 Hard Road, Pudding Hill

Transport: Thank you for arranging for the transport of your teen to and from Mt Hutt Retreat for drop-off and pick-up. We recommend touching base with other families to carpool.

Drop off and pick up times to/from Mt Hutt Retreat:

1. **Drop Off – Tuesday July 1 (between 2:00pm-3:00pm)**
2. **Pick Up – Sunday July 6 (between 10:30-11:30am)**

WHAT TO BRING:

Mt Hutt Retreat is often significantly cooler than areas of lower altitude. Please ensure your teen has warm clothing for outdoor activities.

• **Activities:**

- Sports – Clothes and shoes for running around inside and outside.
- Hiking – Sturdy shoes/boots for wet/muddy conditions, waterproof jacket, wool hat, warm jersey, polypropylene top, water bottle, small backpack.
- Clothes – Please pack enough clothes for the duration of camp. Warm clothes for general outdoor activities. Old clothes for getting muddy and dirty. Tidy clothes for inside the lodge, Sabbath, and attending evening worships.
- Swimming – In case we go to the indoor pool, bring togs and a towel.
- Socks – it is always good practice to bring *more* socks than you anticipate needing to use in case the ones you have get wet.
- **Snow Day** – Weather permitting, we will be spending a half day playing in the snow on Mt. Hutt. Your teen needs to have warm layers, a winter hat, footwear appropriate for snow, and anything else that will keep them warm on the mountain.

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- **Footwear** – Warm sturdy shoes/boots for outdoor activities **and** light shoes for indoors.
- **Bedding** – Pillow, sleeping bag and/or duvet (dorms have heat pumps and are very warm).
- **Toiletries** – Soap, shower towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (please!)
- **Medicines** – As needed.
- **Water Bottle** – Please ensure this is clearly labelled.
- **Bible** – For use during worship.
- **Banquet** – Our Thursday night dinner is a special banquet. This year, we will have our banquet at a restaurant off-campus in Ashburton. Feel free to bring a special outfit to wear. Please note that wearing dressy clothes is optional, so campers can come as they are. *Please make sure all clothing is appropriate and modest. The Boys & Girls Deans and Camp Director will have the final say on whether a teen's outfit is appropriate. If you have any questions, please ask before camp.*
 - In addition, if the venue works for this, we may have a talent show. Please come prepared to share a special talent if you'd like.

CONTACTING YOUR TEEN DURING CAMP:

If you would like to contact your teen or a staff member during Teen Camp, please use:

Greg Bell (Mt Hutt Caretaker)

03-3028599

James Mello (Camp Director)

021-192-8127 *(Please note limited cell phone coverage. Texting is better to set up a phone call)*

** If your teen would like to phone home, James will happily arrange that for them. We want your teen to have a positive experience at Camp.*

TECHNOLOGY:

We highly recommend devices be kept at home to prevent potential damage or loss. Should you decide to send your teen with a device to camp, we will collect them each day and allow them usage during any free time we have available (which is limited). Should they decide not to turn in their device, it will be confiscated for the duration of camp if they are found to be using it. In addition, a teen's device is only for their own personal use. **No screen sharing** with other campers will be allowed. Mt Hutt Retreat and the South NZ Conference also do not accept responsibility for loss or damage of devices – it is the full responsibility of the camper.

SAFETY AND BEHAVIOUR:

The safety and wellbeing of your teen is paramount to us. We have organised the best possible activities for the campers to encourage them to have fun, push their comfort zone, and create lifelong memories. In the unfortunate and unplanned event that an accident/illness occurs, we will get immediate medical attention for your teen and contact you to inform you of what has happened.

Part of the safety of each camper is ensuring they are treated well by other campers and staff. We have a zero-tolerance policy on bullying and expect all staff and campers to show respect and love to each other. In the event that a camper breaches this expectation by threatening/harming the physical, mental, or emotional wellbeing of another camper, or threatens/harms their own wellbeing by refusing to follow camp rules or activity instructions, they will be taken out of the current activity and referred to the Camp Director, James Mello. If a camper continues to threaten/harm the wellbeing of another camper or themselves, we may need to send this camper home.

Mt Hutt is a smoke/vape-free, drug-free, alcohol-free, and violence-free campground. Any harmful substances and weapons will be confiscated, and action taken for those who bring these items to camp.

QUESTIONS:

The South NZ Conference Youth Ministry team runs Teen Camp.

- Send inquiries or questions about the camp program to Pr James Mello:
jamesmello@adventist.org.nz | 021 192 8127
- Send questions about registrations to Edwina Davis:
EdwinaDavis@adventist.org.nz | 03 365 1020

Kind regards,



James Mello
Children & Youth Discipleship Leader