



## TEEN CAMP 2026 – 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 **The Amazing Race**. We will impact what it means to run the race of life with a sense of adventure, joy, and integrity as we follow wherever God leads us.

### Dates and Transport:

**When:** July 7-12, 2026

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

### Transport to/from Jr. Camp:

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 7 (between 2:00pm-3:00pm)**
2. **Pick Up – Sunday July 12 (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.
  - Warm Clothes – for general outdoor activities. Please pack enough clothes for the duration of camp. Old clothes for getting muddy and dirty. Tidy clothes for inside the lodge 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.
- **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, our banquet theme is **The Amazing Race** and will feature items from around the world. We encourage your teen to bring a costume that features their cultural background **or** any culture that they admire around the world. 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.*
- Following the banquet, we will have a talent show. Please come prepared to sign up and 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 very 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 Behavior:

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 where 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 the camps.

- Send inquiries or questions about the camp program to James Mello at the South NZ Conference Office – [jamesmello@adventist.org.nz](mailto:jamesmello@adventist.org.nz) – 021-192-8127
- Send questions about registrations to Yvanna Boulton – [YvannaBoulton@adventist.org.nz](mailto:YvannaBoulton@adventist.org.nz)

Kind regards

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