

# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

## Weekend Survival Camp - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Participants, Parents and Caregivers,

This letter is an outline of what we have planned for those partaking in the weekend trip to The Wires Road, Maratoto for this year's Juniors Survival Camp.

This camp is open to MEMBERS ONLY which is a change from past years. There is also a permission page attached and we ask that you please read through both the letter and the details on the slip attached and return the slip once it has been completed and signed. **We MUST have the permission slip signed, along with the MONEY returned to Nigel Lesley (or paid by direct credit as outlined further through this form) before the children are able to register for the camp.** It is a sign of the times that as an organisation providing activities for others, especially youngsters, that we must know that you are fully aware of our plans and procedures.

### **Activities Will Include:**

- Eeling
- Tramping
- Shoot, skin and cut up a goat (Totally supervised) if conditions and time allows
- Setting traps and skinning possums
- Outdoor cooking
- Camp Making
- Basic First Aid tuition
- Basic Compass reading and use.

### **What to Take:**

1. Small pack or school backpack will be suitable
2. Shorts, shirts and a WARM JACKET
3. Long pants and a warm shirt for night time
4. 2 pairs of shoes – 1 for around camp and one for tramping (gumboots will be fine for camp)
5. 2-3 pairs of socks
6. Towel x 2
7. Snacks to munch on if required
8. Torch x 2
9. Knife, fork, spoon, plate and a cup
10. Eeling line and a hook
11. Pocket knife or a knife in a sheath
12. Sleeping bag
13. Beanie AND Sunhat
14. Sunscreen
15. Old frying pan for cooking over the fire with
16. Tent if you have one (\*\* let us know if you need a tent\*\*)
17. Compass if you have one. If you wish to buy one, please give Mike a call. Ph: 027 2559860
18. Togs or something suitable for swimming in.
19. **ANY MEDICATION THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE OR TAKE – ALSO PLEASE ADVISE MIKE OF THIS AND COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE ATTACHED FORM.**

***At any stage when a fire arm is being used, it will be under the total and strict control of a firearms licence holder and Range Officer.***

Club members with extensive First Aid training will be in attendance for the duration of the weekend's activities.

If any person taking part in the weekend away has **ANY medical condition(s), medication(s), or special needs of ANY kind**, we must be advised of this for their sake and possibly others taking part in the weekend.

### **Directions to the Survival Camp Venue:**

- Go north from Paeroa on the Ngati Maru highway until you get to the village of Hikutaia.
- Once at Hikutaia, turn **Right** into Old Maratoto Road (right beside the store/café) and go along this road until you get to a T intersection with Maratoto Road.
- Turn **Left** at this T intersection and continue for a short distance and then turn **Left** into Wires Road.
- Once on Wires Road, after approx. ¾ km you will cross a ford and then about 150-200m after crossing the ford, there is a gateway on the **Right** hand side of the road (just beside some stock yards and a loading ramp).
- Continue across the paddock and follow the signs BUT remember to SHUT any gates that you open along the way. **ALL GATES MUST BE LEFT AS YOU FIND THEM PLEASE.**

**ARRIVAL TIMES & DEPARTURE TIME:** - The camp will be ready at 3pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of January so just get there when you can. Those who are there early will set possum traps and there will be tea for those that haven't had a meal. It is envisaged at this stage that the camp will finish at approx 2pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. *(This could be earlier due to unforeseen circumstances - ie weather etc so please make sure you are aware of this)*

### **Please send your permission slips ASAP to:**

Nigel Lesley  
51 Callum Brae Drive  
Rototuna  
Hamilton 3210

[ainslea@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ainslea@xtra.co.nz)

Ph: 027 482 3117

**Cutoff date for registrations and payments will be 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – or earlier if the maximum number of participants is reached before that date. NO EXCEPTIONS - Sorry but we have had to take this stance to ensure the successful running of this camp.**

**FOOD:** - All food will be supplied but you can bring additional snack food if you like. We do ask that you DO NOT send excessive amounts of lollies and/or chocolate to the camp as for some children, it creates unnecessary issues so this kind of food is best left at home please.

**COST:** - \$30.00 per head - including helpers. This will cover all the ammo and the food costs for the weekend. **Payment for the camp is to be sent to Nigel Lesley or paid by Direct Credit into the TVDA account No 031572 036337-02. Please use your child/children's names as the Reference.**

**Permission Advice:**

The weekend that TVDA has organised for the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will be spent on private land.

As with any activity that we at Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association organise, we undertake to assure you that every care will be taken to provide the safest situations for the activities and participants at all times.

If participants are not prepared to abide by the instructions given by the instructors and the supervisors, then they will be forbidden to continue partaking in the said activity. Should this also not be accepted, then you will be contacted to collect the child from the camp. Bad language will also not be tolerated.

My child.....Does / Does not have the following medical condition(s) which may or does require treatment or attention. If applicable please state in full and advise us of **all necessary** treatments and medications.

**Child's Date of Birth/Age**.....

**Medical Condition(s)**:.....

**Allergies**:.....

**Special Needs**:.....

***Please make sure you sign for approval or delete the following activity from the weekends programme.***

**My child**.....has my permission to use a .22 rifle under total supervision.

**Parent/Guardians Name**:.....**Signature**.....

I (parent/guardians name).....have read and fully understand all the details of this trip and the associated permission slip. My son/daughter..... has my full permission to partake in all activities as outlined above and I undertake to make him/her fully aware of their responsibilities of being a camp participant.

**Signed**.....**dated**.....**Name**:.....

**Contact Phone numbers:**

**Daytime**:.....**Evening**:.....**Mobile**:.....

**Address**:.....