



Summer Adventure Weekend 2018 is aimed at bringing families of all sizes, ages and stages together, in an environment where all generations are encouraged to participate together in activities that will stimulate conversation, support, understanding and inclusion.

So whether you are a family of one, two or more, this weekend is an opportunity to gather with others and actively experience intergenerational “doing and belonging”, in the context of the theme “Adventure” – and start your 2018 adventure with God!

Registrations need to be completed and paid by 30 November 2017.

VENUES

The Summer Adventure Weekend 2018 will take place at Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat and Conference Centre, MERC (Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre) and Long Bay Beach and Park. These are beautiful venues on the North Shore of Auckland.



For more information on these venues, go to: [Vaughan Park](#) [MERC](#) [Long Bay](#)

MEALS

No cooking for an entire weekend! All meals and tea/coffee breaks will be catered for by the great chefs at Vaughan Park, and enjoyed at the lovely Vaughan Park facility. All food is at a subsidised rate. You are in for a treat: the chefs at VP are amazing and the meals are delicious! You will not go hungry!

If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure to mention this on the online registration form.

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

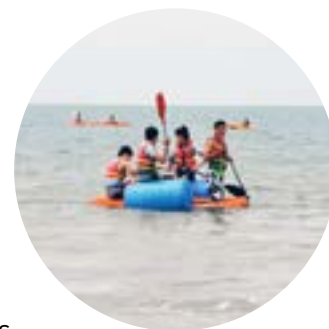
We don't want to give away too much information (we love surprises!), but for those of you who like to be more informed upfront, here is a rough outline of what to expect for the weekend:

Friday	Welcome and settle in, fun activities and games, great food, fellowship, Evening Prayer
Saturday	Morning devotions, MERC adventure activities, under 7's activities, lots of great food
Saturday evening	More great food, fun entertainment evening (presented by you, the weekend participants!), Evening Prayer
Sunday	Intergenerational worship, have we mentioned the great food, saying goodbye after lunch

ACTIVITIES

Our variety of adventure activities will be run by qualified staff from MERC. This will take place on Saturday 20 January 2018. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in 3 MERC activities – two before lunch and one after lunch.

Your opportunity to select your activities will be made available to you online between 30 November and 11 December 2017. All selections need to be made in this time. A reminder will be sent to your contact e-mail closer to the time, after you have registered and full payment has been received (by 30 November 2017).



Important information to take note of:

- *The MERC activities do have age restrictions. Make sure you select activities that will suit you, your group/family and your ages.*
- *We advise that you select 4 or 5 activities on the online selection form, which you would like to do as a family or group. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to do all your top choices, but we will do our best to accommodate you.*
- *Adults in one family may split up to accompany children for different activities, e.g. Jonny and Mum go Abseiling, while Dad and Suzie go kayaking.*
- *If you are attending on your own, select your activities in the same way (4 or 5 options). You will be grouped with others.*
- *For children under the age of 7 years, there will be a variety of other land-based activities available, at no cost. The expectation is that all children participating in these activities will be accompanied by an adult to supervise them and participate alongside them. This could be a parent, a grandparent, uncle or aunt – you get the idea!*
- *Age is determined as at 19 January 2018.*

The MERC adventure activities to choose from, and minimum age restrictions, are:

Activity	5+	7+	10+	11+
Orienteering	✓	✓	✓	✓
Big Group Games	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rocky Shores	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abseiling		✓	✓	✓
Archery		✓	✓	✓
Climbing		✓	✓	✓
Raft Building		✓	✓	✓
Dinghy Games		✓	✓	✓
Kayaking			✓	✓
Snorkelling				✓

For descriptions of the activities, visit the [MERC official website](#)

ACCOMMODATION

The Summer Adventure Weekend caters for various styles of accommodation, to fit different individuals, groups, family types and sizes and budgets.

The following information should be read as: Cost per person, for 2 nights, all meals included, and all activities included, where applicable (excluding options D and E)

There is no charge for children 2 years and younger.

Option A	Twin or single rooms at Vaughan Park	bedding provided	\$170.00
Option B	Marae style sleeping at Vaughan Park	bring own mattress and bedding	\$105.00
Option C	Bunk rooms at MERC	bring own single bedding/sleeping bag	\$145.00
Option D	Twin or single room at Vaughan Park, under 7-year olds, or Adult NO ACTIVITIES	bedding provided	\$110.00
Option E	Marae style at Vaughan Park, under 7-year olds, or Adult NO ACTIVITIES	bring own mattress and bedding	\$50.00

Options D and E are ideal for adults who choose not to physically participate in the MERC activities, but who will be accompanying others as support, encouragers, photographers – or a laugh! Or who will be accompanying under 7 year old children on their special activities.

If you/your family would like to bunk (Option C) with a specific other family (or group), please make mention on the online registration and we will try our best to accommodate your request.

WHAT TO BRING

IMPORTANT requirements from MERC

To ensure complete safety for participants in water activities, MERC requires that quick-dry, non-absorbing type shorts be worn, e.g. board shorts.

Wetsuits, life jackets and other essential safety equipment is provided. However, if you have your own, you are welcome to bring them.

All outdoor activities will require participants to wear enclosed footwear, such as sturdy, comfortable sand shoes or sneakers (NOT just sandals or jandals!)

Your checklist

- Sunhat, sun block
- Enclosed footwear for activities (see note above)
- Jandals/sandals for rest of the time
- Water resistant/windproof jacket
- Enough comfortable clothing, underwear
- Comfortable "sun smart" clothing for outdoors activities, e.g. T-shirts
- Swimming togs/shorts (see note above)
- Towels
- Plastic bag for wet clothing/towels
- Sleepwear
- Personal toiletries/sanitary requirements
- Personal medication
- Bedding – e.g. sleeping bag/single bedding, pillows (for accommodation Options B, C and E)
- Bible
- Drink bottle
- Torch

As we would love this weekend to be all about engaging with others, having fun and adventure together, and stimulating great conversations and fellowship, we suggest that you leave electronic devices at home.

GETTING THERE

All participants are to check in at Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre upon arrival.

Vaughan Park is located at 1043 Beach Road, Long Bay,
Auckland City 0630, New Zealand

To see our location, please [click here](#).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS/ DISCLAIMER

By filling out and sending your registration, you and everyone in your family/group agree to the following:

Payment and cancellations

- Full payment needs to be made by 30 November 2017.
- Cancellations made more than one month prior to the event start date (19 January 2018) will receive a 50% refund, providing full payment had been made.
- There will be no refund for cancellations within one month of the event start date.
- Cancellations must be made in writing. There will be no refunds if cancellations are not advised.
- In the unlikely event of this weekend being cancelled or the site being closed, all registration fees will be refunded on a pro rata basis once any expenses incurred up to and including the cancellation date have been allowed for.

Safety, risk and liability

- Attendees must wear any issued name badges and wrist bands at all times during the weekend event.
- Participation in any/all activities during the event is at the participant's own risk. While all practicable steps will be taken to ensure your safety, no liability for any loss, injury or damage to the property or person, or death of any participant, will rest with MERC, Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat and Conference Centre or The Anglican Diocese of Auckland, or any staff or board members of these entities.
- During the full duration of the event, at all times and at all event premises and activities, the safety and care of all children will rest entirely with the adults who have brought them to the event, whether parents, extended family or caregivers.
- For the sake of the ethos and aim of the event (enjoying activities together) and for safety purposes, all children must be accompanied by at least one responsible, liable adult in order to participate in any activities.
- In an emergency any necessary decisions regarding a participant's welfare can be made by those in charge, if a parent, guardian or partner/spouse or emergency contact person is unable to.

Medication and substances

- No alcohol or drugs, or drug paraphernalia, are to be brought onto or used on any of the event premises. The Event Organizers have the right to evict from the event, anyone found to be in breach of this rule. No event registration refund will be payable in such instance.
- Only personal medication is to be brought onto premises. All medications must be kept out of reach of children. Parents/caregivers will be responsible for administering any medication to their children.
- This is a smoke free event. No smoking is allowed on any of the event premises, indoors or outdoors.

Photography

- There will be official photographers on site at our event. Attendees may feature in photos and video footage and you agree that these may be displayed on our website and Facebook page or used in future publicity.