



Music Camp 2024

Participant Handbook

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“ When heaven comes in touch with the earth, there is music and song,--"thanks-giving, and the voice of melody." ”

The Youth's Instructor, March 29, 1904





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General Information

Dates

Sunday 31st December 2023 - Sunday 14th January 2024

Location

Bethshan Camp & Conference Centre
70 Wyee Rd
Wyee NSW 2259

Contact Details

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Arrival Time

If you are driving

Please plan to arrive at camp before 4pm. Driving directions can be found in the Directions & Transportation Section.

If you are flying

Please schedule your incoming flights to arrive at Sydney Domestic or International airport or Newcastle airport before 1:30pm. We will have transport to camp available for those flying in. Please see the Directions & Transportation section for further details.

Note: Do not book flights until your application has been approved.

Registration

Time: 2-4pm

Please make your way to the registration area.

We would ask that you please do not ask for early registration. Our staff will be involved in other duties until the announced registration time.



Departure Time

Please schedule your flights to depart after 2pm on Sunday from Sydney Domestic or International airport or Newcastle airport.

Cancellations

Once accepted as a camp participant, we will be counting on you being there. If a cancellation is necessary, please notify us immediately so we can offer availability to others.

We appreciate your consideration of others in this matter. A full refund will be given provided cancellation has been made prior to camp. Refunds of camp fees cannot be made after camp begins.

Guest Accommodation

Non-participant family members may stay at camp, however availability depends on the number of guests and participants we have. There could possibly be a few dormitory style rooms available. There is a cost involved to stay which is available upon request from the office.

We do request that children who are not participating in the camp program be well supervised at all times so as not to disrupt the classes and programs.

Visitors

We appreciate your interest in Music Camp, however because of the full program, we ask you to please contact the camp office to arrange a visit.

Problems at Camp

Our aim is to optimise the camp experience. It can be unfair to others when someone refuses to abide by the rules of camp. We therefore expect participants to follow all camp codes and policies. Each participant must also be willing to accept the leadership of the camp staff. Eastward administration reserves the right to send home any participant who does not comply. In such an event, you or your parent or guardian will be responsible for the cost of the transportation, and camp fees are forfeited.



Personal Preparation

To optimise your camp experience, participants should arrive well rested and spiritually prepared for a time of fellowship and solid music practice and training.

Spiritual Focus

More than just a time to grow musical skills and experience, we pray that Music Camp will be an opportunity to come aside from the busyness of life to reconnect with God. For this purpose, time will be scheduled for personal devotions and morning and evening worships.

We especially ask that you refrain from promoting controversial or unclear doctrinal subjects which tend to create division. Refusal to do so may result in a request to leave.

Eastward is a recognised self-supporting min-

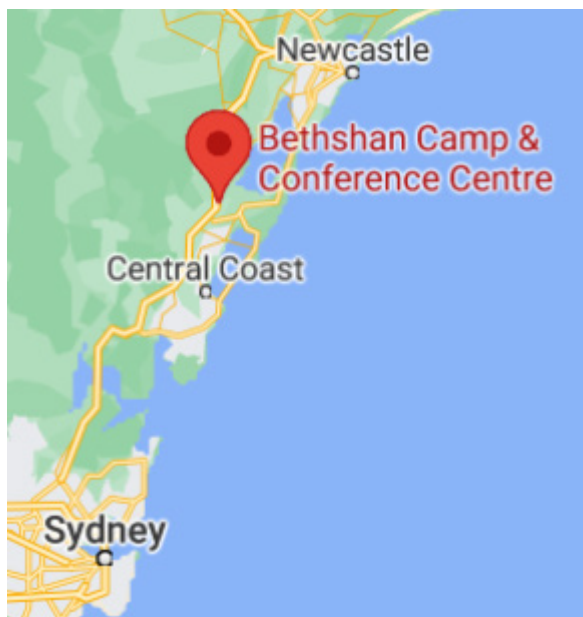


istry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We fully support the mission and evangelism of our church. We also seek to uphold the plain teachings of the Bible as our guide and authority in life. We also place emphasis on the Spirit of Prophecy (writings of Ellen G White) as inspired by God, to illuminate and magnify scripture.

Directions

Address

Bethshan Camp & Conference Centre
70 Wyee Rd
Wyee NSW 2259



Transportation

Airport / Bus / Train Information

Airport

A pickup service to/from Sydney airport and Newcastle airport is available for participants arriving before 1:30pm and flying at the end of camp after 2:00pm. A fee of \$20 per direction applies. Unfortunately we are unable to provide transportation outside of these times.

Please Note: Do not purchase any flight tickets before you have been accepted. Once accepted, it is then your responsibility to send a copy of your itinerary/ticket to us at least two weeks before camp starts.

What to do when you arrive:

Unless you have made other arrangements with us, proceed to baggage claim and collect your bags. Remain by the luggage carousel until a representative from Eastward picks you up. Look for someone with a sign saying "Eastward Music Camp"

Bus/Train:

If you will be traveling by bus or train and require pick-up or drop-off, please notify us asap so we can make the necessary arrangements.



Uniform for Filming

Please pay careful attention to the following information regarding the uniform for filming, which will be taking place during the second week of camp.

Music camp uniform this year will be similar to previous Music Camps where we have provided some of the uniform.



What We Are Supplying

We will supply **blouses** for the girls and **ties** for the boys.

What You Need To Bring

Girls need to bring a **long black skirt**.

Boys need to bring **black pants** and a **white shirt**.

Both need to bring **smart black closed-toe shoes**.



Camp Codes and Policies



A Note from the Eastward Team

As a ministry we aim to inspire, equip and encourage others to know God and share the good news of the gospel. All camp codes have been developed with this object in mind.

Of course we understand that following any set of 'rules' does not make us right with God necessarily, however standards have their place and do play an important role in the success of any program. We are asking that you willingly and happily support all the camp codes that are outlined below.

By applying to attend Music Camp you are agreeing to abide by our camp code so if you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us before you apply.

Food

Camp food (which is delicious!) is vegetarian and dairy-free. However, camp food service is not able to cater to individual dietary requirements. Participants with food allergies or sensitivities must take personal responsibility to avoid such items. Anyone needing to bring specialised food items to accommodate their dietary needs must clear this in advance with camp administration. Such food items must be stored in the camp kitchen. No food items may be stored in your lodgings.

Social Relations

We encourage the formation of true Christ centered friendships. In order to promote a focused camp environment, exclusive and/or intense friendships with either sex during camp is not encouraged. Romantic friendships may distract you and/or others from receiving the blessing of camp.

Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

Camp is such a special time! We want to make the most of this opportunity to make new friends, draw close to God and learn new skills. For this reason we seek to create a distraction-free environment. The use of electronic devices is limited. However, appropriate use of mobile phones is allowed for participants aged 18+ and participants under 18 can use their phones at the camp office to call home, or relatives.

Competition

The spirit of competition in all its forms is discouraged at Music Camp.

Clothing

For Girls

Everyday wear for most camp activities will be modest, sturdy skirts or dresses. Skirts should fall well below the knee at all times and allow a full stride when walking. Slits must end below the knee.

Low-cut, see-through, tight, or sleeveless tops are not appropriate. Tops must be long enough to cover bare skin when reaching or bending over.

For Boys

Neat casual clothing, such as jeans or long cotton pants. Pants or shorts must not be baggy or low-riding. No tank tops or sleeveless tops. Shorts must be knee length.

Long pants are required for Sabbath programs.

If you bring a hat, please remember to remove it for prayer or when you are inside a building.

For Both

Be sure to bring cool clothing! It will be quite hot this time of year. Some days may be cooler so we recommend bringing some warmer clothing too.

During filming sessions you will need a sun hat in case of delays.

Participants should bring sturdy clothing and shoes for hiking to filming locations or participating in other outdoor activities.

Please avoid any questionable lettering or pictures on clothing.

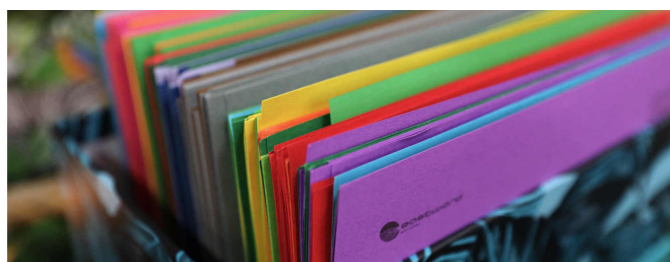
Please note: Participants who breach the dress code will be asked to change and dress accordingly.

Laundry Facilities

Laundry facilities are available, but please bring enough clothes for one week.

Thank you

We wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation with our camp codes and policies. You will find that your happy, positive attitude toward any camp rules will indeed enhance your experience whilst at camp.



Camp Codes Summary

- 🚫 If you are under 18 yrs of age, and not accompanied by a parent/guardian, your counsellor or supervisor must know where you are at all times.
- 🚫 Food is not permitted in the lodgings.
- 🚫 No gum chewing.
- 🚫 You will have many opportunities during the day to talk with your friends so please, no visiting or note-passing during worships or classes.
- 🚫 Verbal or physical abuse to others is NOT tolerated. This includes tripping, pushing, annoying, teasing, or throwing things at another person.
- 🚫 Participants will be expected to make full restitution for any destruction of property.
- 🚫 Food-fighting or horseplay is unacceptable behaviour.
- 🚫 Knives and/or tools brought for specific classes should be used for that purpose only. These items, if seen out of place, will be confiscated until after camp.
- 🚫 We encourage the formation of true Christ-centered friendships. Exclusive and/or intense friendships with either sex during camp may distract you from the goals of camp.
- 🚫 Deliberate disobedience and a defiant attitude have no place at Music Camp.
- 🚫 Participants choosing to disregard camp guidelines will receive demerits.
 - 1 demerit Interview with Camp Coordinator or Senior Eastward Staff Member
 - 2 demerits Interview with Disciplinary Panel
 - 3 demerits Dismissal from camp, or other appropriate action.



"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness--godlikeness--is the goal to be reached. Before the student there is opened a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve, a standard to attain, that includes everything good, and pure, and noble. He will advance as fast and as far as possible in every branch of true knowledge." - Education, pg 18



What to Bring

- ☐ Musical Instrument(s)
- ☐ KJV Bible
- ☐ Study material for personal devotions
- ☐ Uniform
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Everyday clothes (see previous pages for the camp dress codes)
- ☐ Clothing you don't mind getting dirty in case such an activity necessitates this
- ☐ Sabbath clothes
- ☐ Sturdy, but comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Daily changes of socks and underwear
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Pyjamas
- ☐ Bedding: sleeping bag, pillow, sheet
- ☐ Shower shoes (eg: thongs)
- ☐ Towel and washcloth
- ☐ Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush, comb, shampoo, deodorant
- ☐ Sunscreen and hat
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Torch and batteries
- ☐ Money for church offering
- ☐ Notebook or note pad
- ☐ Pens and pencils
- ☐ Prescription medications you must take or may need (eg: asthma medication)
- ☐ Small Backpack - to carry around water bottles, hats, class materials etc

What Not to Bring

- ☐ Portable electronic gaming devices, and such things
- ☐ Portable audio devices
- ☐ Card games
- ☐ Secular reading material
- ☐ Food, gum, drinks
- ☐ Jewellery (including rings)
- ☐ Wrist or Ankle Bands
- ☐ Make-up (including coloured moisturiser and coloured lip balm), nail polish
- ☐ Tobacco, alcohol, drugs
- ☐ Weapons, fireworks
- ☐ Pets
- ☐ Any other item that may detract from the goals of camp



A Note for Parents

Parents are very welcome, and in fact are encouraged to accompany their children. However if this is not possible, your child will be under the full supervision of an assigned youth leader.

We value the role of parenting very highly and we deem the responsibility to supervise younger participants whilst at camp as a most honoured trust. We see it as our duty to safeguard your child physically, emotionally and spiritually and will do our utmost to do this.

Our one paramount aim is to honour and glorify our Maker and our King in all that we do and say. Music

Camp can only be effective as we are surrendered to Christ. We ask for your prayer and support as we prepare for camp, that each of us at camp will be fully submitted to our Saviour's control so that all may see the lovely Jesus in our midst.

Thank you

Again, thank you for this opportunity and for your support. If you have any questions or need some more information, contact details are below. We are more than happy to help you with your enquiries.



Questions? Comments?



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