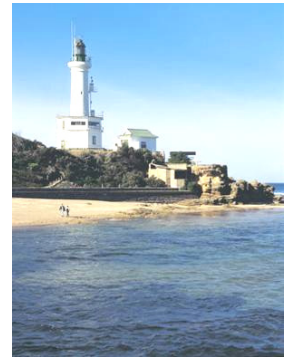




CAMP KOALA



Location

Camp Koala is located on the Bellarine Peninsula, a drive of about 90 minutes south-west of Melbourne in the historic town of Queenscliff in the State of Victoria.

Queenscliff was one of the very first towns to be established by European explorers in the late 18th century. It is located at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay and for most of its life has been a fishing village, although this role has diminished in recent years. The entrance to the bay is known as the “Rip” and is a very dangerous stretch of water for shipping, so all large shipping must be taken through this area by a Pilot. The Pilot Station is located at Queenscliff. There is also an historic fort overlooking the Rip which was an important part of Australia’s defence for many years.

Climate

The camp is held during the Australian winter, so temperatures vary from 5 to 15°C. Whilst the temperatures appear mild to many of our European visitors, they all agree that warm clothing is essential; ‘T’ shirts alone are not recommended!

Selection and Age Criteria

The Camp Koala 2012 will be limited to 40 participants between the ages of 17 and 20 years at 22 July 2012. Participants will be selected from both Australian and overseas applicants.

Important:

All prospective campers must apply through the Official Lions Youth Exchange of their home country. Contact your local Lions Club for details.

Prospective Australian campers please contact your local Lions Club to learn more about the Lions Youth Exchange programme, or go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye>

SOME FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:-

INTERNET IS NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMP !!!!

Duration

The Camp will be for six days, commencing on Sunday 22 July through to Saturday 28 July 2012.

Camp Rules

Camp and home stay rules and protocols apply in accordance with Lions Youth Exchange Policy and International Youth Camp Policy.

Language and Health

English language is the official language of the Camp. Participants must be proficient with their use of the language. Participants should also be healthy of mind and body with no emotional disorders.

Camp facilities

The dormitories will have 2 campers in each room (they are designed for 4 people).

Each ensuite-style bathroom and toilet is shared by 2 rooms (ie 4 campers).

All rooms are heated with convection heaters that are controlled by the occupants of the room.

The camp has excellent facilities and is a short walk from the town centre. For more information on the camp site, visit <http://www.geelong.ymca.org.au/index.php/ymca-camp-wyuna/general-information>

Drugs and Alcohol

As with all Lions Club activities and noted in the Consent Form, Camp Koala camps are Drug & Alcohol free and breaches may result in immediate exclusion from Camp.

Camp Costs for Camp Koala 2012

Camp Koala costs for 2012 is AUD\$615.

How to Contact Us

If you are interested in finding out more about Camp Koala contact:

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Application & Registration Procedures

Overseas applicants must be as part of the Lions Youth Exchange Programme and apply through their local Lions Club and local District Youth Exchange Chairman. Applications will not be accepted for the camp only.

Only countries participating in the Australian Youth Exchange Programme will be eligible to apply.

Australian applicants must apply through their local Lions Club Youth Exchange Chairman. The following procedure and time lines must be followed:

Your Application

The Registration form MUST be returned as soon as possible, but PRIOR TO APRIL 30th 2012.

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Registration Forms

Registration and Indemnity forms will be issued by email to the camper ONLY when the Camp Committee has been advised by the sponsoring Lions club. The Camp Committee has resolved that this form will only be available by email to be completed as a Microsoft Word document and returned by email.

In the event of more Applications being received than places available at the Camp, the Camp Committee will decide which applications will be accepted. The Committee's decision shall be final.

The completed forms may be returned by email, facsimile or conventional mail. All Registration and Indemnity forms must be fully completed and signed by the appropriate people to be accepted.

Payment in full must accompany the above forms and be received by the closing date in order to complete registration.

Special Notes:

Please ensure that the Registration Form is typewritten or legibly printed. All sections must be completed fully and all signatures and authorities are correct before it is forwarded with the Camp Fee.

The Registration form must be forwarded via your own District Youth Exchange Chairman for final processing. This Chairman will be notified on the number of positions available for the Camp. The Camp Organisers reserve the right to refuse any candidate who does not meet all the criteria.



Camp Koala Programme

The following is a sample of the camp programme. The final programme is still being finalised:

Sunday – Day 1

Daytime: Orientation Activities
Evening: Informal welcome

Monday – Day 2

Daytime: Discover Queenscliff town (adventure challenge)
Evening: Wyrana Olympics (indoor activity).

Tuesday – Day 3

Daytime: Day trip to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat
You will experience the excitement and fun of the Australian gold rush of the 1850's. Explore an underground mine – you may even find some gold!
Evening: Trivia fun night



Wednesday – Day 4

Daytime: Bike ride to Drysdale & historic steam train ride
Port Philip Bay discovery cruise / Queenscliff fort tour
Evening: Bush dance (indoors!!)



Thursday – Day 5

Daytime: Day trip to Werribee Park Zoo:
see animals from around the world up close – including Australia's famous koalas and kangaroos
Evening: 'Miss Camp Koala Quest' – see the boys perform!!!
"Fire of friendship" ceremony. A wonderful after dark presentation



Friday – Day 6

Daytime: Barwon Heads Bluff walk & rock pools exploration
Evening: Camp Koala has Talent" Concert (all items by the campers)

Saturday – Day 7

Daytime: Pack up & farewells

All Campers should be prepared to participate in all activities:

Walking and bike riding

Good walking/riding shoes are required. The walks and rides are not difficult walks, but you should have some degree of fitness to get the most enjoyment of these activities.

"Tribes"

You will be split into 6 groups that we call "tribes". Each tribe will be asked to think up a name and a 'war cry', or song, or something to identify them. You will then announce your tribe to the camp and everyone will know who you are. It is a fun way to get to know each other. The tribes will also be allocated activities and functions during the camp.

Adventure

We will do a lot of exploring and discover many things around the area. On the program you will see that we travel out of camp every day to do different things and you will see a lot of the local countryside, towns and the city of Geelong.

Cultural

Each night Campers are expected to participate in a 10 minute presentation and sharing of their own country and cultures. Any aids (maps photos etc) are welcome and the Campsite has the facilities for electronic presentations such as PowerPoint etc. Please advise of any requirements prior to the Camp.

Australian Cultural

We will have a “welcome to country” presentation by the local aboriginal people. This is a traditional welcome by our indigenous people and is very important. We will also have a “Fire of friendship” ceremony which is a spectacular presentation done at the camp by the YMCA.

Wildlife Park

Visit a small but very interesting Wildlife Park and see the kangaroos, koalas, emus, dingoes etc.

‘Camp Koala has Talent’ Concert

Always the highlight of the camp. This is the last night concert when we all have a go and do not to get embarrassed by our acting ability. This is great fun as the Campers make up their own items. We also like to hear and watch those Campers who have some genuine ability too!! So bring your ideas; old scripts etc for a great night.

Bush Dance

Experience a night of bush dancing just like the early Aussies did before television!! A great night by a professional bush dance caller.

Free time

There is plenty of free time during the camp to enjoy the Table Tennis table, play card games or a range of other table top games, or just sit and talk to the other campers. If you still have extra energy, there is plenty of space for football (Soccer or Aussie Rules!), throw the frisbees - or we can teach you how to throw a boomerang!

There are shops only 1 km from camp for those who crave for a Coke or an ice cream!

