



August 2026

Dear Pathfinders and Parents,

This letter is to provide information for our upcoming camp to Crosslands Youth & Convention Centre.

Arrive at Castle Hill SDA church between 4pm and 4:30pm on Friday afternoon, 28th August. We should be back around 3:45pm on Sunday, 30th August. Parents, please keep an eye on your email and Facebook over the weekend and we will update you on any events and ETA to church on Sunday.

The general plan for the camp is doing games and classwork at the campsite, going on some walks, and practicing events for the Fair. All meals are planned to be had at the campsite. There will be a fire so you may like to send some marshmallows. Pathfinders will need a day pack for going on a walk. There are toilets and showers at the campsite!

Transport - We will be transporting all the children via cars. Your child will be allocated to a car to travel in. We will group friends together as much as possible.

Cost – The cost for the camp will be \$70 per person.

Camp Forms – Please go to our website <https://castlehillpathfinder.club> and complete the Registration form.

Please make sure that your Pathfinder is aware of the Camp Contract on the website and the information that he/she is agreeing to by signing it. If items are brought to the camp that have been banned, these items will be confiscated for the weekend. Remember all electronics brought to camp will be locked in a car for the weekend and handed back to the Pathfinder at the church.

Bring: Please consult the Camp Checklist for what to bring – it's on the website [hiking-equipment1.pdf](#)

- Friday night dinner - bring a packed dinner to eat as we drive in the cars. You will not have time to cook a meal when you arrive at camp. You can, however, have a snack after tents are put up and everything is unpacked.
- Saturday night dinner - this will be provided by the Seniors, who are completing the Dutch Oven honour on the camp. The menu may include soup and damper, stuffed potatoes (potatoes with garlic butter, cheese and bean mix), followed by apple crumble and custard.
- Sunday lunch – please send food that does not require the use of the cooker, as that will be packed away already.
- Watch - needed for the Pathfinders to be ready for activities on time. Just a cheap one that they can use for all camps.
- Juniors and Intermediates will be sleeping 2-4 per tent, with separate boys and girls tents. We will be using the Club's base camp tents, so you do not need to supply a tent.

Seniors will be sleeping under a large tarp, supervised by male and female leaders. Tents for changing are provided.

- Camping t-shirts – ensure these are sent and worn (not the polo) so that we can easily identify them. A Pathfinder hat (labelled of course!) is also a great asset.
- Please remember to limit the lollies to just a few. The children do not need multiple packets of lollies for the weekend. Good, healthy, nutritious food is best.
- Please pack everything in ONE soft duffle-style bag. Each Pathfinder will need to carry and manage his/her own gear for the weekend. One duffle-style bag should hold all items except food and a camping chair. It is best if things are in a bag and not attached or tied onto the bag. Please ensure that everything is labelled.

As this is a base camp, you may find it easier to pack all food / cooker in a Coles “blue cooler bag” or similar. Please label it with the child’s name. All cooking is done outside the tent as a group, whilst sitting on your camping seats. We will have rubbish bins at this camp. There are washing-up facilities at the campsite, and fresh water to fill up water bottles. Start practicing now with your Pathfinder on how to use their cooker to cook their food for the weekend. A sample menu is on the last page of the Hiking Checklist.



RSVP: We need to finalise numbers a week prior to the camp so please pay your camp fees and complete your forms no later than **Thursday, 20 August 2026**. Even if your child cannot attend the Fair, we really would like them to come to the camp still. There will be enough fun to be had!

Thank you for your continued commitment to Castle Hill Pathfinders. As always, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Rachel, Stephen, or myself. Remember, if you are buying new gear for this camp – think “light and warm” as you will need to carry it a lot further if taking it on a hike.

Kind regards,

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