



Joining Notes

Arrival Instructions

Registration opens on Friday 14 January at Teapot Valley Christian Camp at 4pm. Arrival at the camp is very casual, and if you arrive before this time you can simply wait in the dining room or walk around the grounds. You may use the tea and coffee facilities during this time.

We will organise shuttles (your own cost) from Nelson Airport to the camp. To make this process easier we recommend arriving between 2:30 and 4:30pm. This way we can make it cheaper by filling the shuttles and hopefully people won't have to wait around too long. If you need to take a later flight after work, we often have a small group who arrive around 6pm.

There will be a meal (pizza and salad) provided at 5:45pm on Friday for those who have booked meals.

If you are living in, it would pay to arrive by 6:15 so that you can settle yourself in your room before the first rehearsal at 7pm.

If you are not living in, please arrive by 6:30 to allow time to be issued with any music you need.

Departure Instructions

We will organise transport (again your own cost) to get you and your luggage from the camp to our concert venue, but you are responsible for getting yourself to the airport or wherever you need to go after that. People often get together and book a shared shuttle with others who have a similar flight time, and our usual concert venue is only a 15-minute drive from the airport. Our concert on Sunday is held at 2pm and is usually over by 4pm. This is followed by a farewell afternoon tea of cake and sandwiches. We recommend booking flights after 5:30pm. Note that there is no access to the camp after the concert.

Teapot Accommodation

Teapot Camp is not flash accommodation; it is a camp not a motel/hotel. You need to note the following:

- Do not bring the kitchen sink. Space is at a premium even with three to a bunk room and depending on numbers, we may not be able to limit every bunk room to three.
- You can bring your own caravan or tent if you want more privacy, quiet and space.
- There are not a lot of hooks for clothes in the bunk rooms, though this may have been attended to.
- Don't forget a pillow and bedding.
- There are mirrors in the bathrooms but not in the bunk rooms: you may want to bring a **small** mirror.
- You might find a multi-plug for your bunk room useful.

- People have found ear plugs helpful for when their roommates snore.

Music & Concert

Scores of the *Mass in Blue* will be available by post in late 2021 if you want to do preparation and if you are happy to pay postage. These scores must only be marked with a 2B or 3B pencil as they have to be returned to the choirs who are lending them in a clean condition.

In late 2021, we will also provide you with electronic downloads of all the other music. You are encouraged to print your own copies and organise them in folders for rehearsal and performance purposes. Some printed sets of the music will be available at Teapot but there will be a charge for them (cost to be advised).

Please bring a black folder for the music and a 2B or 3B pencil for use during rehearsal.

Concert dress:

- Ladies: - long black skirt/trousers (at least ankle-length)
 - short-sleeved white blouse
 - black shoes (open shoes are allowed and stockings are no longer required)
- Men: - long black trousers
 - short-sleeved white shirt
 - closed black shoes

Other Information

You may like to note the following suggestions from previous Teapotters:

- Good to have cash with you in smallish amounts.
- Bring some soap for hand washing clothes (powder for the couple of washing machines is usually available).
- Bring some clothes pegs (they can be in short supply).
- If you want real coffee bring your own ground coffee and plunger (with your name on it). There is filtered coffee usually available at morning tea time only.
- Many Teapotters bring a folding chair for outside use at breaks.
- Think about bringing swimming togs, tennis rackets, and other sports gear.
- If you have music or musical instruments with which you'd like to contribute to the informal music making of the school, do bring them.
- Board games are very popular; feel free to bring one.

Some of these things are especially important because the nearest shops are a good distance away, and there is not much time for getting there some days.

You might like to bring a small amount of alcohol to the camp. Wine is allowed for the two celebratory dinners throughout the week. Some Teapotters also enjoy a quiet drink in the evenings. We are always mindful, however, of the values of the Teapot Christian Camp and noisy parties or excess drinking will not be allowed.