



Joining Notes

Arrival Instructions

Registration opens on Friday 12 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 transport from Nelson Airport to the camp, if you need it. There will be a charge for transport. To make this process easier we recommend arriving at the airport between 2:30 and 4:30pm. This way, hopefully, people won't have to wait around too long. If you need to take a later flight, let us know. We often have a small group who arrive later, and we can arrange another trip. Please let your shuttle needs be known by emailing registration@teapotsummerschool.co.nz, giving your flight numbers and arrival and departure times.

There will be a meal provided at the camp at 5:30pm on Friday for those who are living in or have booked meals.

The first rehearsal is at 7pm so we suggest you arrive in time to settle in, eat, and get yourself ready to sing.

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

Departure Instructions

Departure from camp is on Sunday morning after breakfast and before our concert. We will organise transport to get you and your luggage to the concert venue.

Transport from the concert venue to the airport, or elsewhere, is your responsibility. Choristers generally arrange to share taxis. The concert will be concluded by 4pm and will be followed by an afternoon tea. We recommend that flights out of Nelson are booked for after 5:30pm if that is possible.

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.
- In the past, there have not been a lot of hooks for clothes in the bunk rooms. We don't know if this has changed.
- Don't forget a pillow and bedding and towels.
- 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!

Timetable

The timetable for Teapot 2024 has not been settled yet. Typically, though, there are four rehearsals on each of the first two days (Saturday and Sunday) and then after that three per day until Friday. Saturday rehearsals are likely to be at the NCMA.

Facilities on Site

Our time at camp is busy, but there is built in downtime. Teapot camp has the following facilities for our use:

- 25m swimming pool
- a tennis court
- farm walks, including a hill walk with great views
- peaceful treed grounds for quiet outdoor moments.

Brightwater village is 45 minutes' walk from the camp. There is a small grocery shop, a restaurant and bar and fast-food outlet and an excellent potter's shop.

Music

Much of the music will be pre-printed in booklet form. The music we print for you is yours to keep so you can mark it as you wish. However, there are restrictions on what can be copied by you because of copyright. We will tell you which music you are able legally to copy.

Copies of borrowed scores will be available to you. Music that is borrowed can only be marked with a 2B pencil and pencil marks should be erased after the concert to the extent that you are able within the time available.

Music will be available by post from November 30 if you want to do preparation and if you are happy to pay postage (around \$10 within New Zealand). Please contact dawnbrook49@gmail.com if you want music posted to you.

We are seeking a grant to cover the costs of copying licenses, borrowing, and printing. If we are unsuccessful, we will need to charge you to cover costs on top of your other fees. The cost may be as high as \$40 per person.

If you need a music stand, please bring it with you. But note, there is not a lot of room for stands so only use one if it is essential because you cannot hold the booklet for the time required.

Please bring a black folder to hold the music during the concert.

Concert dress

- Ladies:
- long black skirt/trousers (at least ankle-length)
 - short-sleeved white blouse
 - black shoes (open shoes are allowed)

- Men:
- long black trousers
 - short-sleeved white shirt
 - closed black shoes

Covid Precautions and Procedures

While Covid is not the threat that it has been, between now and January, we will be continuously monitoring the Covid situation in New Zealand. Please read our detailed [Covid Precautions and Procedures](#). If you have been exposed to Covid in the few days before you arrive at the camp or have any symptoms, we would like you to take a RAT test before you arrive.

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.