



Joining Notes

Arrival Instructions

Registration opens on Sunday 12 January 2025 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 is no charge for this as the Nelson Building Society has provided a mini-van free of charge. To make the transport arrangements 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 transport needs be known by emailing registration@teapotsummerschool.co.nz, giving your flight number and arrival time.

There will be a meal provided at the camp at 5:45pm on Sunday 12 January for all participants whether or not you are living in. It is important to come to this meal because a whole lot of information will be provided at that time to set us all up for the week.

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.

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, motorhome, 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 will be sent out to you separately when you have registered.

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
- extensive grounds with maze, flying fox, etc.
- 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.

Music

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.

If you have not requested that music be sent to you in advance of our event, it will be available to you when you arrive. Please give yourself enough time to pick the music up, eat and listen to information before the first rehearsal at 6:45pm.

The music we provide 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.

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

We have been lucky not to have any Covid cases in the last two annual camps. But Covid is not over. So:

- we ask that anyone attending Teapot Valley Choral Camp who knows they have been in contact with Covid within the four days before the camp, or who have symptoms, do a RAT test before they leave home, and stay away if they are positive.
- anyone who tests positive for Covid during the week will be assigned an isolation cabin until they can leave the course. Meals will be delivered to the isolation cabins.

- we suggest that you bring some warmer clothing with you. The rehearsal room will be equipped with air cleaning equipment and CO2 monitors that check that sufficient fresh (i.e. unbreathed) air is available. Doors and windows in the rehearsal room will be open during rehearsals and this does create some cooler patches in the room.
- participants may wear masks while rehearsing if they want to.

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.