

FATHER SON CAMP PROGRAM

REPORT - MARCH 2014



When:

Saturday, March 22nd – Sunday, March 23rd.

Vision:

The idea for Father Son Camp was to provide intermediate age boys and their dads an opportunity to spend weekend together to build on their relationship.

What:

Father Son camp for 2014 was based at Lake Lyndon Lodge in the Canterbury High Country, from here we were able to use the outdoor opportunities around us to make camp successful.



To facilitate the vision of camp the use of outdoor activities, short but formalised sessions around the father-son relationship and opportunity for quality time was used.

Over camp we had such outdoor activities as Archery, Bouldering, Mountain Biking and a Early Morning Swim. We had Jonny Reveley from 'Family Works' attend to run sessions around the father-son relationship. These sessions included material such as 'what do you want to get out of camp?', 'What makes a good conversation?', 'What helps you as boys talk with dad?' and 'what helps/hinder you as dad to communicate with your son?'.

We also had a session on the Saturday night where all the pairs were sent away together for 30 mins of one on one time. This proved to be one of the most popular parts of camp.



At the beginning of camp we had professional photos taken of every pair and then had these photos developed. As the last thing before we left the high country we had every pair write on the back of their photo which was to be given to the other of their pair – Something they admired about them, Something they learnt about them over camp, Make a commitment to each other that you will do post camp to continue building on your relationship.



Attendance:

16 Intermediate aged boys and their dads.

6 Leaders.

A total of 38 People.



Stats & Feed Back

Feed Back:

- "This would be the best 36 hours I have ever spent with my son."
- "I liked the mix of activities with sessions on father/son relationships and communication."
- "I believe the whole thing was perfect. I met children & dads who I normally would possibly never talk to."
- "It was good being out with dads who wanted to put their sons first."
- "No Alcohol, No electronics, No Smoking - All great rules."
- "Meeting other F&S from my community - Brilliant!"
- "It was very good helped me with my relationship with my dad."
- "Great space to have some space with my son."
- "My favourite part of camp was spending quality time with dad. "

Cost: The cost to each pair was \$50 for camp. The real cost of camp was \$150 per pair.

Schools (young people):

- North New Brighton School
- Central New Brighton School
- South New Brighton School
- Chisnallwood Intermediate
- New Brighton Catholic
- Parkview

There were 16 young people attend, 8 year 7's and 8 year 8's.

What do the dads do day to day?

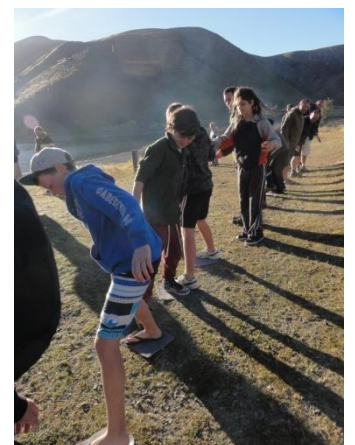
- Retail Area Manager
- Telecommunications Manager
- Quantity Surveyor
- Engineer
- Tunnel Control Officer
- Counsellor
- Programme Facilitator - Corrections
- Self Contractor
- Self Employed
- Orthotic Technician
- Welding Engineer
- Chef
- Auto Glazier
- Truck Driver
- Self Employed
- Builder

What was your favourite part of camp?

Everything	3
MTB	7
Cave Stream	20
Time With Son/dad	9
Archery	4
Swimming	2
Bouldering	5

Other Single responses:

- Trying New Things
- All the challenges
- Jonny's sessions
- Group Activities



- Outdoors Activities - The fast helping out/encouraging the slower members of the group
- The relaxed atmosphere
- Meeting other F&S from my community
- Making Crumble Topping without a recipe



Did you try something new over camp?

Yes 27/32

Cave Stream	13
Early Morning Swim	4
Bouldering	7
Archery	4
Mountain Biking	4

- For some of the respondents their new was the track we did.

The few which hadn't tried new things over camp reported that they were glad to have done those things with their sons.

Would you recommend coming on a Father Son Camp run by YAT?

Yes 32/32

Did you find the content of camp relevant to you relationship with your son/dad?

Yes 32/32

How?

The feedback suggested that most found camp relevant due to being able to have a shared experience and plenty of time together. They also found that Jonny's sessions were significantly helpful.

Rate the following out of 10

Camp	Leaders	Food	MTB	Sat Night	Lawn Games	Archery	Cave Stream	Bouldering	ABL
9.4	9.6	9.4	8.3	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.1	9.2

Camp was made possible thanks to the support of:

