



# Camp Sunnystones Weekend Activity Guide

Camp Sunnystones staff can operate all activities for you. We also provide a summary of each activity below for you to run some activities yourselves. Please see the below lists regarding whether you need Camp Sunnystones staff or whether you can go it alone!



# Sunnystones Instructor Activities

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## Half-day Activities - 3 hours:

### Survival Games (max 60 people):

This is a hugely popular game that is suitable for all ages. The game is set in a 5 acre square of privately owned bushland on the edge of the campgrounds. The game is designed to help the participants understand life in the bush from an animal's point of view. Participants work together in groups to locate, hunt and hide from other teams in an attempt to win the game.

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### Geocaching (3 Hours):

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea of the activity is to locate hidden containers, known as geocaches, that are dispersed in the outdoor geocaching course area and, obtain items from each to add to their own container. Students work together in teams using their GPS to find a number of waypoint locations that will take them to the hidden geocaches and assist in their journey of discovery.

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	1 Instructor \$150	1 Instructor \$150	2 Instructor \$300
1st hour	16 People Archery	16 People Low Ropes	16 People - Low Ropes 16 People - Canoeing
2nd hour	16 People Archery	16 People Archery	16 People - Canoeing 16 People - Archery
3rd hour	16 People Archery	16 People Canoeing	16 People - Archery 16 People - Low Ropes

### Canoeing (45 - 90 Minutes):

Canoeing is a fantastic activity that is undertaken on our 4 megalitre dam. Basic canoeing skills are taught in a practical manner, leading into games, teamwork, and a whole lot of fun for the session! Especially popular in Terms 1 & 4, though can be suitable all year round depending on the weather.

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### Raft Building (45 - 90 Minutes):

Raft building is the ultimate activity for fun and teamwork. The rafts are built by the students under the supervision and guidance of Sunnystones staff. Students build their rafts using minimal materials (logs, barrels and rope) with the aim of building a raft that will float on the water! The amount of guidance given depends on the group, ranging from a large amount of assistance through to no assistance at all!

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### Bouldering Wall (45 - 90 Minutes):

Our custom-made bouldering wall is a fantastic entry point into rock climbing or just fun and enjoyment in its own right. Students are challenged to make their way across the wall with fun games implemented to suit all age groups!

- **Participants must not climb on top of the shipping container**
- **Participants must take care walking underneath / behind climbers.**
- **Participants must not jump off the holds**



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### Low Ropes (45 - 90 Minutes):

The ropes course consists of 9 linked challenges that each group works their way around. Groups have one person on each challenge at a time and are aided by spotters to manoeuvre their way around the course. The goal is to complete the course without touching the ground with fun games added into the mix that make it suitable for grade 2's (with a bit of help) and above. **\*\*Operated by Sunnystones Staff only**

- **Participants must have two spotters either side of the rope in case of falling**
- **Take care NOT to use the balancing rope hanging from the tree as a Tarzan swing**
- **Participants shouldn't run between or on the elements**

### Archery (45 - 90 Minutes):

Archery involves small groups of students learning the finer skills of this addictive sport. Camp Sunnystones uses high quality re-curve bows which develops a high level of accuracy and ease of use. Students from grade 3 right through to adults find this activity very enjoyable. A great activity for challenging yourself and seeing if you can hit the bullseye!

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## Walk In :

WA sense of anticipation in campers is built as they walk in through the Long Forest Conservation Reserve to arrive at camp. Camp Sunnystones staff can meet you meets your group at the entrance to Long Forest, while the bus ferries luggage around to the camp. Camp instructors can provide a map to the Long Forrest Conservation Reserve upon request.

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## Beach Volleyball :

We have our very own beach volleyball court and facilities out near the Eucalypts! Beautiful on a sunny afternoon as a way to wind up or wind down. This is a great activity suitable for all age groups and an excellent opportunity to develop teamwork, coordination and physical fitness. Not to mention a lot of fun!

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## Hut Building (3 Hours):

Students work together in teams to build a bush shelter. Students learn about bush survival skills and enjoy a morning or afternoon tea of damper and billy tea around a fire. This activity is universal and can be used for all ages, you'll be surprised with how creative your students can be!

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- **Participants must not run**
- **Participants must not tear off any living branches**
- **Participants must take care when moving large branches**
- **Participants must not balance large sticks at the top of their structure. For young people especially, every branch should have some part of it touching the ground**

## Bush Art (45 - 90 Minutes):

Students enjoy foraging around outside to find natural resources to create a piece of artwork they can take home as a camp memento! Students often enjoy this as a quiet times activity and it's a chance to let their creative juices flow!

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## Initiatives Games

There is a variety of team building activities near the rock climbing wall.

- There is the Dreamweaver – which uses colourful climbing ropes as a maze where the participants clip themselves onto a colour and try to navigate their way around the entire course and get back to the start. Around 15 people can do this activity at once – and there are four different colour ropes to navigate around.
- There is also the group ski walk at the volleyball court, where 5 or 6 participants stand in a row with one foot on each ski and they must work together to “walk” the skis around.
- Thirdly, there is the 4 tyre – 3 post challenge. There are four tyres that need to be moved from the first pole to be third pole. Only one tyre can be moved at a time. You are not allowed to put a bigger tyre on a smaller tyre. The tyres must start off with the biggest one at the base and the smallest at the top with the other two in between. It is a timed event, and makes a great race.

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## Bush Cooking

- **Participants need to light a campfire and be with the campfire at all times**
- **The campfire must be completely extinguished with multiple buckets of water upon completion of activity.**

Participants can enjoy making chocolate cake in oranges, choc chip bananas, s'mores or any number of delicious foods on the open fire.

### Chocolate cake Oranges

- Mix up some chocolate cake mix.
- Cut oranges in half and eat most of the orange
- Add cake mix into the orange peel
- Wrap in foil and cook until cake mixture is cooked through

### Choc chip bananas

- Cut the banana length way to open a slit
- Add in choc chips, marshmallows and anything else you like
- Wrap in foil and cook until contents are melted

### S'Mores

- Toast a marshmallow over the fire using a stick
- Make a 'sandwich' out of wheat biscuits (the outside), add the toasted marshmallow and a piece of dark chocolate

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## **EcoLink (Bacchus Marsh):**

Ecolinc, the new Science and Technology Innovations Centre, Bacchus Marsh, provides innovative curriculum programs for P-12 students which focus on sustainable environmental development practices.

The Ecolinc building, an ecologically sustainable design (ESD), incorporates state-of-the-art technology and is set within an indigenous landscape featuring a model wetland that is fed by, and filters, storm water.

## **Werribee Gorge**

Located only 12kms from Bacchus Marsh, Werribee Gorge is about a 20 minute drive from Sunnystones. Displaying 500 million years of geological history, Werribee Gorge retains a wild, rugged natural beauty. The 575 hectare park protects native flora and fauna, offers spectacular views and has great opportunities for bushwalking and rock climbing.

## **Rock Climbing in Werribee Gorge**

There are a number of rock climbing providers, please ask for details.

## **Werribee Open Range Zoo**

Be immersed amongst 200 hectares of magnificent grasslands, enjoy a 50 min safari and close up views of rhinoceros, giraffe, zebra, antelopes, hippos and much more. Situated only 30 mins from Melbourne and just 45 mins from Sunnystones.

## **Lerderderg Gorge**

The Lerderderg Gorge is located less than 10 minutes from Sunnystones and provides a great picnic ground and numerous walks.

The Lerderderg River, which rises on the Great Dividing Range, has cut a rugged 300 metre deep gorge through sandstone and slate in its course southwards to the plains near Bacchus Marsh. The Gorge is the dominant feature of the 20,180 hectare park which also protects a wide variety of vegetation from fern gullies to dry open forest, colourful displays of spring wildflowers and some interesting relics of early gold mining



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## **Sovereign Hill**

Located in Ballarat this well-known excursion takes almost a full day. A visit to the nearby Ballarat Wildlife Park, where children can handle native animals, can be squeezed in on the same day but is best done as a separate activity.

## **City Visits**

Sunnystones is just 45 minutes from the City of Melbourne. Why not combine your stay here with a visit to the new Melbourne Museum, Aquarium, Scienceworks, Zoo or Art Gallery. Train or bus transport can be arranged from Sunnystones.

## **Brisbane Ranges**

The Brisbane Ranges offers pleasant alternative walks to suit your needs. Long and short hikes are available to meet your groups needs. The Brisbane Ranges are rich in Australian wildflowers, native bush fauna & flora are in abundance.

## **Mountain Bike Riding in the You Yangs**

Situated near Lara, the You Yangs offers scenic views. Distinctive granite peaks rise from the volcanic Distance plain. Unique flora and fauna is also a significant attraction. Popular guided mountain bike rides can be arranged with You Yangs Mountain Bike Tours

## **Steiglitz Historic Park**

Located between Geelong and Ballarat, Steiglitz Historic Park offers a peek into the days of Gold Rush. With many picnic areas, this area offers a day of exciting adventure as you walk around the ghost town to find remnants of yesteryear. The "Old Court House & the Old Cemetery are available for tours"

## **Fairy Park**

A fairytale & fantasy theme park at your finger tips. Many popular nursery rhymes and bedtime stories brought to life through the magic of puppetry and imagination. The park also offers a picnic area, huge playground area and wildlife.

## **Melton Waves Pool**

The only "Waves Pool" in Victoria. You have a selection of 5 pools to choose. There are 3 indoor pools and 2 outdoor pools. The pools range in size from the Wave Pool (25 metre), wading & 50 meter pools.

