

RALLY AT THE RANCH

A school camp adventure!

A CAMP ADVENTURE FOR
SCHOOL GROUPS OF 15 – 30,
INCLUDING FOOD,
ACCOMMODATION,
ACTIVITIES & MORE!



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General info

If you have a primary or intermediate aged school group of **15 – 30 students** and are looking for an epic camp adventure to take them on – this is for you!

This camp is specifically designed to give smaller school/class sizes (as well as homeschool families) the opportunity to access all the fun that El Rancho has to offer – activities, accommodation, food and lots of memorable camp experiences.

Not only will the programme be packed full of fun, this camp will be hosted by the El Rancho team - who will welcome you onsite, run some fantastic games & orientation activities, look after you at meal times and provide a huge range of activities for you to take part in.

Our activities are designed to cover a wide range of **EOTC values and objectives**, such as:

- Manaakitanga – kindness & respect for others
- Team building & leadership
- Life skills
- Resilience & perseverance
- Confidence development
- Whanaungatanga – relationships through shared experiences
- Physical health & wellbeing
- Innovation & creativity
- Communication & problem solving



As well as activities that you can experience with your group, you will have the opportunity to have some friendly school vs school competition, engage with other teachers & parents, and of course have some free time in the programme for you to do your own group development.

We're also planning some extra fun elements such as a dress up disco, talent quest, canteen, barista coffee for adults, prize giveaways and much more.

This camp has 2 price options – choose between **bunk room accommodation or motel style units** for your group. The registration price includes a significant discount compared to our standard prices, and covers 3 nights accommodation, a 9 meal package and a programme packed full of activities and memorable moments.

School groups will also gain access to a complimentary meeting space for you to gather with your group in your own time. Homeschool families will be allocated a motel unit with a kitchenette and lounge space.

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FAQ

We have compiled a list of potential questions you may have about Rally at the Ranch. As this camp is still in the planning stages, please note that some details are subject to change.

Q. What will the registration fee cover and what doesn't it cover?

A. **Rally at the Ranch prices include a significant discount compared to our standard rates!** The camp fees will cover:

- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in bunk cabins or motel units.
- **Meeting Space:** Sole use of a meeting space for each group (or a separate motel unit for a homeschool family group).
- **All food:** 9 meals - from dinner on the first day to a packed lunch on the last day, plus morning/afternoon teas, desserts & suppers.
- **Free coffee:** Complimentary barista coffees & hot drinks for adults to keep you going through the week!
- **Activities:** including a site orientation/scavenger hunt, school vs school games, optional night activities and a wide range of our best camp activities.
- **Fun stuff:** Spot prizes & giveaways for kids throughout the camp.

The camp fees do not cover canteen purchases. We will have a range of snacks & El Rancho merch that can be purchased at certain times from the canteen.

Q. How does the booking and payment process work?

A. To confirm your space you will need to pay a **non-refundable deposit**. The deposit amount and timeframe for payment will be determined before we open registrations. As well as paying a deposit, you will also be given a Booking Contract which will clearly outline the prices and terms you are signing up to. **You will need to sign and return this contract.**

Each group will need to have **one Key Contact** who is our only liaison for the camp. We will send this person further details such as venue/accommodation info, an itinerary and will be in touch from time to time as we need information for things like catering numbers and special diets.

One month prior to the event, you will need to confirm your final numbers and any special diets. We will then send you the final invoice for your group which must be paid prior to arrival. We do not accept partial payments.

Q. What activities are included?

A. These will be confirmed and communicated closer to the time. Some of the activities that are likely to be included are:

- Rancho Raceway (Go Karts)
- Horse Experience
- Rock Climbing
- Crate Stacking
- Archery/Archery Soft
- Paddle & Pontoon (Kayaking + Raft Building)
- Slingshot Paintball

There will also be night activities as well as all-in games like:

- Top Team
- Multisport
- Discover El Rancho
- Quiz Night
- Dress up Disco
- Bonfire
- Glow Dodgeball

Q. Will we have free time/time for our own group development?

A. Definitely! There will be free time before breakfast, before and after night activities and there will be dedicated slots each day for your own time as well. You can choose to run your own activities in these slots, give kids some supervised free time, or choose from our list of self-led activity options.

These could include:

- Wilderness Survival
- Mini Golf
- Cookout
- Team Extreme
- Chapel Challenge
- Beach/River Walk
- Disc Golf
- Waterslide

FAQ cont.

Q. Is this a religious camp?

A. While El Rancho is a Christian Camp, this event is a school camp where all are welcome. Our Christian values help us to be a place that provides manaakitanga – kindness, hospitality and respect for all.

The overall content of our school programmes is not religious, as our focus for school camps is on the values and objectives that are unique to EOTC providers/camp environments.

We do have some activities with small references to Christianity (eg. the Chapel Escape/Chapel Hunt activities) but these are completely optional activities.

We may include a short karakia at meal times as a token of gratitude for the kai.

Q. How will meal times look?

A. All meals will be served in our main dining room, where there will be plenty of space to sit together as a group. You'll need to be at meals on time, and find a table together.

An El Rancho Host will welcome everyone in, lead a short karakia and then give directions for how the food will be served.

Q. Can you cater to special diets?

A. We can cater to pre-registered **Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free and Dairy Free diets**. An extra fee applies.

Any diets outside of these options will have the option to self-manage with what is provided, or if our food is unsuitable/if they have a severe allergy, they can bring their own food.

Q. Who is supervising my group?

A. While the El Rancho Team is hosting the camp and will facilitate the bulk of the programme, **you and your staff team/parent helpers are solely responsible for the 24/7 supervision of the children you bring to camp.**

This means you need to:

- Bring your own first aid kit and nominate an adult to look after the medical needs of your group.
- Ensure everyone brings appropriate gear for 3 days on camp.
- Know where your group members are at all times.
- Always have adult supervisors with your group (1:10 ratio), even when the El Rancho team are instructing activities, at meal times, in free time slots and especially overnight.
- Have your own school RAMs and safety plans in place to ensure the wellbeing of the group during the stay.

Q. Are we expected to do duties during camp?

A. Yes – part of a camp experience is developing life skills by getting everyone involved in duties.

Duties will include food service, maintaining facilities and a post-camp cleanup.

Throughout the camp, groups will be on a "duty roster" for meals and will be expected to maintain cleanliness in their own facilities.

On the last day, each group will have a clean up list to complete prior to departure.

Q. Why should I sign up to this event? Can I just book my own camp at another time?

A. As a large site, our facilities are primarily designed for larger groups of at least 35+. As we are busier than ever before, it is getting more and more difficult to provide an amazing camp experience for multiple large groups as well as smaller groups.

While we do our best to accommodate smaller groups, we can't always provide catering and our activity availability becomes very limited with the more groups we have in. We have considered having a minimum group size for bookings of 35pax, however we still want to be accessible to groups of all sizes.

We know that especially for smaller country type schools, getting together a large group can be a challenge. We have created the Rally at the Ranch specifically to meet this need and to give smaller groups the opportunity to experience an incredible camp. As this event is hosted by us with lots of cool bonus features, there is also a lot more to get out of it and a lot less planning that you have to do! Also, the rates are very discounted compared to our standard prices.

We hope that this event will appeal to your group, though if it isn't right for you we would love to hear why and work with you to find a space where you can come to El Rancho for your school camp.