



GSPV



MEN N MINORS 2024

NEWSLETTER NUMBER ONE

Dear GSPV Families,

We are only 9 weeks out from the 10th 'Men 'n' Minors' event commencing on Friday evening, 17th May and concluding on Sunday 19th May. This is the first of two newsletters that you will receive regarding this camping weekend of activity and fellowship.

This newsletter gives preliminary details of the event. Further details and information will be provided in the subsequent newsletter to those who have registered.

WHERE: Yettie Rd, Williamstown

WHEN: Friday May 17 (4pm onwards) to Sunday May 19.
Come for the whole weekend, or just a day!

WHY: Why not...?! If you're a seasoned camper or just camp-curious, it's a fantastic weekend of fun and relationship building

WHO: GSPV students and their significant male – dads, grandfathers, male carers

HOW MUCH: Earlybird - \$50 per family for registrations received and paid by COB May 3rd
\$70 per family for registrations received between May 3rd and COB May 10th
This is a flat fee per family

REGISTRATION: All campers must register, with registration and payment via the Qkr! App only.
Registrations must be received before the cut-off at COB May 10th

MORE DETAILS:

Purpose: 'Men n Minors' was initiated as a deliberate, planned event, to create opportunities for dads or male carers to establish, reinforce and develop relationships with their children. 'Going Bush' also provides an opportunity for dads and significant males in the lives of GSPV children, to establish support networks with other dads, and to simply enjoy fellowship together.

Location: As in previous years, we will be holding the event at a property in Williamstown, just 45 minutes from Adelaide. The site is very picturesque with natural scrub and plenty of opportunities for an assortment of activities, including enjoying the communal campfire. Hills and broken scrubland surrounds the site, with a significant flat area for setting up camp!

Who is welcome: Dads/ significant males and their GSPV primary school-aged children, up to and including Year 6. GSPV dads with primary-aged children in other schools are encouraged to include them also in the camp experience. Students who have no contact with their fathers are encouraged to invite a significant male in their lives to accompany them on camp. Grandfathers are also more than welcome!

Facilities: Just the basics! Toilet facilities will be provided, and there is a communal fire for warmth and a social gathering point. There are plenty of grassy areas available for you to set up your tent, camper trailer or caravan. There will also be a communal BBQ that may be used if needed, but bring your own utensils.

Travel: Under your own steam, or negotiate a ride with other participants. The site is easily accessed by two wheel drive vehicles if weather conditions are not extreme.

Food and Water: You will need to bring all your own food, water and cooking equipment, including cutlery, crockery, etc.

Camping Gear: BYO everything needed for camping - self-sufficiency is the name of the game! There are no rules or expectations - you can choose to go 'light' with just a swag and metho stove, through to a luxury caravan. Just bear in mind that there is no electricity available, so you'll need to give some thought to lighting and cooking equipment. You'll also need to take all your rubbish home with you. If you're in need of any gear, please just indicate on the registration form and we'll find a way to help out!

Itinerary: There will be numerous organised activities between approximately 9:30am – 4pm on the Saturday that encourage interaction between dads and their kids. More information about specific activities will be provided in later correspondence. Registration is flexible, and you are welcome to join for all or just part of the weekend – just indicate on the registration form when you plan to attend.

Safety of All: Every effort is being made to ensure all participants will be safe at all times. Clear camp rules, trained First Aider, First Aid kit, and carefully planned activities will cater safely for the age range of children in attendance. However, dads/carers are responsible for the supervision of their own children AT ALL TIMES. If a child is not confident in participating in any activity, then it is their dad's/carers responsibility to exclude them from the event.

Contingency Plan: In the event that poor weather threatens the weekend, a decision will be made on Wednesday the 15th of May.

I encourage you to take on the challenge. We trust this weekend will give you a great shared experience with your children and strengthen your relationships with family and friends. Any clarification or concerns should be addressed with Matt or any of the other committee members as shown in the list below.

With Blessings,



Evie Stevens
Principal

Men n Minors Planning Committee:

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CAMP RULES for MEN and MINORS

- * Minors remain the responsibility of their own “MAN” at all times. A minor will not be able to participate in activities, if not accompanied by their “MAN”.
- * No video type games, iPads, MP3 players, or other electronic devices. Mobile phone use to be kept to an absolute minimum.
- * No pets allowed.
- * Men n Minors is a smoke free event. No smoking within the confines of camping area or in view of children.
- * Appropriate language at all times.
- * Minors must leave the fires alone at all times.
- * Under no circumstances must minors leave the designated camping area without being accompanied by a Man.
- * Shoes must be worn at all times whilst on camp – no bare feet permitted. (Consider two pairs of shoes as previous experience shows that the camping ground will become damp.)
- * Responsible consumption of alcohol by adults is permitted (no alcohol before the evening meal).
- * Respect people and property, with special focus on respecting the generosity of the land owner. Leave nothing but footprints! Bring rubbish bags to take home your waste.
- * Be conscious of noise levels during the night – no generators running all night.
- * Ensure the safety of all participants.
- * Interact in a way that builds relationships.