



GSPV



MEN N MINORS

2022

NEWSLETTER NUMBER ONE

Dear GSPV Men,

We are only 9 weeks out from the 9th 'Men 'n' Minors' event commencing on Friday evening, 13th May and concluding on Sunday 15th May. This is the first of two newsletters that you will receive in regard to 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.

Purpose: Why do we as a group of dads 'Go Bush'? Shed Men in the first instance was established to provide 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. 'Going Bush' takes this a step further by emphasising the unique relationship dads share with their children. Particularly we understand that when children do not enjoy a supportive and encouraging relationship with a significant male they are more at risk of developing social, academic and relational difficulties, often manifested in negative behaviours.

'Men n Minors' was initiated as a deliberate, planned event, the objective of which is to create opportunities for dads or male carers to establish, reinforce and develop relationships with their children.

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 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 whom 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 all camping gear. There are no rules or expectations - you can choose to go 'light' with just a swag and metho stove, through to a luxury camper trailer with built in kitchen or beyond. Just bear in mind that there is no electricity available, so you'll need to give some thought to lighting and cooking equipment. If you are not well equipped with camping gear, please don't despair! There will almost certainly be someone who can assist, so please indicate on the registration form if you have a need.

Personal Items: BYO everything needed for camping - self-sufficiency is the name of the game! You'll also need to take all of your rubbish home with you.

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, postponement is always an option, but will be considered as a last resort on Wednesday the 11th 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,



David Wilksch
Principal

Men n Minors Planning Committee:

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Brett Copeland
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Craig Cameron
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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.

Registration Form

MAN:

SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME & RELATIONSHIP: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

MINORS:

ELDEST MINOR'S NAME: _____ CLASS (eg 3CH): _____

MINORS NAME: _____ CLASS (eg 3CH): _____

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SESSIONS WE ARE REGISTERING TO ATTEND:

WHOLE WEEKEND SATURDAY (DAY ONLY) OTHER - PLEASE ADVISE TIMES: _____

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please advise if you have extra camping gear you could share, are in need of gear, or any other ideas or information you want to pass on to the organising committee:

PAYMENT: *Note payment is a flat rate for the whole family, regardless of attendance times.*

\$40 per family for registrations received and paid **by May 2nd** (first day of term 2)

\$60 per family for registrations received between May 2nd and May 6th.

Payment via the Qkr! App is preferred. For EFT, use school bank details with MnM and your surname as the reference.

QKR! EFT VIA SCHOOL OFFICE

DECLARATION:

In the unlikely event of damage to clothing or personal effects, or of sickness or injury to myself or my child during the period of the 2022 Men n Minors event, I declare I will not hold GSPV Lutheran School or the property owner liable. I accept that my child is my responsibility at all times and I commit to supervising as appropriate to ensure safety for all. Should it be necessary for my child to take medication, or receive medical treatment, I will take responsibility for ensuring this appropriately occurs. I understand that any cost incurred will be my responsibility. I understand that medical information held by the school relating to children in attendance, may be shared with organisers. It is my responsibility to share with organisers any personal health information to ensure my own safety.

SIGNATURE OF MAN ATTENDING CAMP _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form and return to the school office by Friday May 6th 2022 – strictly no late entries. Please make payment before returning form.