



**2009 National Ushers & Deafblind camp
November 20 – 22nd 2009**

Dear Volunteers,

It is time to start planning for the annual Deafblind camp. We have chosen to have the camp at the same place as last year – the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. We chose the same camp because we had very good feedback from last year. Also, because there are many things to do and see on Phillip island!

The camp resort has a variety of activities for Deafblind people to enjoy including canoeing, archery, raft making, swimming in the pool and visiting the beach, rock climbing, flying fox, giant swing, bush walking and more! We will organise busses to do different tours like visiting the chocolate factory, going to Churchill island to hear about the history of farms there, visiting the penguins, looking at the shops and going for nature walks.

Your role as a volunteer at the Deafblind camp will be to support Deafblind people while they access these activities over the camp weekend. Depending on your level of Auslan skills and experience with Deafblind, you will be guiding and interpreting for Deafblind people throughout the weekend. Volunteers will be sharing rooms with Deafblind people and there will be separate male and female rooms.

I would encourage all volunteers to attend the training and information session on Wednesday November 4th. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions about the camp and meet other volunteers. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided and volunteers can expect to be briefed on:

- Your role as a volunteer at the Deafblind camp – the volunteer roster explained
- The needs of people with deafblindness explained i.e. guiding & interpreting
- The weekend activity schedule

Where: The John Michael Lovett Centre Level 3/340 Albert St, East Melbourne.

When: Wednesday 4th November 2009

Times: 6pm – 8.00pm (light snacks provided)

Please RSVP to Emely about the training and information night ASAP

Please read the next pages and fill out the forms:

- CAMP RULES, CAMP COSTS, WHAT TO BRING ON CAMP (please keep this page for your reference)
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- INDEMNITY FORM
- CONSENT FOR USE OF PHOTO FORM

Please return the below forms to Emely McCord at Able Australia along with your camp payment of \$20. If you would like a receipt please let me know and I will post one to you

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Where: Phillip Island Adventure resort - 1775 Phillip Island Road, Cowes.

Camp rules

- All campers are responsible for keeping the camp site and buildings clean
- No Smoking inside – please smoke in designated area and put butts in the bin
- Do not bring alcohol or drugs on camp. There will be outing to Phillip island pub on Saturday night.
- After 10.30pm is quiet time. Please be quiet after 10.30pm
- Switch off cabin lights during the day to save power
- Only seeing eye and hearing ear dogs are allowed on camp, not other pets are allowed
- Please speak to Emely or one of the other team leaders if you have questions or problems while on camp
- HAVE FUN!

Camp Costs

The camp cost is \$150 for Deafblind and \$20 for volunteers. For volunteers this cost covers transport, food and accommodation. You can pay for the camp via money order, cheque or direct debit.

You must pay for camp by October 20th (1 month before camp weekend). If you would like to pay by direct debit, please email emely.mccord@ableaustralia.org.au and I will give you the appropriate account details.

What to bring on the camp

- Bedding: Sleeping bag OR doona & sheets, pillow case
- Toiletries: Towel, personal items like tooth brush soap, hair dryer
- Clothes for 2 days & swim wear– please bring black or dark blue tops as Deafblind people find these colours easier to see. Don't forget a rain coat and warm clothes in case of cold, wet weather!
- Comfortable shoes for walking
- Torch (optional)
- Money to spend when at the Phillip island shops

Please note that there will be limited mobile phone reception while on camp. There is a payphone at the camp that campers will be able to use.

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IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Please note that this information is confidential and will only be used in an emergency

VOLUNTEER DETAILS

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Phone number / mobile number: _____

MEDICAL

Do you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of? i.e. back injury, asthma, severe allergy to food or medication?

Do you take any medication we need to be aware of?

Do you have private health insurance? If YES which company

FOOD

Do you have any special diet i.e. Gluten free, lactose intolerant, vegetarian etc?

OTHER

Is there anything else we need to know about you when planning for the Deafblind camp?

TRANSPORT

We will have several busses that will bring everyone to the camp on Phillip island. Please tick which box is best for you. Please note the estimated travel time is around 2 hours from the city (Melbourne)

- I will meet at 1pm at Able Australia: 616 Riversdale rd, Camberwell
- I will meet at 1pm Flinders street station (under the clocks)
- I will meet at 1pm Travellers aid at Southern Cross station
- I would like to be picked up from the Geelong area (specific details given later)
- I will make my own way to the Phillip island camp - I will arrive there at:

DAY/TIME: _____

Please note that there is only limited parking available at the camp so volunteers are encouraged to catch the bus with the group.

If you are travelling from interstate please fill in the below details and I will try to find a staff member to pick you up and bring you to one of the meeting points

Coming from where:

What day / time will you arrive

Flight number:



MEDICAL INDEMNITY FORM

In the event of (your name)..... needing medical attention and treatment whilst in Able Australia's

care, I hereby authorise Able Australia to obtain all necessary medical attention and treatment, and for this purpose to engage as our agent any doctor, nursing assistance or hospital accommodation, with expenses incurred to be met by me.

I further authorise the use of anaesthetic by a qualified medical Practitioner if in his/her judgment this is necessary.

I understand that every effort will be made by Able Australia to first contact my emergency contact in the event of such illness or accident.

Signature:.....

Date:.....



CONSENT FOR Able Australia
PUBLICITY / PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES

Please fill in this form and post it back to Emely if you give permission for your name and or picture to be used in promotional material to be published by or about Able Australia. (For example annual reports, external newsletters, media, brochures, videos, website, presentations or other promotional opportunities)

I understand that no fee will be paid for use of my name and / or photo.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____