



Media Release
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Youth camps coming up for Selwyn young people

Two exciting opportunities for young people to develop new skills are now open for applications.

The Selwyn Youth Council is hosting a Youth Leadership weekend for 20 young people aged 13-15 at Wainui Camp on Banks Peninsula on the weekend of 24 and 25 September.

The weekend is an opportunity to get to know other young people, develop new skills, be empowered to make positive changes in the community and be mentored by young leaders.

The camp is free with transport to and from Rolleston provided. The project has received a grant from the Ministry of Youth Development. Applications for the camp are open until Friday 2 September – for more information visit www.selwyn.govt.nz.

“The Selwyn Youth Council are very excited to be running the Youth Leadership Weekend,” says Selwyn Youth Council Chairperson Emily de Rooy.

She says the camp is a great opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills and identify their passions which they can use to implement projects to will benefit the community in the future.

“If you are keen to learn some great new skills and get to know some of the Youth Councillors from this year’s Youth Council I would highly recommend applying for this fantastic opportunity,” she says.

Young people from 15-19 can also apply to join a Youth in Emergency Services camp happening from 26-30 September at Waipara Adventure Centre. The camp is a combined initiative by the Waimakariri, Hurunui and Selwyn Youth Councils.

Emergency Services including the NZ Fire Service, Red Cross, NZ Police, Coastguard, St John and New Zealand Land Search and Rescue will attend the camp. Camp participants will have the chance to find out more about their work, learn new skills including hands on activities, and meet new friends.

Following the camp, young people also spend three months volunteering with the emergency service of their choice. The volunteering is after hours for a few hours per week. Applications for the camp close on Friday 26 August – see hurunuiyouth.co.nz/yes for more information.

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