

# **New Zealand WFR-recert 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>/Sept/08**

## **Participant Information**

### **Kia Ora – Welcome to the NOLS NZ WFR-recert**

#### **WFR-recert dates?**

WFR Recert will start at 8am on the 19<sup>th</sup>/Sept/08 with an introduction and a written Examination. For the following three days, classes will start at 8am and finish at 5pm (or 6pm) dependent on scheduling closer to start date.

All participants should either be at the NZ Branch by the night of the 18<sup>th</sup>/Sept or have notified the Branch on the 18<sup>th</sup>/Sept, confirming their arrival the following day (19<sup>th</sup>/Sept) by 8am.

#### **What to Bring:**

Bring what you would take in your possibility bag on a hiking course i.e. a bag or small backpack with water, warm cloths, wet weather cloths, sun hat, sun screen/glasses, pens and notebook. We may also ask you to bring extra cloths or sleeping bags / pads for first Aid scenarios.

#### **Getting to NOLS New Zealand**

NOLS NZ is based in a semi rural area about 20km south west of Christchurch city in the South Island of New Zealand.

See: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/maps/wises/map10/MAP10.asp>

The base is on Blakes Road almost at the lower right hand corner of the map on the north side of the road.

Most people book international flights to Auckland (in the North Island) with a connecting domestic leg to Christchurch. Travellers coming through Asia or Australia can often fly direct to Christchurch which has its own international terminal.

**Biosecurity Warning:** As agriculture is very important to the NZ economy biosecurity requirements are strict and rigidly enforced particularly with food and outdoor gear. A piece of fruit or a jar of honey in your bag or dirty hiking boots will cost you an instant NZ\$200 fine if you do not declare them and they are picked up by dog or inspection. Make sure you read the biosecurity declaration form carefully and if in doubt, declare it. If you suddenly remember you have a dirty tent in your pack for example, declare it, and biosecurity will clean it on arrival – though you will be delayed while they do it.

#### **Taking a shuttle bus:**

Once you arrive at Christchurch airport, unless you have made other arrangements with us, take an airport shuttle (NZD \$20-\$35) out to NOLS NZ. These are typically 12 seater passenger vans with luggage trailers and there are usually 2-3 of these waiting outside the terminals.

Staff regularly use:

Almac Shuttles (free call ph 0800 202 203 from airport)

Door to Door (free call ph 0800 42 42 49)

Supershuttle (free call ph 0800 748 885)

If you are coming to work for us, ask the driver for a receipt and NOLS NZ will reimburse you for the cost of the trip. Please avoid taking Taxis as these are much more expensive.

Directions for shuttle drivers

Base Address

276 Blakes Road, Templeton, ph (03) 348 6657

- Take SH 1 South to Templeton
- Turn Left on Trents road
- Take first left on Blakes Road
- We are about 1km down on left hand (north) side of the road – number 276

Look for a big red barn and red outbuildings, a modern white two storey house, some shipping containers and a green letterbox with a NOLS sticker on it.

If you run into problems, give NOLS NZ a call on (03) 348 6657 and we will come rescue you if we can!

**Address for mail:**

Letters and packages can be sent to you at:

Your name

C/-NOLS NZ

276 Blakes Road

Templeton

Christchurch, RD 6

New Zealand 7676

**Phone/Internet Info**

The NOLS NZ staff line is (+64) (3) 348 6652 from overseas. Please give this number to friends and family if they want to call you. Please avoid handing out the main office number if you can.

To call between local calling areas in NZ you need to dial 0 then the area code then the number i.e. (03) 348 6652

There is cellphone reception at NOLS NZ through both Telecom NZ and Vodafone NZ if you are planning on having your phone activated for use in NZ.

**About Christchurch**

The city has a population of around 360 000 people and spreads over a plain covering 20 by 15km. A volcanic caldera to the east of the city (the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula) offer some great walking, climbing and mountain biking and coastal beaches are around 20km drive from the base.

The city has numerous parks, outdoor shops, malls, cinemas and restaurants. There are lots of asian food options in Christchurch but not many Mexican or South American options. The museum and botanic gardens are worth a visit too.

For more info see:

<http://www.christchurch.org.nz/>

**Accommodation and food expenses during the WFR-recert:**

Accommodation will be provided for participants at the NOLS New Zealand Base, in shared bedrooms or in tents or barn. There is no cost for accommodation during the WFR-recert. A communal food scene will be available during the WFR-recert, with participants paying on a per meal basis i.e. approx. \$3 per meal.

Any questions, please contact the NOLS New Zealand Branch on +64-3-348-6657 (from USA) or (03) 348-6657 (from within NZ), or email us at <[new\\_zealand@nols.edu](mailto:new_zealand@nols.edu)>