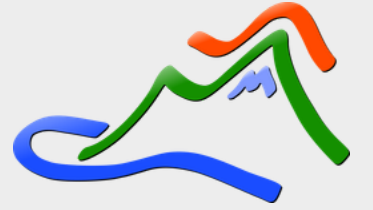




ROTARY OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Rotary Outdoor Young Leaders Programme is a long-standing, high-impact residential outdoor education experience delivered by the Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre (BROEC) in partnership with Rotary.

Developed in 2012 with strong support from Rotary Clubs across the district, the programme was designed to provide Year 10–11 students with meaningful opportunities to develop leadership capability through authentic challenge and outdoor adventure.

Over the past decade, it has grown into a flagship experience, with schools consistently reporting strong positive outcomes in participants.

At its core, the programme is about growth through experience — placing young people in dynamic, supportive, and sometimes demanding environments where they are encouraged to step up, work together, and discover their potential.



PROGRAMME PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The programme is underpinned by a belief that leadership is developed through doing, not just learning about it.

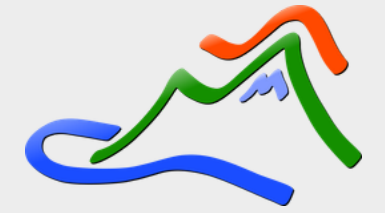
Participants are immersed in a structured yet flexible environment where they are encouraged to:

- Step outside their comfort zones
- Engage with challenge and uncertainty
- Reflect on their actions and decisions
- Support and lead others within a group setting

Through this process, students begin to see themselves not just as participants, but as capable contributors and emerging leaders.



PROGRAMME EXPERIENCE



ABL APPROACH

The programme is built around Adventure Based Learning (ABL) – a facilitation model that uses outdoor experiences as a platform for personal and group development.

Activities are not just about participation; they are intentionally facilitated to draw out:

- Leadership behaviours
- Communication styles
- Decision-making under pressure
- Group dynamics

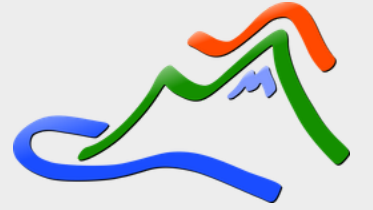
CORE ACTIVITIES

Participants may take part in a range of activities, including:

- Tramping and bush skills
- Rock climbing and abseiling
- Low ropes and high ropes courses
- Navigation and outdoor survival skills
- Group-based problem solving and initiative activities

Each activity is selected and adapted based on the group's needs, ability, and progression.

LEARNING OUTCOMES



LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

- Increased confidence in leading and contributing within a group.
- Improved ability to communicate clearly and effectively.
- Greater awareness of different leadership styles.
- Development of personal leadership style.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

- Practical knowledge of outdoor safety and risk awareness.
- Basic technical skills across a range of outdoor activities.
- Understanding of environmental responsibility.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Enhanced self-confidence and resilience.
- Increased independence and self-reliance.
- Willingness to engage with challenge and discomfort.
- Greater self awareness overall

SOCIAL AND GROUP DEVELOPMENT

- Stronger teamwork and collaboration skills.
- Ability to support others and work towards shared goals.
- Development of trust and group cohesion.
- Understanding of group development and supporting models

PROGRAMME INCLUSIONS

The programme is designed to be comprehensive and accessible, with most costs covered through Rotary support.

Included in the programme:

- Qualified and experienced outdoor instructors
- Full facilitation and programme delivery
- Accommodation at Boyle River OEC
- All meals and catering
- Transport to and from Christchurch and surrounding areas
- Specialist outdoor equipment and clothing (where required)
- Course materials and administrative support

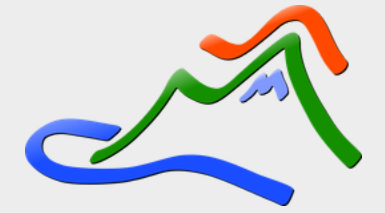
Students may be asked to present or write to their sponsoring Rotary post programme.



*The following are not included:

NZQA registration or assessment-related fees (if applicable); Costs associated with sending a participant home early; and/or Loss or damage to equipment or facilities.

TRANSPORT AND CATERING



TRANSPORT

Transport is provided to and from Boyle River, with collection points typically including:

- Rolleston
- Christchurch
- Woodend

Final travel details are confirmed closer to the course date.

Participants are expected to arrive prepared, with all required personal gear and documentation completed in advance.

Participants travelling from the West/East Coast, Nelson/Marlborough are asked to carpool with fuel receipts paid by Boyle River or arrange transport in discussion with the Centre.

CATERING

All meals are provided throughout the programme.

Participants are expected to:

- Assist with meal preparation
- Help with cleaning and kitchen duties
- Contribute to shared responsibilities within the lodge

This is a deliberate part of the programme, reinforcing teamwork and life skills.

Dietary needs and allergies are catered for and collected as a part of registration.

Selected diets may not be catered.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

A detailed gear list is provided prior to the programme.

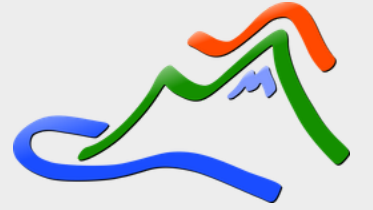
Key points:

- Participants do not need to purchase specialist gear
- The Boyle has an extensive supply of clothing and equipment available to borrow
- Participants must bring appropriate personal clothing and essentials from the gear list.

Preparation is critical to ensuring comfort, safety, and enjoyment during the programme.



ACCOMMODATION AND DAILY LIVING



KEY FEATURES

Participants stay in lodge-based accommodation at Boyle River.

- Fully supervised residential environment.
- Separate gender facilities and structured living arrangements.
- Staff present and on-call 24/7.

DAILY LIFE

- Structured daily programme of activities
- Shared responsibilities, including assisting with meals and cleaning
- Evening activities and reflection sessions

This environment is intentionally designed to promote independence, responsibility, and community living.

SUPERVISION AND STAFFING

The programme is delivered by a team of:

- Qualified outdoor instructors.
- Experienced youth facilitators.
- Residential supervision staff.

All staff:

- Meet strict competency and experience standards.
- Are police vetted.
- Are experienced in working with young people.

Supervision is provided:

- During all activities.
- Throughout the evening.
- Overnight within the lodge.



CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

Participants selected by their school and are expected to:

- Follow all instructions given by staff
- Respect others, equipment, and facilities
- Engage positively in all activities
- Contribute to a safe and supportive group environment

Key Rules

- No alcohol, drugs, vaping, or smoking
- Adherence to both Boyle and school behavioural expectations

Participants take part in creating a group agreement, setting expectations for how they will work together during the programme.



SAFETY

Safety is a key aspect of all programmes at Boyle River and holds:

- AdventureMark safety accreditation
- Comprehensive Safety Management Systems
- Activity-specific risk assessments and procedures
- Highly trained and experienced staff

While outdoor activities inherently involve some level of risk, these are:

- Carefully managed
- Intentionally used as part of the learning experience
- Supported by robust systems and professional judgement

Participants take an active role in learning about risk awareness and personal responsibility.

Boyle River can be contacted via email or phone as required.

We are located in the Lewis Pass and near the Alpine Fault. Should there be any natural disaster we could experience land form and waterway changes.

We are also a civil defence emergency centre and staff train for unexpected and emergency situations.



READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

The Rotary Young Leaders Programme is more than just a camp
it is a deliberate developmental journey.

Through challenge, reflection, and shared experience, participants leave not only with new skills, but with a stronger sense of who they are and what they are capable of.

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