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## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

### WHY VOLUNTEER AT WOLLANGARRA?

Wollangarra is an independent, non for profit organisation situated beside the Macalister River south of Licola, Victoria. A unique outdoor education experience provides the platform for Wollangarra to provide a realistic look at sustainability, environmental issues in a positive, friendly community.

We believe that our way of life and the empowerment of the young people on our programs results in a truly new outlook on life for them, with many of them returning for further programs.

### WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

All volunteers are asked to be **helpful, positive and active**.

Essentially we are after helpers - people who are willing to work along side our staff team and help them achieve the objectives and goals of our unique program.

No experience is needed just a positive attitude to having a go and being the best role model for young people. You will want to have a passion for working with young people between 14 - 17 years old.

Volunteers not used to working with young people will need to put their best effort into being a positive role model. We do provide the opportunity for people to start from scratch, and Wollangarra may be the first experience working with young people. However Volunteers who are negative, unhelpful and plain lazy towards the experience will be asked to leave at their own expense. Everyone deserves an experience but not one that upsets what we are trying to achieve.

### WHAT VOLUNTEERS MIGHT DO AT WOLLANGARRA

This depends on what we are working on at the time and the particular skills of the Volunteer. The type of help we ask of Volunteers is quite varied and not limited to the list provided below:

- Help Staff on our two night bush walks
- Catering
- Farm work (eg. Fencing, gardening, weeding)
- Co-supervision of young people
- Co-supervision of night activities
- Feeding of animals
- Cleaning
- Helping with pre-program jobs

### WHAT I NEED TO DO BEFORE I ARRIVE

Volunteers need to have a [Working With Children Check](#) and Ambulance Cover. We live in a remote location you need to be prepared to be covered by the ambulance service.



You will also need to fill in the [Medical Form](#) and [Agreement Form](#) and read the [Wollangarra Child Protection Guidelines](#) and return it to us before the program begins. Please outline any dietary needs on the Medical Form. We can cater for most dietary needs, please call and discuss before hand.

Post your documents to: Directors, Wollangarra, 3439 Heyfield Licola Rd, Licola, 3858.

If there isn't enough time to post your documents, please print and fill out two copies of your medical form and bring all with you.

### **WHAT TO BRING/ NOT TO BRING**

Drugs and alcohol on our programs are prohibited and we are a non smoking work place. We also have a no nuts policy.

Our staff are essentially volunteers too, and they work very long hours and don't get much of an opportunity to go into town to buy treats. So if you are feeling generous maybe you would like to bring a care package for the staff. Some items could be chocolate, coffee, avocados, seasonal fruits, nice cheese or a funky jumper - this list could be endless.

Have a look at the What to Bring List, we can provide you with hiking boots, water proof jackets, sleeping bags, back packs, mittens, balaclavas, cooking gear, tents and all gear to do with bush walking. If you have any of these items you are welcome to bring them along, but we may need you to use our gear if yours appears inadequate in any way.

### **HOW TO GET TO WOLLANGARRA**

Please arrive on Sunday so that you can be part of our hike meeting and pre-hike planning. We can either pick you up and drop you off at the Heyfield Bus station or you can drive.

If you are driving please park at the front gate, walk through the front paddock and come across the flying fox, coo-ee if you need a hand.

**Wollangarra Outdoor Education Center**  
**3439 Heyfield Licola Rd**  
**Licola 3858**  
**Ph: 03 5148 0492**

### **WHAT HAPPENS ON A STAGE 1 SCHOOL OR HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Pre-hike meeting, planning and packing.
<b>MONDAY</b>	Group arrives after lunch. Afternoon is spent doing jobs to get ready for hike.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Group heads out on hike.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Continue hike.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Groups arrive back from hike.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Clean up the flat jobs until the group heads out before lunch.

**Thanks for reading this information. If you have any questions please contact the Director on email [directors@wollangarra.org.au](mailto:directors@wollangarra.org.au) or phone 03 5148 0492**