

Wed Rāapa 25 SEPT	Thurs Rāpare 26 SEPT	Friday / Rāmere 27 SEPT		Saturday / Rāhoroi 28 SEPT				Sunday Rātapu 29 SEPT		
<p>0900 - 1700</p> <p>Assessor Training Workshop (for new Assessors)</p> <p>Tihoi Classroom</p> <p>1800 Dinner (For New Assessors)</p> <p>1900 Assessor Conference accommodation check in</p>	<p>0730 Breakfast</p> <p>0800 - 0900 Assessor Registration Open Gallagher Centre</p> <p>0900 - 1700 Assessor Conference Tihoi Classroom</p>	<p>0700 Breakfast & make packed lunch Gear Collection</p>		<p>0700 Breakfast & make packed lunch Gear Collection</p>				<p>0700 Breakfast</p>		
	<p>0730 Safety Hui – ALL Fri Full Day Assessors</p>	<p>0730 Safety Hui – ALL Fri Full Day Assessors</p>		<p>0730 Safety Hui – ALL Sat Full Day Assessors</p>				<p>Clean up</p>		
		<p>Full Day Workshops 8am – 5pm</p>		<p>Full Day Workshops 8am – 5pm</p>						
		<p>Refresher Workshops</p> <p>Bush 1 (Andy Thompson)</p> <p>Bush 2 (Don Paterson)</p> <p>Canyon L (Russell Hodgson)</p> <p>Cave 1 (Doug Sowerby)</p> <p>Kayak Flatwater & L (Hayden Titchener)</p> <p>MTB 1 (Kris Bartley)</p> <p>Rock 1 & SCE (Tim Bartholomew)</p>	<p>Professional Development Workshops</p> <p>The dark side of outdoor instruction – Training for Cave 1 (Pip Rees)</p> <p>Rescue Skills for White Water Kayakers (Phil Johnston-Coates)</p> <p>Canoe Skills Development (Shanan Miles, Simon Dixon)</p> <p>Intro to Canyoning! (Russell Hodgson)</p>	<p>Refresher Workshops</p> <p>Alpine 1 (Cam Walker)</p> <p>Bush 1 (Jo Thompson)</p> <p>Kayak 1 & CIII (Shanan Miles)</p> <p>Rock 1 (Prajot Sabnis)</p> <p>Sea Kayak L, Guide, 1 & 2 (Andy Thompson)</p>	<p>Professional Development Workshops</p> <p>Teaching mountain biking for dummies - A beginner's guide (Dave Williams, Wintec)</p> <p>“Beyond 3 points of contact” – Intermediate Rock Climbing Movement Skills (Sash Nukada)</p> <p>Fire as a Teaching Tool (Mark Jones)</p> <p>Crossing with Confidence (Tim Wills, Adventure Specialties)</p>		<p>0900 NZOIA AGM</p> <p>Fiordland 2.0 50 min Documentary and Q&A by Mark Jones on his Sea Kayaking expedition in Fiordland</p>			
	<p>Symposium Start</p>	<p>Half Day Professional Development Workshops</p>		<p>Half Day Professional Development Workshops</p>				<p>1100 - 1115 Karakia, Kai & Symposium Close</p>		
	<p>1600 - 1700 Registration Open</p>	<p>AM 0800 – 1200 Changing the lens, Imbedding Māori concepts in the ngāhere (Sharon Nicholas, Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre)</p>		<p>PM 1300 – 1700 Changing the lens, Imbedding Māori concepts in the ngāhere (Sharon Nicholas), Boyle River OEC)</p>		<p>Session A 0800 – 1000 Fostering Futures – Rangatahi & Rangatahi Māori Leadership in the Outdoors (Fran McEwen, Sport NZ & Mark Bruce-Miller Whenua Iti)</p>	<p>Session B 1045 – 1230 Authentic Youth Engagement (Fran McEwen, Sport NZ)</p>	<p>Session C 1300 – 1500 Shifting perspectives on dis-ability and inclusive practices (Mark Mandeno, Adventure Works & Kate Parr, First Step Outdoors)</p>	<p>Session D 1500 – 1700 Shifting perspectives on dis-ability and inclusive practices – Practical scenarios (Mark Mandeno, Adventure Works & Kate Parr, First Step Outdoors)</p>	<p>1115am Airport/Town shuttles depart</p>
	<p>1700 Assemble outside Tihoi Office</p> <p>1730 Welcome Mihi Whakatau</p>	<p>Session A 0830 - 1000 Facilitation - Beyond the circle (Mark Johnston, Adventure Specialties Trust)</p>	<p>Session B 1030 – 1200 Leave No Trace, Interacting with the Principles (Mark Johnston, Adventure Specialties Trust)</p>	<p>Session C 1300 – 1430 Transceiver Train-Up (Tami Green, Tihoi)</p>	<p>Session D 1500 – 1630 Technology in the bush, it’s time to embrace it! (Dave Williams)</p>	<p>0830 – 1000 Sharpen up your Bush Knife Skills (Richard Lange & Emersyn Coxhead, Tihoi)</p>	<p>1300 – 1500 Adventure Activities Regulations - it isn’t about the audit (Mike Pennefather, AdventureMark)</p>	<p>1530 – 1700 What’s on top for Education Outdoors – the challenges, good practice and beyond (Fiona McDonald, EONZ)</p>		
	<p>1830 Dinner</p>	<p>1730 – Gear Return 1830 Dinner</p>		<p>1730 – Gear Return 1830 Excellence Awards dinner</p>						
	<p>1930 - 2100 Registration Open</p>	<p>1930 Social Time / Sector group meetings</p>		<p>Social Time</p>						

Friday | 27 Sept – Professional Development Workshop Descriptions

FRI - FULL DAY

The dark side of outdoor instruction – Training for Cave 1

Pip Rees | NZOIA Cave 2, Bush 1, Rock 1 Sport Climbing Endorsement. NZOIA Cave Assessor.

Cave rigging for ladders, abseils, climbs, hand lines and traverse lines. Client management on ropes systems, including assisting tired/ stuck clients. Client management for efficient movement in horizontal terrain. Any questions you might have about embracing your dark side answered! Aimed at Cave Leader instructors wanting to gain Cave 1. Being competent with single pitch personal SRT would be an advantage. Please bring: Personal caving equipment (helmet, light, spare light, spare batteries, warm clothes, overalls, gumboots/ suitable non marking footwear, cave pack, dry bag/s, personal medication, method of rewarming – thermos/ cooker, water bottle, gloves (optional)), including SRT equipment (harness, chest harness, rack, hand ascender, chest ascender, foot loop, cowstails, carabiners).

Rescue Skills for Whitewater Kayakers

Phil Johnston-Coates | NZOIA Kayak 2, Bush 2, Rock 1 Sport Climbing Endorsement. Grade 3 senior raft guide. NZOIA Assessor.

A spring tune up for intermediate-advanced paddlers looking to practice boat-based rescues, accessing difficult spots, swim like a fish and think outside the box. **Requirements: Intermediate-advanced kayaker, able to kayak grade 3.** Gear needed: Kayaking gear, rescue kit, PFD with releasable tow belt, very warm clothing (i.e. wetsuit/drysuit).

Canoe Skills Development

Shanan Miles & Simon Dixon | Canoe Assessors. NZOIA Assessors.

Learn canoe skills on grade 2 whitewater. High chance of swimming...maybe. But it'll be fun, surely. Come to the cold as water of the lower Tongariro River, for a fun day trip down the grade 2 rapids. If you can swim you can come. Must be able to walk down a rocky riverbank and carry a canoe. Some river experience would be great. Gear needed: Swimwear, thermals, good footwear, wet suit, paddle jacket. PFD and helmet (if you have them). And anything else you might need to go canoeing for the day.

Intro to Canyoning!

Russell Hodgson | NZOIA Canyon 2, Cave 2. NZOIA Assessor

Come and find out what canyoning is all about! We will cover off the basics of canyoning as well as just having fun and enjoying the adventure of exploring a new world. Learn essential techniques, safety tips, and how to navigate water-filled canyons with confidence. No experience required, but you must be a confident swimmer. You will need a wetsuit, booties/shoes that will get wet, PFD, Helmet. PDFs and helmets can be borrowed from Tihoi if you don't have your own.

FRI – AM

Changing the lens, Imbedding Māori concepts in the ngāhere - 0800 – 1200

Sharon Nicholas | Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre | NZOIA Bush 2, Rock 1 and NZOIA Assessor

As outdoor instructors we already have a lens on what and how we run sessions. The aim of this workshop is to take what you know and enhance it by adding points of interest, concepts and purakau from a Māori perspective to change your delivery, and how you might see the space that you operate in. We will take a walk into the bush applying a variety of approaches to raise discussions and share knowledge about engaging with Māori and Tāiao.

Session A:

Facilitation- beyond the circle - 0830-1000

Mark Johnston | Adventure Specialties Trust | NZOIA Bush 1, Kayak 1, Rock 1 Sport Climbing Endorsement, Sea Kayak 2. NZOIA Assessor.

We will explore what natural environments have to offer us and look at some options for engaging people in meaningful reflection. The aim would be to have ideas that require limited resources that you could adapt for a variety of situations. Bring a pen and notebook.

Session B:

What's on top for Education Outdoors – the challenges, good practice and beyond - 1030 - 1200

Fiona McDonald | Chief Executive Education Outdoors NZ (EONZ)

In this session, we'll explore the current challenges facing outdoor education and how these might impact programmes. We'll delve into current good practice, reflecting on past incidents and how we can ensure the lessons are embedded in practice, and what schools expect from instructors and what you should expect from them. This session aims to provide practical insights and tools to help you navigate the dynamic landscape of outdoor education in schools.

Leave No Trace, Interacting with the Principles - 1030-1000

Mark Johnston | Adventure Specialties Trust | Leave No Trace Master Educator | NZOIA Bush 1, Kayak 1, Rock 1 Sport Climbing Endorsement, Sea Kayak 2. NZOIA Assessor.

Some fun and interactive ways of introducing Leave No Trace Principles into your Programme. I have used these as part of a bush skills days, but they could be incorporated into any activity. Bring a pen and notebook.

FRI – PM

Changing the lens, Imbedding Māori concepts in the ngāhere - 1300 – 1700

Sharon Nicholas | Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre | NZOIA Bush 2, Rock 1 and NZOIA Assessor

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Session C:

Transceiver Train-Up - 1300– 1430

Tami Green | Tihoi Venture School | ARM Level 5.

Last week you were up the mountain, right? You and your buddies checked each other's gear? Gloves, sunnies, PLB, First Aid Kit, lunch, chocolate, coffee in a thermos, etc.? Oh yes, Transceiver, shovel, probe? You did a transceiver check in the carpark, had a great day in the mountain, turned the transceiver off in the car and went home.

When was the last time you actually practiced with it? With some time pressure? In this workshop, we will review the newest industry parameters of an effective transceiver search, group checks, the phases of the transceiver search, probing pattern and more. Then we will take this outside on the field to practice, practice, practice. No experience needed. Please bring your own transceiver if possible.

Session D:

Technology in the bush, it's time to embrace it! - 1500– 1630

Dave Williams | Wintec | NZOIA Bush 1. NZOIA Assessor

Embracing apps for learning and navigation in the bush instead of relying solely on maps, books and compasses is a forward-thinking approach that brings a host of advantages. A smartphone equipped with the right apps can replace multiple tools (maps, compasses, guidebooks), making it easier to carry everything you need in one device. Join us and contribute towards this workshop to discuss the future of bush education. Disclaimer, things may get controversial, bring it on.

Adventure Activities Regulations - it isn't about the audit - 1500– 1630

Mike Pennefather | AdventureMark | NZOIA Multisport Kayak

There have been some changes to the Adventure Activities Regulations and the rules and guidance that are a part of these Regulations. This has led to some angst and questions about what this means for businesses and operations. With more knowledge, people are better positioned to understand the rules that they are subject to, and, more importantly, understand why those rules are important. It really isn't about the audit. Please think about any questions/concerns and email them to Mike

mike@adventuremark.co.nz (or feel free to ask as many questions as you like on the day).

Saturday | 28 Sept - Professional Development Workshop Descriptions

SAT – FULL DAY

Teaching mountain biking for dummies – A beginners Guide

Dave Williams | WINTEC

Having just recently sat MTB1, I went through a humbling journey by learning that most of my old self-taught techniques were wrong. This workshop will look at the basics around correct body positioning, breaking, beginner cornering, trail management, bike checks, basic maintenance and skill progression to help plan a fun and engaging mountain bike clinic for grades 1-3. No prior experience required. Equipment required: Bike, helmet, small backpack, anything else for a fun day out. Bikes can be provided for a koha.

“Beyond 3 points of contact” – Intermediate Rock Climbing Movement Skills

Sash Nukada | NZOIA Rock 2 & Assessor

Want to sit Rock 2 but put off by the grade 20 trad lead? Want to lead grade 20 trad with style and grace? Want to make rock climbing even more fun than it already is? Sick of injuries stopping you from progressing to the next level? Do you want to teach beginner and intermediate climbing technique? (Intermediate being grade 16-21). Then this is the workshop for you!! Learn about movement skills for rock climbing to take you (and your students) to the next level. Intermediate climbing ability required (able to sport lead grade 16-18). Please bring your climbing shoes, chalk bag, harness, quick draws, helmet and belay gear. Note. We will be travelling to Boulder Co Hamilton so we can really hone those skills, so will involve travel of 2hrs each way.

Fire as a Teaching tool

Mark Jones | NZOIA Bush 2. NZOIA Assessor.

There are three elements that relate to fire-lighting in the NZOIA Bush 1 syllabus and 2 in the Bush 2 syllabus. This workshop will develop these competencies but also impart why fire is a valuable tool to have in your teaching tool kit. A range of activities for using fire as a teaching medium will be covered. Flint and steel and fire by friction methods will be experienced as part of this workshop. A key use of fire is to cook and the afternoon will explore student friendly cooking techniques using fire. Useful bush may be covered later in the day if there is time and interest.

Crossing with Confidence

Tim Wills | NZOIA Bush 2, Alpine 2, Rock 1 – Sport Climbing Endorsement, Sea Kayak 1. NZOIA Assessor.

For those that are looking at sitting a Bush 1 Assessment or looking to build confidence in river crossings. A hands on (and wet) workshop looking at crossing techniques, river safety skills and strategies for if it all goes wrong! Participants will need to be prepared to get completely wet so please bring a wetsuit, thermals, a change of clothes, strong footwear and a tramping pack.

SAT – AM

Session A:

Fostering Futures – Rangatahi & Rangatahi Māori Leadership in the Outdoors - 0800– 1000

Fran McEwen | Active Recreation Manager at Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa

Mark Bruce-Miller | CEO Whenua Iti Outdoors

If young people are our future then how are we fostering and valuing them to be our leaders of tomorrow? In 2023 Whenua Iti Outdoors piloted a project to pathway 6 Rangatahi and Rangatahi Māori to become safe, high-functioning, respectful and culturally aware trainee instructors (with support from Education Outdoors NZ and Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa). This workshop will delve into the details of the project, the impact it had on the Rangatahi and Rangatahi Māori involved and on the wider organisation; and create space for a discussion around the importance of fostering great facilitation skills and how we value cultural competency in our sector and beyond.

The workshop will include a range of listening, interactive activities and reflection.

Sharpen up your Bush Knife Skills - 0830– 1000

Richard Lange | NZOIA Bush 1, Rock 1, Sea Kayak Leader

Emersyn Coxhead | NZOIA Bush 1, Rock 1, Canoe Leader,

How can you incorporate knife skills into your programmes? What's the Tihoi Knife Licence all about? How do you avoid the Death Triangle? What's the difference between your butt and your tang? Find out these answers and more as we learn and share ideas about using bush knives.

Bring a bushcraft knife (otherwise we'll provide one).

Session B:

Authentic Youth Engagement - 1045– 1230

Fran McEwen | Active Recreation Manager at Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa

As we develop active recreation programmes and initiatives, to meet the needs of rangatahi, it's essential that we listen to the voices of our participants. In this workshop, we'll share insights into the active recreation interests of rangatahi (young people 12-18), present the 'spectrum' of youth engagement, impart the principles of positive youth development and share tools and resources to help you and your organisation reflect on how you engage with young people.

The workshop will include a range of listening, interactive activities and reflection. Bring pen and paper.

SAT – PM

Session C:

Shifting perspectives on dis-ability and inclusive practices - 1300– 1500

Mark Mandeno | Adventure Works

Kate Parr | First Step Outdoors | NZOIA Rock 1. NZOIA Assessor.

Hi, I'm Mark, in 2015 I acquired a C5 complete spinal cord injury, and I live with quadriplegia. The moment I became "disabled" wasn't just a change in physical ability - it was a revelation of the deeply entrenched prejudices within society. As I adjusted to my new body, I began experiencing the subtle and not subtle ways society marginalises and holds inherently negative beliefs and associations of those with impairments. Let's uncover our personal, social and systemic barriers that get in the way of diverse range of people participating in outdoor education and recreation. Session C will be an inside workshop. We will also look at the new inclusion practices good practice guide and Accessible Outdoors Guidelines project that Recreation Aotearoa have been working on. We will use the climbing wall to find different ways of meeting the needs of people with various abilities. Bring an open mind. For those keen to continue on to Session D, we will head to the Rock wall to try out some practical scenarios.

Adventure Activities Regulations - it isn't about the audit - 1300– 1500

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Session D:

Shifting perspectives on dis-ability and inclusive practices – Practical scenarios - 1500– 1700

Mark Mandeno | Adventure Works

Kate Parr | First Step Outdoors | NZOIA Rock 1. NZOIA Assessor.

James Geddes | NZOIA Rock 2 Assessor

This workshop will continue on from Session C for those in looking at practical application and scenarios. We will use the rock wall to find different ways of meeting the needs of people with various abilities. Bring an open mind. Please bring a harness and helmet, plus personal anchor.

What's on top for Education Outdoors – the challenges, good practice and beyond - 1530 - 1700

Fiona McDonald | Chief Executive Education Outdoors NZ (EONZ)

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