



**venture wellington**

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*Dear Rangers*

**I am writing to invite you to come to Venture Wellington: the 11<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Scout Venture.**

A Venture is a ten day, activity-based event for Venturers (and this time also Rangers) aged between 14 and 19 years of age. It's a bit like a Jamboree but with adventurous and social activities geared to your age group. Everyone who goes always has an awesome time and has lifelong memories!

The next Venture (Venture Wellington) will be held at Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, Wainuiomata, Wellington from 1-10 January 2010 and around 500 young people are expected to attend. Scouts New Zealand is pleased to invite Rangers to attend and participate in the Venture on the same basis as Venturers. Girl Guiding New Zealand supports and endorses this invite.

The Venture will start on 1 January when everyone will arrive on site followed by the opening ceremony. On 2 January everyone will depart on a Venture expedition of their choice undertaken in Units. The expeditions will be spread throughout the greater Wellington Region and will last for four days. There are 13 different expedition choices including: Diving, Mountain Biking, Tramping, Dancing, "Survivor", Beach Base, "Amazing Race", Sea Kayaking, Sailing, Rock Climbing, Caving and Sightseeing.

Following the expeditions, you will return to the main site for the second phase – four days of awesome onsite activities accompanied by day length off-site activities. Evening activities based around themed dress-up nights, bands and DJs are also planned. The Venture concludes with a closing ceremony on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> with everyone departing the following morning.

The Venture fee is \$585, plus your expedition fee. The expedition fee varies depending on the expedition selected. In addition you will have to arrange transport to and from home and provide your own hike tent.

To come to Venture Wellington, all you have to do is apply using the online application form on the website. You, your parents and Ranger Leader should then sign the form and post it (along with your deposit) to the Scouts New Zealand National Office (the details are on the form/website) – you do NOT need to send it via the Girl Guiding New Zealand National Office. Once we receive it we will process your application in the same way as we do for Venturers.

Applications open on 1 April 2009 and close on 31 July. But be in quick because expeditions will be allocated in the order in which applications are received. So the sooner you apply the more chance you will have of getting your first choice!

A Venture is a once in a lifetime experience and we hope that you will grab this opportunity to join us at Venture Wellington. Apart from being a heap of fun, the expeditions and many of the other Venture activities will count towards the Queen's Guide Award Scheme! For more details about the Venture, including all the activities, head to the Venture website: [www.venturewellington.org.nz](http://www.venturewellington.org.nz).

A note for Ranger Leaders: you are also invited to attend Venture Wellington as a leader with an expedition unit – see the "Adult Help" section under the "Information" tab on the website.

So how about it – come "open your eyes" at Venture Wellington.

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