



AACASA Victoria

Out of Africa Camp 2012

Campaspe Downs Country Resort, near Kyneton

4 pm Friday 24th – 2 pm Sunday 26th February



This is a camp for families who have, or hope to, adopt children from African countries, and their friends. It is an opportunity to immerse in a relaxed setting, and network and foster mutually supportive links with others.



ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

A range of activities and resources will be offered to cater for different ages and interests and to facilitate engagement. They are likely to include:

- Swimming, bike riding, basketball, canoeing, yabbing and billiards. (BYO bikes and balls etc)
- African drumming workshop, medical health update, hair session and Ethiopian coffee ceremony
- Saturday night – communally made, traditional Ethiopian meal – many helpers to assist and learn this year
- Update from Graham Romanes - Honorary Consul-General for Ethiopia

As always, there will be plenty of opportunity for informal networking and sharing of experiences around some of the unique challenges African adoptive and immigrant family's face. This camp is also a great opportunity to discuss and reflect with like minded others on what more we can do to support African adoptees and new immigrants.

Friday – Check-in available anytime from 4pm onwards. Friday night we can do a BYO self catered, shared meal. A children's DVD will be screened.

HELPING OUT AND VOLUNTEERING YOUR SKILLS

If you have relevant special skills or experiences you'd like to offer to share at the camp – please let us know. If you're a qualified swimming life guard – we'd like to know this year so we can offer extended swimming and canoeing. Participants are expected to help with camp jobs such as food preparation, sweeping floors, setting tables and cleaning up. People must clean and leave accommodation rooms in the condition in which they find them. On Sunday, linen needs to be exchanged. This is important to help keep participation costs down. It can also be a fun way to get to know others!

FUND RAISING – SILENT AUCTION

Please bring along an item to donate for our silent auction to help raise funds to further AACASA's aims.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

To confirm your place, please complete a registration form and make payment in full as soon as possible. See registration form for details of costs. An **early bird** rate is available for those who register and pay **by 24 December 2011**. Late booking costs will apply for those that book after this date. Please register and pay upfront early – to reduce the administration and planning burden.

The budget for this event is very slim to strive to keep participation costs low to reduce financial barriers to attendance. People experiencing financial hardship may talk to the Camp Coordinator "in confidence" about potential support / subsidisation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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