

TE AWAMUTU ROTARY CLUB 4WD SAFARI

Based at Pirongia

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th March 2011

Entries are now being accepted for the annual 4WD Safari the 10th such event organised by the Te Awamutu Rotary Club. Funds raised benefit communities in the Te Awamutu District. Check out photos of previous events on our website www.teawamuturotary.org.nz .

This event will be held over the weekend of the 12th and 13th March 2011. Pre-event scrutineering will be at Pirongia on Friday afternoon, 11th March. The Safari itself commences 8.30AM, Saturday morning. You will need to plan your travel to arrive at Pirongia on Friday 11th any time between 3.00PM and 7.00PM during which time we will check your vehicle and its equipment. We are unable to accommodate arrivals on Saturday morning due to the time taken with scrutineering. If you think you will have trouble arriving in time on Friday evening, contact the organisers to make alternative arrangements.

Accommodation

Motels - The list of available accommodation is too exhaustive to list here. We suggest you Google motels in Te Awamutu, Hamilton and Otorohanga and select from there. Any problems, contact us. Accommodation for Friday and Saturdays nights can be arranged at Hamilton (31kms from Pirongia), Te Awamutu (12 kms) or Otorohanga (28kms). There are no motels in Pirongia.

Homestays - We there are several excellent homestay establishments in the Pirongia/Te Awamutu areas. Contact us if you'd like assistance or you could search the internet and other databases for facilities.

Camping - Basic (showers, toilets, no cooking) camping facilities will be available at Pirongia for the nominal charge of \$20 for the whole weekend. Pirongia has a supermarket, hot bread shop, a café, restaurant, hotel and a petrol station.

Nature of this Event This event is a 4WD 'follow me' adventure journey designed for 'shiny' 4WD vehicles, travelling in pristine farmland and bush areas of the Pirongia, Tihiroa and Waitomo areas and surrounds. The description 'shiny' refers to the typical road going 4wd vehicle, equipped with a transfer case (engaging low ratio) that is not normally used in specialist 4WD events but it can get dirty. 'Bush and bash' vehicles are welcome to participate too. 'Follow me' means that participants will traverse the route behind a lead vehicle but with the added assistance of route arrows and a route map. There will be the added assistance of a team of guides and specialist tow vehicles (tough trucks) dispersed along the route.

The following is a checklist of vehicle specifications/requirements:

- Open to most 4WD vehicles with a transfer case. Exclusions are 4WD saloons and vans. Check with us if you are uncertain about your vehicle's suitability.
- Front & rear tow hooks - facility to attach 3.5 tonne rated shackle accepted. No exceptions. Standard stowage hooks are not sufficient. If in doubt, ask prior to arrival.
- Tow balls cannot be used for recovery - they will be removed prior to all trips.
- First aid kit & medication
- Fire extinguisher - minimum 2 kg in total.
- Spade, shovel or grubber
- Basic vehicle tool kit (& tyre gauge)
- Spare wheel & changing equipment - with mud support plate (i.e. 8 inch x 1inch board)
- Rated kinetic rope or strap (stretch)
- No rusty bolts, brackets, mountings will be permitted.

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- It is **recommended** that all soft top vehicles not already fitted with some form of factory roll-over protection to be fitted with a LVVTA certified or NZ4WDA approved roll-cage.
- Tyres - **Please note.** All-terrain or mud type tread patterns with good tread depth (50% minimum) are ideal. Ordinary road tyres will cause problems in tricky situations so will not be suitable for this event. Vehicles fitted with road tyres will not be permitted to participate. Please do not compromise on your tyres. Almost without exception, instances during past events where vehicles have had traction problems have been due to inadequate tyres.
- No tyre chains will be permitted.

All vehicles will be scrutineered prior to participation and all aspects of the checklist above will be adhered to ensure the safe and smooth passage of all people involved in this event.

Venue

The Pirongia Fire Station will again be the base for this year's event. This venue is central to all facilities. Scrutineering, Safari headquarters and the Saturday evening meal will all be located at this central site. There is no motel/hotel accommodation at Pirongia but there is at Te Awamutu, Hamilton and Otorohanga. The organising Committee will provide camping facilities for you if you wish to camp at the local Sports Club Grounds where there will be showers and toilets but no cooking facilities. Fuel can be bought at Pirongia and there is also a supermarket and hot bread shop, as well as a café and restaurant. A map of the locality can be found at <http://maps.aa.co.nz/nz/waikato/pirongia/702+franklin+street/pirongia+playcentre>. The Fire Station is next to the PlayCentre.

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th March

There will be a full day of spectacularly varied 4WD touring on Saturday, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day 4WD touring on Sunday leaving time for your return trip home that day. We will provide a booklet containing some background to the farms you will be travelling over and other items of interest. The route starts at Pirongia and wends its way south to explore previously unused areas in the Tihiroa area and then over the hills to Oparau with the spectacular Kawhia Harbour in the distance before returning home to Pirongia. On Sunday, the route will venture further south in to the spectacular Waitomo area, again using areas not previously used for organised 4WD groups such as ours.

Costs

The cost is \$180 per vehicle - this includes the driver and the vehicle's passengers. This basic fee provides full access to two days access to farms and permits to bush and forest areas for the driver and all passengers of each vehicle entered.

Any additional costs will depend on your selection of facilities you require. Please refer to the accompanying entry form for options relating to meals and camping we can supply you.

There will be fuel available at Pirongia, Te Awamutu, Otorohanga and Hamilton.

Cancellations

Up until 4th March, a full refund will be provided; after that date, no refund can be provided due to the fact we will have pre booked and pre ordered goods and services.

Cut-Off for entries

All entries received by 24th December will go into a draw to receive a refund of the entry fee. This will be drawn on Saturday night, 12th March. You will need to be present to be eligible for this draw.

The final date for the receipt of entries will be Friday 4th March. Your entry including your cheque for your group's costs should be posted to arrive by that date. Entries will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Entries will be limited to 80 vehicles.

Meals

Complete the entry form on page 5 and 6 and return with your cheque to the address listed

Friday 11th March No meals will be supplied. The local hotel supplies takeaway type meals. There are several excellent eating establishments in Te Awamutu 12 kms from Pirongia.

Saturday 12th March

- **Breakfast - at Head Quarters.** Continental - Cereal, canned fruit, toast, butter spread, cordial, tea, coffee, Milo. *Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child aged 12 and under*
- **Lunch.** Supplied enroute, during the Safari - filled roll/sandwiches, fresh fruit, cake, cordial, and tea/coffee. *Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 child aged 12 and under*
- **Dinner.** Home Cooked Roast Dinner - Roast meal - meat, vegetables, greens with a dessert of ice-cream and fruit salad. Tea/Coffee. *Cost: \$20 per Adult, \$10 per child aged 12 and under.* A cash bar will operate. In past events the Saturday evening meal has been supplied by the local PlayCentre mothers and it has always been sumptuous, so expect to be satiated!

Sunday 13th March

- **Breakfast - at Head Quarters.** Continental - Cereal, canned fruit, toast, butter spread, cordial, tea, coffee, Milo. *Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child aged 12 and under*
- **Lunch.** Supplied enroute, during the Safari - filled roll/sandwiches, fresh fruit, cake, cordial, and tea/coffee. *Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 child aged 12 and under*

Please complete your meal requirements on the sheet provided and post this with your cheque with your vehicle entry fee. Remember to book your own accommodation.


Contact the organisers if you have any query or any problems with accommodation. Our aim is to have this event as enjoyable as possible for you so let us know if you have any queries, concerns, problems, hiccups etc. We'll endeavour to be of assistance to you as best we can.


Spot Prizes All participants will be in the draw for a range of items supplied by sponsors. These will be allocated at the Sunday briefing. You need to be present to be eligible to receive this.

Photos A CD capturing all the action and scenery will be collated and made available after the event.

Organiser Contact

All contact with the organising committee should be as follows:

 David Samuel - 07 871 9651 (home). No calls after 9.30 PM please.

 Fax - 07 871 8841

EMAIL dsamuel@clear.net.nz

Please add the word "Safari" to the subject line

Postal 4WD Safari
468 Sloane Street
Te Awamutu

Bank Account (for internet banking)
03-0439-0012497-03



ENTRY FORM

DRIVER'S FIRST NAME _____ SURNAME _____

POSTAL ADDRESS _____

BEST CONTACT PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ VEHICLE MODEL _____

FUEL TYPE _____ VEHICLE REGO _____

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS (NOT INCLUDING DRIVER) _____

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AGED 12 OR UNDER _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A 4WD CLUB? _____ NAME OF CLUB _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS EVENT? _____

ACCOMMODATION (tick one)

I have made arrangements separately OR I wish to camp at Pirongia Sports Club Grounds

MEALS REQUIRED	Number	adults @	Number	@	Total	\$
Saturday Breakfast		adults @ \$10		@ \$5 per child aged 12 & under	Total	\$
Saturday Lunch		adults @ \$10		@ \$5 per child aged 12 & under	Total	\$
Saturday Dinner		adults @ \$20		@ \$10 per child aged 12 & under	Total	\$
Sunday Breakfast		adults @ \$10		@ \$5 per child aged 12 & under	Total	\$
Sunday Lunch		adults @ \$10		@ \$5 per child aged 12 & under	Total	\$

Total \$

SUMMARY OF COSTS

Two Day Entry Fee Vehicle Entry - \$180
 One Day Entry Fee Vehicle entry - \$100
 Note: A one day entry is for Saturday only

Camping on Domain - \$20 per vehicle entry

Total of all meals

Grand Total

Cheques payable to **Te Awamutu Rotary Club**. Attach your cheque for the Grand Total to this sheet and post to

**4WD Safari
 468 Sloane Street
 Te Awamutu**

Or, if paying via internet banking, the account number is 01-0439-0012497-03
 Include your surname as a reference. - Don't forget to complete and post pages 5 & 6 to us.

INDEMNITY

Please read and sign

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in this event, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified The Rotary -Club of Te Awamutu and its respective officials, all the sponsors and supporters of this event, the owners and tenants of the private property traversed by this event, and their respective officials, representatives and agents together with other participants and their respective officials, representatives and agents from and against all losses, actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury to or damage to the property of myself or any other person or persons arising out of or in connection with this event or my taking part in this event. The vehicle I will be driving will have a current registration and WOF and all drivers are holders of a current drivers licence. I will abide by the road rules and carry out directions of designated officials and attend Drivers Briefing as requested. I also acknowledge that there are NO CLOSED roads, trails or tracks on any part or section of this event.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- I accept that participation in recreational 4WD events can be hazardous
- Taking part in this event means you may be exposed to considerable physical and mental risk
- Your vehicle, equipment or personal property may be lost, damaged or destroyed
- Other participants may cause accidents or loss due to lack of care and skill
- Tracks, trails, roads and structures you will be using are uncontrolled and may not be maintained.
- Roads, tracks, trails, and other terrain covered may be in poor condition with hazards concealed and hidden.
- At no time will you have exclusive use of any track, road, trail, public land or private property. Other users with and without vehicles will be present.
- The Rotary Club of Te Awamutu reserves the right to alter the itinerary due to adverse weather or circumstances beyond our control.
- You make good damage caused wilfully or negligently to any plant, fittings, flora, fauna or tracks while on this event.
- You understand that the extraction of you, your passenger(s) and/or your machine is not included in any entry fee and you agree to pay extraction costs should you need this assistance.
- At no time during the course of the Safari will you carry alcohol, illicit drugs or firearms, nor will you allow any such items to be carried in your vehicle.
- You have read, understood and accept the vehicle specifications set out on Pages 1 & 2 and your vehicle will be presented to scrutineering on Friday 11th March complying with those specifications
- You understand and accept your obligations in relation to your participation in the 2011 Safari.

Signature

.....Print your name.....Date