

JOINING INSTRUCTION FOR EXERCISE TAIAHA: 21-24 OCT 2022

General

1. The exercise will be conducted at Kidson Lodge, Arthurs Pass from 21–24 Oct inclusive.
2. The aim of Exercise Taiaha is to physically and mentally challenge cadets and test their bushcraft and navigation skills.

Travel

3. On arrival report to the Exercise Warrant Officer to confirm your transport. Cadets are to arrive in appropriate clothing for the bush.
4. Key timings:
 - a. Students assemble at Wigram Fri 21st OCT 22 (1800)
 - b. Students arrive in Arthurs Pass Fri 21st OCT 22 (2000)
 - c. Students depart Arthurs Pass Mon 24th OCT 22 (1300)
 - d. Students depart Wigram Mon 24th OCT 22 (1600)
5. Transport to and from Arthurs Pass will be organised by 17 Squadron in vehicles driven by suitably qualified personnel.

Administration

6. The emergency contact for the exercise is SQNLDR Kendyl Cole. The contact number is 021 852 461. This number should be left at home to allow family to make contact in an emergency.
7. The exercise will be staffed by 17 Squadron Officers. Key positions are as follows:
 - a. Exercise Commander SQNLDR K. Cole
 - b. Training Officer PLTOFF R. Townsend
 - c. Medical Officer OFFCDT J. Howie
 - d. Exercise Warrant Officer W/O N. Willcox
8. For all administration or payment queries, email: adj@17squadronatc.com

Cost

9. Personnel are to pay \$50 via the unit website (17squadronatc.com/shop) by 19 OCT. You do not need to inform the adjutant that you have paid, we will check the bank statement directly.
10. You cannot attend the exercise if you have not paid by the due date (unless prior arrangements have been made with the adjutant's office). Non-attendees without prior notice will not be eligible for a refund.

Accommodation

11. Personnel will be accommodated in tents and will be required to share a tent with other cadets of the same gender.

Medical

12. Please bring any personal medication you may require on the exercise. If there have been any changes to your medical information held on Cadetnet, please inform the Exercise Adjutant on arrival. It is an NZCF requirement that prescribed medication is handed in to the Exercise Medical Officer at the beginning of the exercise. This medication will be recorded and stored securely and will be administered as required.

13. Should any person require treatment by a doctor, this will be at the individual's cost.

Clothing and Equipment

14. The list of clothing and equipment required is covered in *Annex A* (on the last page). A gear check will be conducted on 20 OCT to ensure all cadets have the appropriate equipment. Bring all bold items on the equipment list to be checked.

15. Cell phones and other electronic equipment are allowed but must not be used during activities. Cell reception will be poor and charging facilities will not be available. Be aware that you bring your cell phone / electronic device at your own risk. 17 Squadron will not be held liable if it gets lost, stolen or damaged.

16. Large sums of money or other high value items should not be brought. 17 Squadron will not be held liable for any theft or damage.

Meals

17. All meals for the duration of the exercise are provided, excluding dinner on Friday evening (Cadets must have had dinner prior to arrival).

Discipline

18. All personnel are expected to adhere to the NZCF Code of Conduct as well as the Exercise Standing Orders which will be detailed in the initial camp briefing. Any breaches of discipline may result in the individual(s) being sent home at the discretion of the Exercise Commander.

Training

19. Basic 1 cadets will conduct activities and lessons on campcraft, navigation and bushcraft and participate in a day walk.

20. Basic 2 cadets will participate in some lessons at camp, and will also participate in an overnight tramp on Saturday and Sunday.

21. Proficiency and Advanced cadets will participate in some lessons at camp, and will participate in an overnight navigation exercise on Saturday and Sunday.



SGNLDR Kendyl Cole, NZCF
Cadet Unit Commander

No. 17 (City of Christchurch) Squadron, Air Training Corps

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Ser	Item	Qty	Remarks
1	Tramping pack	1	Basic 1: Easy to carry bag (not a suitcase) Basic 2 & above: proper tramping pack with waist and chest strap (min 40L)
2	Day bag	1	Backpack
3	Pack liner	1	
4	Sleeping bag	1	Warm
5	Bed roll	1	
6	PT Gear	3	Shirts, shorts, shoes, socks
7	Boots/sturdy shoes	1	Especially important for trampers (Basic 2 & above)
8	Spare pair of shoes	1	To get wet
9	Warm jersey	2	Woolen/synthetic, Not cotton
10	Waterproof rain jacket	1	
11	Waterproof over trousers	1	Optional
12	Thick socks	4	
13	Underwear	Qty	
14	Thermals	2	Tops and bottoms
15	Gloves	1	
16	Warm hat/beanie	1	
17	Cup, plate, bowl	1	
18	Knife, fork, spoon		
19	Mess tin	1	Basic 2, Proficiency and Advanced
20	Tea towel	1	
21	Towel	1	
22	Toiletries	1	Including deodorant
23	Shaving kit	1	If required
24	Sanitary requirements	Qty	If required
25	Sun hat	1	
26	Sun screen	1	
27	Home baking	Qty	
28	Large water bottle	1	
29	Torch with spare batteries	1	
30	Plastic Bags for dirty clothing	Qty	
31	Pen and Notebook	1	
32	Personal first aid kit	1	
33	Personal medication	Qty	If required
34	Sunglasses	1	Optional

Cadets are not to wear any camouflage clothing while on camp. If camouflage is worn a high visibility jacket must be worn for your safety.

If you are missing any of the above items, see the unit stores as we may be able to loan some items on a limited basis.

Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Bring all bold items on the equipment list for a gear check on 20 OCT.