

The  
Newsletter of  
the Central  
Victoria  
Branch



CENTRAL VIC



# SAMBAR ROAR

## President Report

Hi to all our ADA Central Vic Members & a warm welcome to all our new members that have joined our Branch since the last Newsletter.

Some exciting news that our Branch has just reached another record number with 400 current members which is an amazing achievement Considering just 4 years ago our membership was around the 220 mark. The reasons are many Im sure, but in my opinion a large proportion of our Growth can be contributed to how we stand as a Branch itself. We are proudly a warm & friendly group that offer a lot to our members. To be a member of CV means being part of a larger family where everyone is welcome & knowledge is openly shared & the values we hold. Great work everyone.

Since the last Newsletter we have completed several events on the Calendar, Benny's Branch Camp which only saw 4 members attending which may have been due to the fuel crisis, but with that in mind its worth noting that Marcus Agaciak travelled all the way from Port Augusta to attend.



Picture Symore Show 2026

Great effort Marcus !



Picture of 2026 Mentor Weekend

We also held our Annual New Member mentor weekend which proved to be a huge success. Approximately 30 members attended & judging from the feedback received from our new members everyone couldn't believe how much of an insight into Deer Hunting we offered. To quote one new member " Not only have I learnt so much but I feel like I have made 30 new friends" is testament to what we delivered. A special shout out to Alex Hall who put in a huge effort organising the event, Mentors Ern Addington, Pete Meeking, Jacob Nixon & Devin Barker & of course Cody Young our Butcher who gave a professional demonstration on Field Dressing 2 Sambar.....Thanks so much to those people.

The following weekend saw the Central Vic Branch attend the Seymour Expo 3 day event to attract new members & to assist Land owners with problem Species. With the event held over Friday, Saturday & Sunday a huge logistical effort was required & to those who volunteered their time to man our Stand I say a special thank you. Again the ever reliable Bret Archer was first there at 6am to set up & last to leave with the pack up, Thank you also to Richard & Christina, Megan, Alex, Rhian, Ben, Andrew, Jack & New member Todd Deason who donated their valuable time over the 3 days during a fuel crisis. Stay tuned for the results.

On the Hunting front, A lot of Fallow are being taken by some of our members during the Rut but one to note is the Red Deer taken by our Queensland Member Corey Evans. Corey secured his first deer with a bow & captured some great footage of the event, he also broke some records with in his local Archery club....Great effort Corey & Im expecting an Article from you for a future newsletter.

That's it for me with plenty more events coming up....Trellys, Wonangatta & more

Keep those photos coming

Rod Reddish

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## Sponsor's



Dog & Gun coffee



A Massive thank you to all our current sponsors !!

# 2026 CALENDAR

January	14th	Committee Meeting
February	11th	Branch Meeting - Buy, Sell, Swap Guest Speaker: Sean Kilkenny
	28th	SSAA - Marong Range day
March	11th	Committee Meeting
	TBC	Duck Hunt (Dates, numbers TBC) Private Property
April	8th	Branch Meeting
	11th - 12th	Buxton mentor weekend (Invite only) +Bennies camp
	17th 19th	Seymour Show (Volunteers required)
May	6th	Committee Meeting
	16th - 17th	Wonnangatta Camp
June	10th	Branch Meeting at Trellly's outdoor Bendigo
	13th - 14th	Kevington camp
July	8th	Committee Meeting
	11th - 12th	Buttercup (Campground 4) +General Member - Intro Backpack Hunt Expression of Interest to Ben Wakefield Contact: 0428 590 978
August	12th	Branch Meeting
	15th - 16th	Strathbogie's Camp (James Camp)
September	6th	Final Trophy submission date 2026
	9th	Committee Meeting
	12th - 13th	Eildon Camp (TBC) BCF Camp
October	14th	Branch Meeting AGM
	17th - 18th	Family Camp - Lake Eppalock (Limited sites, booking required)
November	4th	Committee Meeting
	21th	Christmas Party & Awards Night

# Story from a Branch Member

## 2026 MENTOR WEEKEND – BUILDING SKILLS, COMMUNITY

WRITTEN BY: SELINA KLINK

Our 2026 Mentor Weekend was once again a great success, bringing together new and experienced members for a hands-on weekend of learning, sharing knowledge, and enjoying time in the bush.

Held on a private farm, the weekend gave our invited new members the opportunity to stay on-site and gain practical skills from some of our more experienced hunters. A big part of the weekend was spent out in the bush, where participants learned how to read the landscape and recognise signs of deer, gaining valuable insight into tracking and understanding animal movement in real conditions.

A standout of the weekend, as always, was the butchery session run by our member and butcher, Cody. Using two sambar deer, Cody demonstrated how to efficiently and ethically break down a deer, ensuring that as much meat as possible is utilised — an essential skill for ethical and responsible hunting. As always we send every new member home with some meat.



True to tradition, the Mentor Weekend was a family-friendly event, with partners and kids all welcome members of the event. It's something that continues to make this weekend special, creating a welcoming environment where knowledge is shared across generations.

The feedback from new members has been overwhelmingly positive, and weekends like this continue to strengthen what our branch is all about. It's more than just a camp — it's about building confidence, friendships, and a strong sense of community.

Each year, the Mentor Weekend feels less like an event and more like bringing together an extended family — and 2026 was no exception.



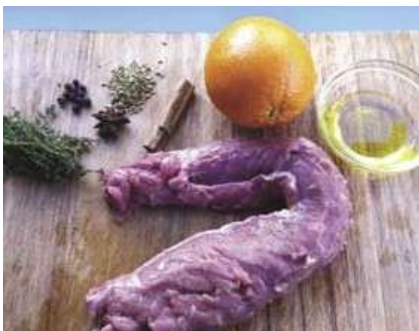
# RECIPES FOR HUNTER

## BEST EVER

### Roast Venison



**S**imon Winfield knows a thing or two about Game. Born in Cape Town he has cooked in some of the top restaurants both here in Australia, the USA, South Africa and England. Simon started cooking in Australia working in the renowned “Lynch’s” in Melbourne. He and two partners head up Tommy Collins Catering and Events. Currently Simon is the face of a new Bagel chain, “Schmucks” and a new restaurant in South Yarra, “South Central” Here’s his take on an old favorite “Roast Venison”



#### YOU WILL NEED

Olive Oil  
One eye fillet of Venison.  
A few whole black pepper seeds. Two Star Anise.  
One Cinnamon Stick. Bunch of Thyme.  
Whole Fennel Seeds.  
One Orange, plus zest.

This is really simple.

Firstly in a Mortar and Pestle roughly crush all the dry ingredients, place in a bowl, then squeeze the orange juice, put it, zest, and around 3 tablespoons of good virgin olive oil into your bowl. (If you do not have a Mortar and Pestle, wrap everything in a clean t-towel and bash it with a rolling pin). Rub the marinade all over the Fillet, and marinate for at least 24 hours.

Turn your oven onto 200.

Heat a fry pan with a little olive oil (not too much as the marinade will help in the cooking). Wait till your pan is really hot, then sear the fillet until brown, turning all the time.

This should only take a few minutes. Do not over cook! Place the fillet in a baking tray and cook for around 10 minutes, remove and loosely cover with foil. Leave to rest for around 8/10 minutes. This should give you a rare to medium/rare roast. If the pan juices are not too burnt, place pan over an open flame on your cooktop and when hot pour in a glass of red wine, reduce a little then if necessary thicken with a little Cornflower mixed with a little water. Alternatively you can serve with Horseradish Cream.



#### ACCOMPANIMENTS.

##### POMMES DAUPHINOISE.

This is really impressive if served in a large souffle dish. The recipe below will be enough for 2 dishes, or more.

1 kg of potatoes. Salt and Pepper.

Tablespoon of Nutmeg. 2 halved garlic cloves. Few onion slices.

4 tablespoons Gruyere cheese.

1 egg. 1 cup milk. Butter.

Peel Potatoes, slice thinly. Arrange in souffle dishes, or large casserole dish.

Sprinkle with salt, pepper, grated Nutmeg . Heat milk with onion slices and garlic, strain, combine with

beaten egg, pour over potatoes.

Sprinkle with cheese, dot with butter.

Bake in moderate oven 45/50

minutes or until potatoes are soft

when tested with skewer. Serves 4/6.

**GARDEN SALAD.**

Baby Cos Lettuce. Italian Tomatoes.

Avocado, Diced Cucumber.

Dry roasted Pumpkin seeds.

**The Dressing.**

1/4 cup Olive Oil. Juice of half

Lemon.

Small piece of Garlic, squashed with

some salt and the blade of a knife.

Two tablespoons of Whole Egg

Mayonnaise. Salt/Pepper.

Whisk all items together.

Mix salad in a bowl, leaving out the

Avocado and Pumpkin seeds. Toss in

dressing, then place the Avocado on

top with the Pumpkin seeds.

**ENJOY!**

# Upcoming Camp/Event Reminders

## EVENT 7# BRANCH CAMP 16TH - 17TH WONNANGATTA

A quick reminder that our upcoming Wonnangatta Camp is set for 16th–17th May. It's always a great weekend out, and after last year's ripper, we're looking forward to another solid turnout.

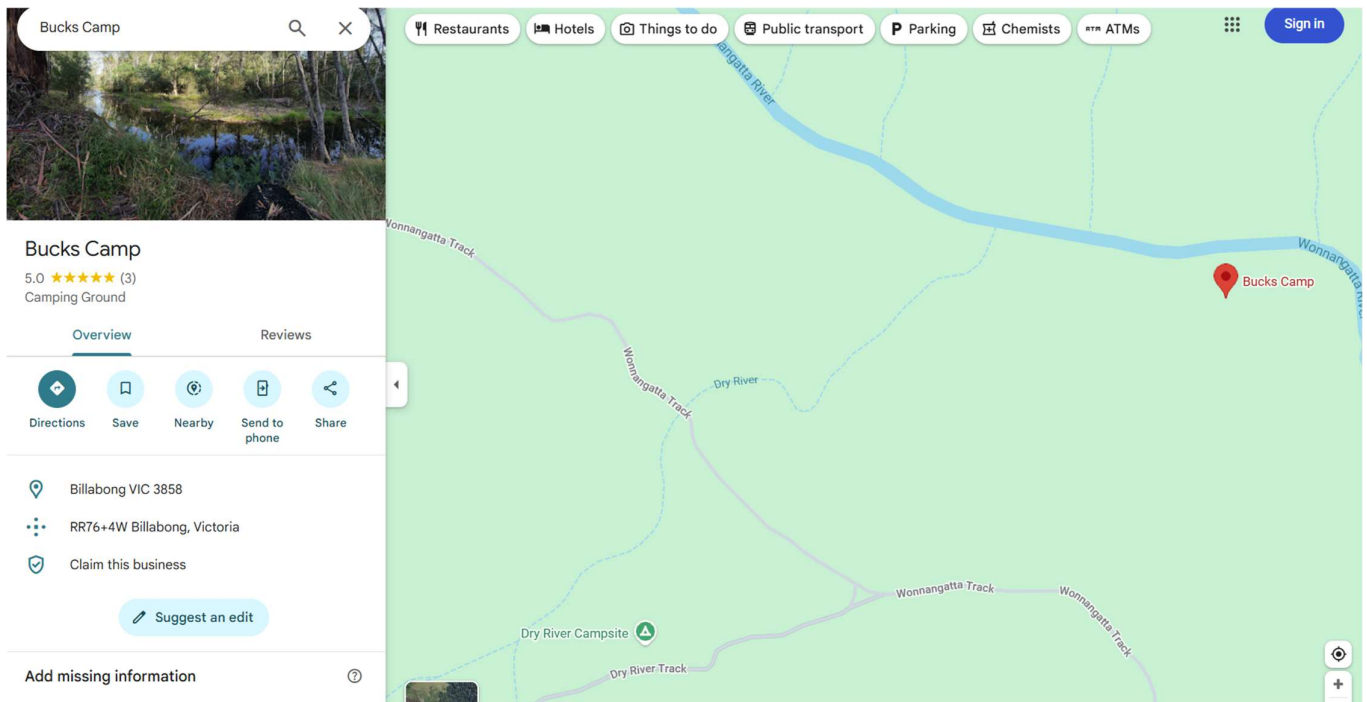
Please note that the Wonnangatta is within the Alpine National Park, so no dogs are permitted.

It's a long drive in, and conditions can vary, so make sure you come well prepared. We strongly encourage members to travel in groups where possible and plan ahead for the trip in and out.

The branch trailer will be on site, set up with the usual gear.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there for another great weekend in the bush.

**Look out for our ADA banners and use UHF channel 14 to reach other members.**



## EVENT 8# BRANCH MEETING 10TH JUNE - AT TELLY'S OUTDOOR BENDIGO

Our next Branch Meeting will be held on 10th June at Trelly's Outdoors Bendigo, and it's shaping up to be a great night.

As usual, we'll kick things off with the BBQ from 6:00pm, followed by our general meeting and guest speaker. This year, Trelly's is once again opening their doors for us, giving members the chance to have a look around and do a bit of shopping on the night.

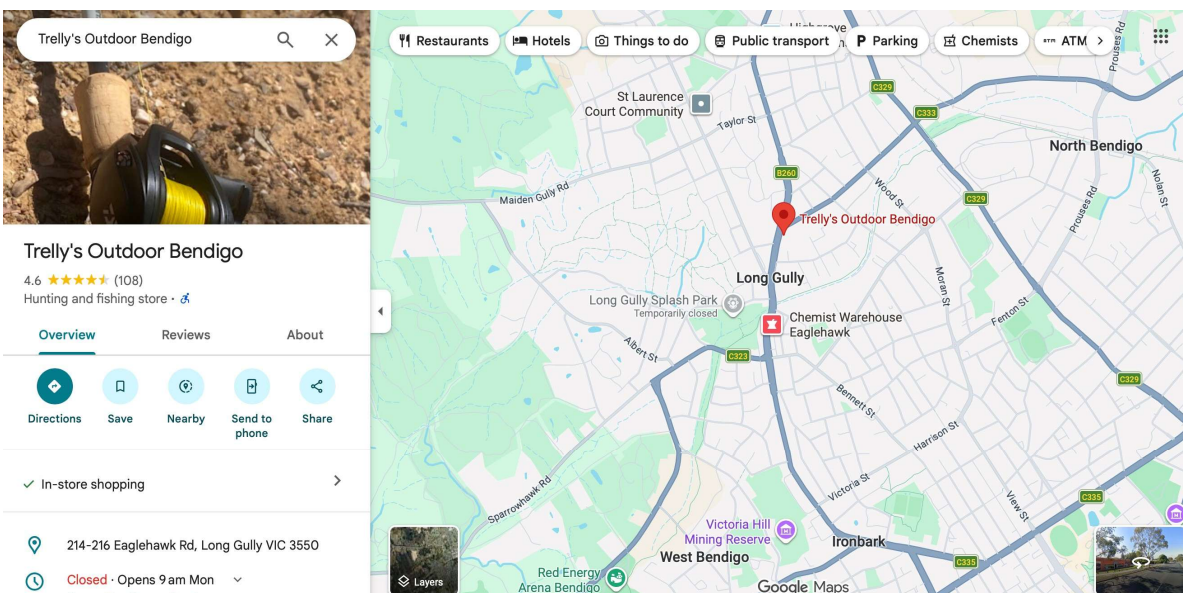
We'll also be running a special raffle, with some outstanding prizes up for grabs — and this year, non-members are welcome to purchase raffle tickets, making it a great way to bring along friends and support the branch.

### Prizes include:

- 1st Prize: Winchester XPR (.30-06)
- 2nd Prize: Shimano premium rod & reel combo with assorted lures and fishing gear (valued at \$1,200)
- 3rd Prize: Darchi Dirty Dee 1100 swag
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All prizes have been made possible thanks to the support of Trelly's Outdoors and the ADA Central Vic Branch.

It's set to be a fantastic evening — great gear, great company, and plenty happening. We look forward to seeing you there!



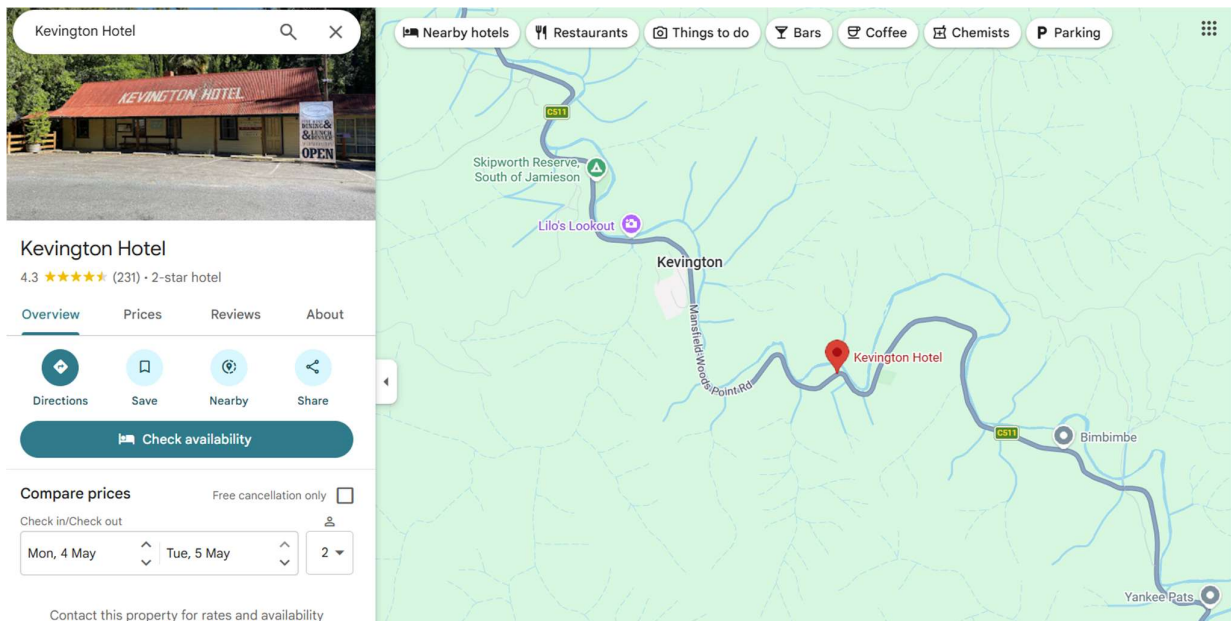
### EVENT 9# BRANCH CAMP 13TH -14TH JUNE KEVINGTON CAMP

A reminder that our upcoming Branch Camp will be held on 13th–14th June **on private property, near the kevington hotel please note the venue is not the Kevington Hotel the Venus is closely opposite this building please pay attention to the ADA banners and use UHF channel 14 to reach other members already at camp.**

This is a great opportunity to get out into the bush, catch up with familiar faces, and welcome new members along for the weekend.

Dogs are welcome at this camp, so feel free to bring them along.

We're looking forward to a relaxed weekend around camp with good company and plenty of time in the bush. Hope to see you there!



### New initiatives

We are continually working to improve our newsletter and strengthen connections among members by creating more opportunities for learning and support. Your involvement plays an important role in making this happen, so please feel free to reach out to me, the Secretary, regarding the following initiatives:

#### Member Sales Listings

We are pleased to announce that upcoming newsletters will include a section for members who wish to advertise items for sale. If you have something you would like to list, please contact me directly with the relevant information, including a description, photos, and pricing. Submissions received will be featured in the following month's newsletter.

#### Central Vic Business Directory

We are also developing a Central Victoria business directory to help members connect with trusted tradespeople and skilled professionals within our community. This initiative aims to support small businesses and provide a reliable network for members seeking assistance.

If you would like your business included, please send through a business card along with a brief description of your services. I will compile this into a directory to be shared in future newsletters.

## Basic Camp Rules

- Wear **blaze orange** while hunting. A hat is the minimum.
- **No loaded firearm's in camp or traveling** from or to camp. **Magazines empty and removed.**
- **Gun-check from another person in camp** when return from a hunt.
- **Firearm are only loaded while hunting,** unload when you stop.
- Store firearm in **appropriated carrier** and **store ammunition separately.**
- All **bolts, breeches** and **barrels will be open when stored.**
- **Have your firearm and game license on you.**
- **Communicate hunting locations** and **times.**

**RESPECT** the law, the deer, hunters, others and the environment.

#### Remember that firearm safety begins with YOU

1. **Treat all guns as if they are loaded.**
2. **Point the firearm in a safe direction.**
3. **Keep your finger off the trigger unless you have your sight on a deer.**
4. **Be sure about your target beyond all doubts.**

## ADA Safety Policy

Note: Central Vic Branch does not organise hunting. Only the camp venue is chosen which is at public campsites, generally managed by Parks Victoria. Members may hunt nearby public land if they are properly licensed. Members hunt at their own risk and responsibility.

1. **Safety is the RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE.** If you see an unsafe practice, then stop the person, and assist them to undertake the activity safely. This requirement covers all aspects of camp life and while you are hunting.
2. To participate in a branch hunt, members must have completed the daily hunt register. For safety reasons, to participate in the hunt members need to carry a UHF radio and wear an item of blaze orange clothing - cap, shirt etc. Additionally, their ADA Membership, firearms license (where applicable) & game license must be current.
3. All members are expected to attend any ADA Safety Brief and be familiar with the Safety Policy and hunt procedure. Signing of the Hunt Register will confirm that they understand and will abide by those requirements. Failure to agree to abide by those requirements will invalidate the member's ability to continue as part of the hunt.
4. A member of the Branch Committee or nominee will be in attendance to assure that the appropriate forms are filled out. If for whatever reason this does not happen, the event will be cancelled. If the event is cancelled reasonable steps will be taken to advise members.
5. Hunters will endeavour not to hunt in close proximity of other hunters and the general public. Should a hunter change their listed location, every effort should be made to advise another member of the group or update the register with their new hunting location.
6. No alcohol shall be consumed until the individual has completed hunting for the day and firearms have been checked and stored properly. No member shall hunt if in any way impaired by alcohol - this includes the effects of excessive consumption the previous evening. The ADA encourages the responsible consumption of alcohol and members are reminded that stated under the Victorian Firearm Act a licence holder needs to be "a fit and proper person to possess and carry a firearm"
7. Hunters must sign the "Hunt Register" on arriving and leaving camp. The Hunt Register allows us to keep track of who is in camp and where members are.

ADA require a camp register. If you attend branch camps, you must sign in.

You must comply with laws and ADA rules and policies for ADA member insurance to apply.

### ADA - Branch Hunt/Camp Safety Rules:

1. Firearms are to be rendered safe/unloaded upon the completion of any hunt.
2. When hunting with a companion/s the unloaded condition of the firearm should be verified by another person.
3. NOTE: For the purpose of this Branch Hunt/Camp Firearm Safety Code unloaded is defined as no ammunition in either the breach or magazine, this includes detachable magazines.
4. Firearms are to be unloaded and stored appropriately whilst travelling on public roadways & tracks.
5. Firearms are to be in a safe condition & unloaded before entering camp. All hunters, immediately upon entering the camp site - each and every time must have another member independently verify that the firearm is UNLOADED & SAFE. The person verifying that the gun is in a safe condition should then sign the Hunter Register' - in the appropriate column, confirming that the firearm is safe.
6. Firearms are to be stored in a rifle bag /locked box as per firearm regulations.
7. Whenever the firearm is to be accessed at camp for maintenance etc, another person MUST verify that it is in a safe condition.
8. **NO HUNTING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE CAMP SITE/S.**



# TRIP INTENTIONS FORM

**This form could save your life...  
Fill it out before you leave home and ALWAYS leave it with someone reliable.**

**How to use this form...**  
Complete the relevant details on this form and leave it with a reliable friend, family member or responsible authority. The contact person you nominate will raise the alarm if you haven't returned and/or contacted them by the time indicated on the form.

Reporting Person	
Name	Street Address
Telephone/s	Role (Organiser, Professional Staff, Group Leader, Instructor)
<i>Don't forget - the Reporting Person MUST notify the Contact Person ASAP on return, or if delayed</i>	

Contact Person	
Name	Street Address
Telephone/s	Nominated Search & Rescue Notification Time/Date (if applicable)
<i>Note - Police WILL NOT initiate a search unless notified by the Contact Person.</i>	

Activity			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bushwalking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> SCUBA Diving	<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing / Rappelling
<input type="checkbox"/> Flying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Angling	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospecting
<input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Four Wheel Driving	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Skiing
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Bike	<input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry Skiing/Snowboarding
<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Other .....(Specify)

Others with me are...			
1	Contact Telephone/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
		<input type="checkbox"/> Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff / Leader
2	Contact Telephone/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
		<input type="checkbox"/> Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff / Leader
3	Contact Telephone/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
		<input type="checkbox"/> Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff / Leader
4	Contact Telephone/s	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional
		<input type="checkbox"/> Participant	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff / Leader

*For extra names use an additional form or attachment. Remember medical considerations; allergies, recent/current illness, medication, dose, quantity on hand, duration, result without, student medical plan, etc.*

Trip Intentions <i>Indicated map used and camp references will assist potential searchers.</i>	
Day 1 (Date)	Attach map and further details if applicable
Day 2	
Day 3	
Day 4	
Day 5	

*Consider escape plans. Indicate whether planned school activity, outdoor recreational activity or other.*

# Committee 2026

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