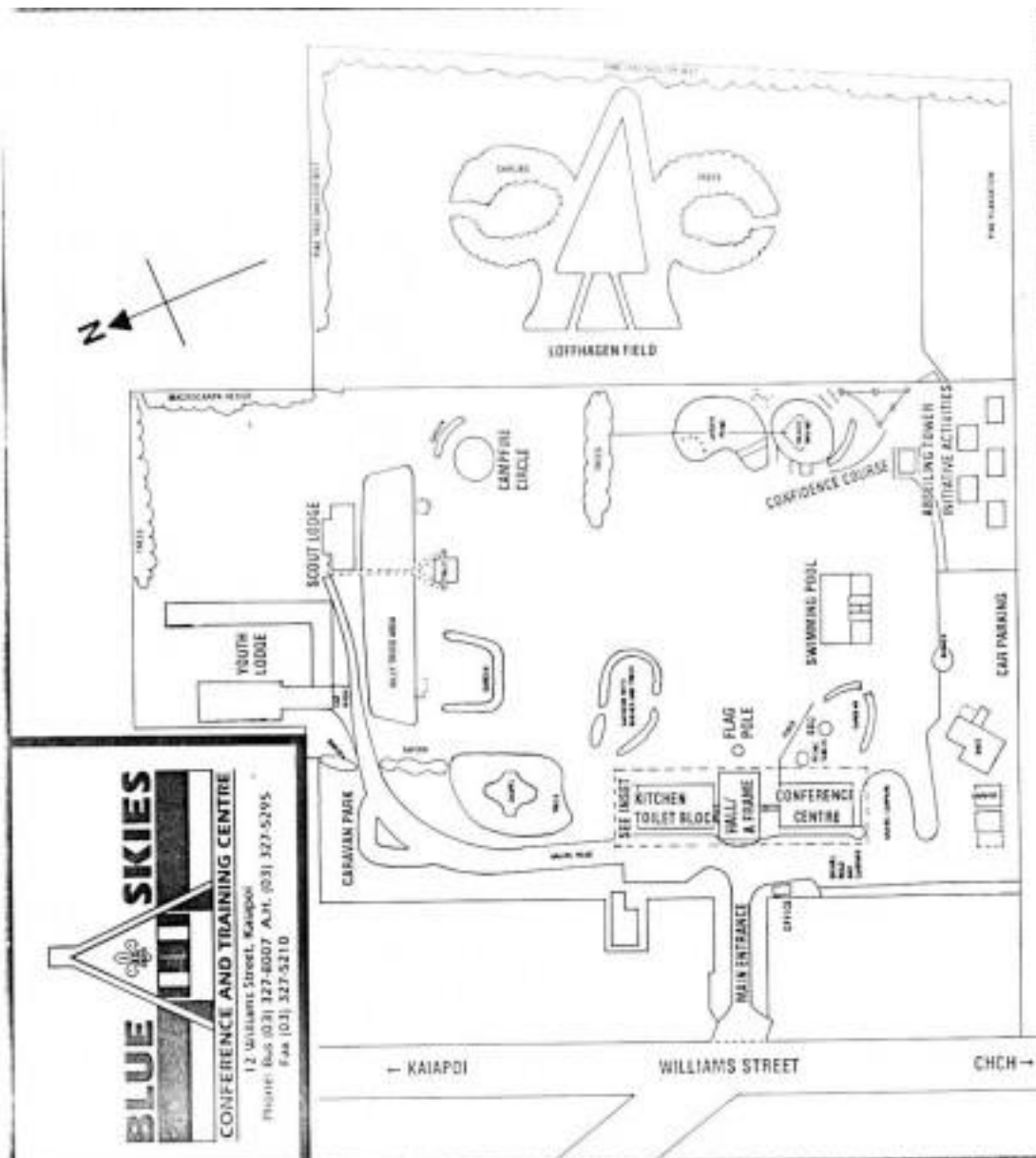
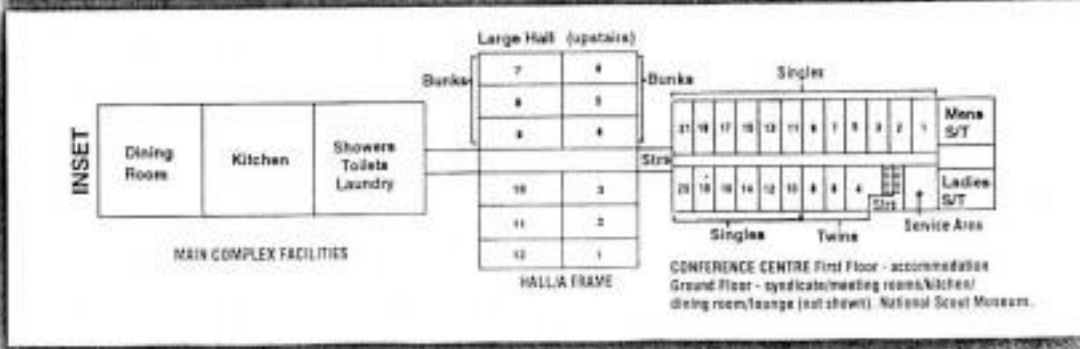


Summer Gathering Blue Skies, Kaiapoi, 2008-2009



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Summer Gathering will be held in the Youth Lodge section of the Blue Skies Scout Centre, Kaiapoi, 15km north of central Christchurch. Ph: (03) 327-8007

The first meal will be dinner on Sunday 28th Dec 2008, and the last meal will be breakfast on Sunday 4th Jan 2009. There are other groups who will be using the facilities immediately before and after us, so Friends are asked to arrive during the **afternoon** of Sunday 28th December. (If you arrive any earlier, you will be given a job!!)

We would prefer that those enrolling for SG send the full amount of their fee with their Registration Form. This will be a great help to our forward purchasing of food supplies.

Our Theme is **“Living in a Global Village”**

For those Friends flying into Christchurch, we can arrange for you to be met at the Christchurch Airport. We will also meet Gatherers from bus stations as needed - please specify on your Registration Form.

The Youth Lodge bunkrooms are either 4-bunk rooms(7), or 9-bunk rooms(6). In the 9-bunk rooms, two of the bunks are as one double bed base. We will have our own distinct flat camping area close to toilets, as well as areas for caravans, campervans and car parking.

For any Friends with special food requirements who need to bring some of their own food, we will have a cupboard in the kitchen earmarked for storage of “special diet” foods. Please ensure to specify any special dietary needs on the Registration Form. We will do what we can to provide for you, but you may be required to supply some of your own special food needs, as our cost per head for food is naturally limited.

Please note that Blue Skies is a large campsite, and there may be other campers using the other end of the site. However, they will not be using our facilities. We have booked the Youth Lodge with full kitchen, dining, conference and bunkroom facilities, as well as the smaller Scout Lodge for Young Friends. Our previous Summer Gathering at the Blue Skies site (1995/96) used the older buildings and some of the Conference Centre, and these may well be used by other groups at the time of our Gathering. All groups are able to use the swimming pool and confidence course, with appropriate supervision supplied by each group.

On the site there is an open pond. We can assure parents of small children that we intend to surround this pond with light fencing. Children will still need to be well supervised.