



Variety Alopecia Areata Adventure Camp 2019

Camp Overview

The Variety Alopecia Areata Adventure Camp is generously sponsored by Variety - the Children's Charity NSW/ACT as a joint project with the Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation Inc.

Now in its third year, the camp is a terrific opportunity for young people with Alopecia Areata to come together and make friends with other kids with this condition. It includes fun team challenges, exciting activities and encounters, and a whole lot of laughter.

This camp is open to those **aged 18 and under**. The costs for all children with Alopecia Areata to attend the camp are fully covered, inclusive of fun, flights, accommodation, activities, and meals. Attendees must have a form of Alopecia Areata.

Attendance at the camp is on **Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th of November**, at the beginning of Alopecia Areata Awareness Week.

Venue Info

The Variety AAAventure Camp 2019 will be held at the Gold Coast in QLD, just a short bus ride from Brisbane.

Accommodation for the weekend is at the BLK Performance Centre and Sports Supercentre. Built for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, this is an experienced camp venue with excellent facilities.

We will be staying in the Centre's communal lodges. Most meals during our stay will be provided at the Trackside Bistro, which is able to accommodate dietary requirements. You can find out more about The BLF Performance Centre by visiting

www.sportssupercentre.com.au



Activities

Throughout the camp weekend, camp attendees will be placed in age appropriate groupings. These groups will work together throughout the camp weekend on a range of memorable experiences and fun activities.

On Day One of the Variety AAAdventure Camp, we will be exploring one of the Gold Coast's most famous attractions – theme parks! Our whole day will be filled with action, adventure and amazing experiences at Dreamworld and Whitewater World. Together in their age groups, with supervision from AAF staff and volunteers, kids will have the opportunity to tackle thrilling rides, encounter rare tigers and Australian native animals, enjoy shows and presentations and much more. Our whole camp group will come together for a shared healthy lunch at one of the park's dining venues in the middle of the day. Rides are available suitable for a wide range of ages and thrill-level, and shows, presentations, animal encounters and interactive experiences catered to all attendees. There are eight restrictions on rides throughout the park. Details can be found at <https://dreamworld.com.au>



On Day Two of the Variety AAAdventure Camp, we will be staying at the BLK Performance Centre and taking part in fun sport activities and challenges. Our activities will include things like, archery, beach volleyball, an amazing race, and more. A full activity list will be provided to attendees closer to the camp date.

Our aim for the program is to find the perfect mix of fun and inspiration for all ages, focused on building friendships and confidence, and trying something new.



Travel Info

For camp attendees from Interstate:

Flight costs are covered for camp attendees. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to drop off and pick up the child from the home airport. Volunteers from AAAF will be available to accompany interstate attendees on flights.

Flights to Brisbane from Adelaide, Cairns, Canberra, Hobart, Melbourne and Sydney will be arranged to depart between 5.00AM-8.00AM on Saturday the 9th of November. You must be able to commit to these flight times in order to meet the bus and begin our journey to the Gold Coast.

Travellers from Darwin, Perth, and other regional areas will travel to the camp on Friday the 8th of November from 1:30pm. Accommodation on Friday night will be provided overnight in at the BLK Performance Centre.

All flights returning will depart on Sunday the 10th of November after 6.30pm.

For camp attendees from Queensland:

Travellers from within Queensland (excluding far north QLD) are asked to make their own way to and from BLK Performance Centre. The address is 1 Sports Dr, Runaway Bay QLD 4216. A volunteer from AAAF will be at BLK Performance Centre to meet you at 8.30AM on Saturday the 9th of November. Pick up at the end of camp will be at 4.00PM on Sunday the 10th of November.

Alternatively, travellers from within Queensland can make their way to the Brisbane Airport for drop off and pick up. A drop off location at the airport will be provided to you closer to the camp date. You will need to drop off at 8.00AM on Saturday the 9th of November and pick up at the end of camp will be at 5.30PM on Sunday the 10th of November.

Note that any costs associated with getting your child to a drop off point will not be covered.

Camp Deposit

A deposit of \$150.00 will be requested and payable within two weeks of being offered a position at camp. On attendance, this will be fully refunded within two weeks of the camp completion.

Details for how to make your deposit will be provided with camp application forms after the Expression of Interest period is closed.

Information for Parents/Guardian

If needed, a parent/guardian may accompany their child at their own expense. However, we ask parents/guardians to consider whether their child needs their presence, as we have limited accommodation available and want as many kids as possible to be able to attend. AAAF volunteers and staff will be available to assist your child throughout the camp weekend.

Note that parents cannot participate in activities with their child. Children will be in separate groups with other peers their own age, in order to develop independently. Parents will be required to volunteer as supervisors during Day One of camp at Dreamworld and Whitewater World. During Day Two at the BLK Performance Centre, parents will be required to bring their own entertainment for the day – AAAF will not be providing additional sessions for you.

The costs involved in attending the camp vary according to your travel needs.

Parent/guardian costs will not be refunded. Parent/guardian costs are in addition to the \$150 deposit to secure a child's booking and need to be paid in full.

Current costs are estimates only. Final pricing to be provided on position awarded.

<u>Estimated Costs required for Parents/Guardians to attend</u>	
From QLD (Own travel to The BLK Performance Centre or Brisbane Airport required)	\$200
From Adelaide, Canberra, Cairns, Hobart, Melbourne or Sydney	\$600
From Darwin or Perth	\$950

For attendees unable to depart from these nominated airports, a separate cost will be advised.