



Information for Teams

Hi there and thanks for signing up for the Get2Go Challenge, an exciting, action-packed day of fun and adventure for your students. To help you and your team out here are a few tips on what to expect and what gear you will need to bring.

Format of Day

The format of the day varies slightly across the regions due to the availability of resources and the geographic locations of the challenges. There will generally be four challenges on the day (depending on facilities available) and these could include the outdoor sports/activities of Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Stand-up paddle boarding, Orienteering/navigation, Indoor Rock-Climbing and team Problem Solving. Teams will generally rotate around the various challenges and will have 60 minutes at each venue to tackle the task and score points for their overall team score. You are welcome to take the opportunity to practice these activities before the day if you wish. If you need to know where you can practice these in each region get in touch with Darren darrena@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz and he can let you know.

The day will start with a briefing in the morning, the exact time and location for this will be emailed to your teacher/team contact about **one week** before the event. Note, some regions will have different meeting points and times from previous years so ensure you read this information closely and don't just assume everything will be the same as the past.

All challenge activities will generally only be a short drive (maybe up to 15-25 minutes) from each other. You will have more than enough time allocated to get between each challenge, provided you don't get lost along the way. To make this part go smoothly it would be a good idea to have a good road map of the town/city where the event is happening or better still a phone navigation app e.g. Google Maps or Here Maps, that you can use. At the event briefing you will be given some instructions on how to find each challenge, plus a latitude/longitude reference number for the spot you need to get to. Here is an example of a lat/long number for our Tongariro Centre. **-39.049402,175.558133** Try entering this into the search part of your phone navigation app so you get the idea of how it works. Be sure to get the numbers and symbols correct!

On the day also make sure that the vehicle that you are travelling in is filled up with gas. Do this before the morning briefing so you don't have to waste time sorting it out during the day.

Don't plan on stopping for ice-creams along the way as this is sure to delay you getting to the next challenge and reduce the amount of time you have to score points. **The driving to/from and between the events is not part of the Get2Go Challenge** and your drivers will be responsible for the safe transit of the team between challenge events. We will allow enough time for you to do this safely, but we do not want you to be racing your team vehicles all over town!

Your team will generally have to eat and drink on the drive between activities as there will not really be a break for lunch. So, make sure your students know to have some good healthy energy food and plenty of water to last them the whole day. Water will not be provided at the activity locations so make sure you have enough to last. The final challenge of the day will finish sometime between 2.30 and 3.00pm. All teams head home from their last challenge as it is not practical to all meet up again at the end of the day.

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Team medical and consent form

Every team manager (teacher or parent) must fill out and sign, on behalf of the team, the medical/risk acknowledgement form for each team registered. This form is available on the Get2Go page of the Hillary Outdoors website. The medical information will be passed on (if deemed important) to the clubs and organisations which assist with the challenges on the day. To enable time for these to be processed we need the forms back **no later than one week before** the date of your event.

Please print, fill in, then scan and email a pdf of the team disclaimer to – darrena@hillaryoutdoors.co.nz

Safety information

Each challenge is covered by a generic hazard management plan for that activity. In addition to this each location will be assessed prior to the event by the Hillary Outdoors Events Manager and/or activity providers for any new hazards. Any new hazards present that may possibly impact the safe running of an activity will be eliminated, or the activity will be modified so that the activity is safe to run. Where this is not possible an individual challenge may need to be cancelled entirely. All event safety information can be found here on the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council website -

<http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/Events-1/Entry-Info-Safety-Plans>

Points/Scoring

Points will be scored in several ways, you will find out more about this at the briefing on the day. The only way to score a lot of points is to use great teamwork and support your team-mates through the challenges you face. You will need to give it your all during the challenges.

If your team composition changes between now and the event such that you need to change categories you need to do this **before** the start of the briefing on your Get2Go Challenge day.

Remember the team with the most points on each regions day in the 'mixed premier' (4 male and 4 female members) team category will be invited to represent their region in the 5-day long National Grand Final competition, held at Hillary Outdoors Great Barrier in December.

Gear list (individual)

- Clothes and footwear (appropriate for running and biking in that may get wet and muddy)
 - Solid running/sports shoes (NB – for climbing challenges a clean/dry pair will be needed)
 - Warm layers of clothes (bring spares just in case it is really cold)
 - Warm hats/gloves
 - Sunhat/sunscreen
 - Spare socks
 - Shorts/t-shirts...etc
 - Raincoat/windbreak jacket
- A spare set of warm dry clothes and a towel for after the water activity (be prepared to get totally wet. You never know!)
- A wetsuit for the water activity (optional but **highly recommended if its cold!**)
- Plenty of food and water (for the whole day)
- Personal medication – inhalers...etc
- A whistle
- A camera (optional)

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The logo for Torpedo7, featuring the word "Torpedo" in white on a black background with a red "7" to its right.The logo for the GET2GO Challenge, with "GET2GO" in large red letters and "CHALLENGE" in smaller grey letters below it, all enclosed in a red rectangular border with an arrow pointing right.The logo for Hillary Outdoors Education Centres, featuring a stylized mountain range icon above the text "HILLARY OUTDOORS" and "EDUCATION CENTRES" below it.

Gear List (Team)

- A comprehensive First Aid kit (your school should have one of these)
- At least two mountain bikes of suitable size for the whole team to share (make sure the brakes and gears work). **If the mountain bike challenge officials do not think the bikes are in safe condition to ride then they will not let you ride them.** Instead you might have to run/push them around the course! Consider 'flat pedals' so all team members can ride each bike safely and comfortably.
Note – No electric bikes are allowed.
- A basic bicycle repair kit to fix punctures, including a pump that fits both bikes. You never know tyre changing might be part of the activity!
- At least 4 safety approved mountain bike helmets, to be shared by the team.
- At least 2 compasses (for the orienteering challenge)
- At least 4 watches **that work** for timekeeping
- Detailed street/road maps for the town/area where the day will be held (to help you navigate between challenges). Or a good map/navigation app on your smartphone.
- At least 4 pencils
- At least 4 permanent marker type pens
- Paper may be useful for writing notes and solving problems
- A team vehicle(s) to transport your team and mountain bikes around during the whole day. Most teams are able to fit the two mountain bikes inside the van with the passengers if they first remove the front wheels.

Cancellation/postponement

The events generally go ahead regardless of the weather conditions and in general there is no postponement or cancellation of the Get2Go events. Some challenges may be modified or shortened if the weather is particularly bad. We have postponed only one Get2Go event in the last 13 years, due to the weather, but in general this isn't really an option.

Be Social

We like to be social, if you do also please follow us on our social media channels (Instagram, Facebook and Twitter) to keep up to date on all the cool stuff we are up to. You can search for us @hillaryoutdoors and if you post any of your cool outdoor pics it would be great if you can 'tag' us in!

And finally... (for now)

Remember, the Get2Go Challenge is a team challenge designed to cater for all levels of experience. Some schools will have more experience than others and there will even be some students that are trying these activities for the very first time. While there is a competitive side to the event, first and foremost is about getting out there, taking on the challenges and having fun. Good teamwork is essential, the more you look after your team-mates and support them the more fun you will have and the more you will get out of it.

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