AUCC Guide to Organising a Club Trip



So you're busting to get out on the water but there are no trips coming up soon enough for you? There's always someone in the club keen to paddle on any given weekend, so how about organising a trip yourself?

This guide aims to help you in planning and running a successful club trip. And remember, there are heaps of instructors, exec members, and senior members who are more than happy to share their experience.

In this guide you'll find trip planning advice, resources including a trip planning template, contact details for companies/organisations we use, email and sign up form examples, and plenty of tips and tricks to running an awesome trip.



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Planning a Trip

Trip Planning Document

AUCC have a Trip Plan document which, along with this guide, will assist you in planning your trip. It provides guidance regarding what to think about/check when planning a trip and who to talk to. You will need to get this signed off by the River Vice President (RVP) or River Safety Officer (RSO) before you advertise the trip and following sign-ups. The RVP and RSO make the final call on whether a trip can go ahead.

Anyone Can Organise a Trip!

Even if you are new to kayaking and AUCC, you can still organise an awesome trip. You know the kinds of river trips you'd like to go on plus it's great having new ideas contributed to the group. Any idea's a good one and with lots of people keen to help out, there's no reason why a cool trip couldn't happen every weekend! Any gaps in what you know, or questions you come across about kayaking, rivers to go to, or the nitty gritty details of running a trip, aren't an issue – there are plenty of experienced and knowledgeable club members who would love to share some of their know-how with you. So don't be afraid to ask. If you're unsure who to ask, start with someone on the exec or any of the lovely instructors you've met at other club trips, events, and pool nights. People who have been in the club for a long time may even be willing to share good inside knowledge on local hot pools, good pubs, and current river access conditions that you weren't aware of.

When to go?

Some rivers such as Wairoa and Kaituna can be done as day trips; likewise it's easy to head out for some surf kayaking close to Auckland. However as there is often 3+ hours driving each way involved, weekend trips leaving Friday afternoon/evening work well and ensure two solid river days. Semester breaks are great opportunities to get away on longer trips but keep in mind instructors who work full time may not be able to make it.

Trips can happen year round but time of year and weather may impact options. It is especially important to consider how cold both the river and the air will be as this will affect minimum gear and skill required to participate. Keep an eye on the forecast as this will have an impact on river levels, grading, and gear required to kayak or raft the river comfortably. Rain can dramatically change a river and how tricky it is. On the other hand, some rivers need extra water before kayakers and rafters can paddle them without scratching up new boats. Temperatures and weather will affect the type of trip you choose. It is not ideal to run a beginner's kayaking trip in the middle of winter because if someone spends too much time in the water, the risk of getting extremely cold is a possibility. As well as having a pretty bad day, this is a real danger on the river and can lead to hypothermia. Weather and season could also affect your choice of accommodation (perhaps a holiday park instead of tenting).











WHEN THE FOLKS AT THE WEATHER OFFICES SEE YOU REFRESHING THE RADAR TOO OFTEN, THEY START TEASING YOU.



Where to Go?

So you want to organise a trip, great! Now you need to figure out where to go. The North Island of NZ has a beautiful range of whitewater rivers to suit kayakers of all abilities. Auckland is a known whitewater desert and to get to a river, you're generally looking at a 3+ hour drive. But there are many rivers around this distance away that make for great weekend trips.

You'll need to consider whether you want to offer kayaking, rafting, or both; and what abilities your trip is going to cater for. It is sensible to put a minimum ability level on a trip for a harder river. Noone should take any offence as this keeps everyone safe and makes sure everyone has fun on the river. A river's suitability changes with flow and some rivers are not suitable for kayaking without a flow release or significant rainfall.

Check out some of AUCC's favourite local runs.

Taupo Kawerau Rotorua Napier - Taupo Tauranga Taihape Tauranga	Waikato Tarawera Rangitaiki Kaituna Mohaka	Control Gates to Reids Farm FulJames Aniwhenua Jeffs Joy Okere Falls Lower Gorges	I to II II to II+ II III to IV III+ to IV IV	Kayaks only. Difficult
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Tauranga Taihape		Grade III	Ш	
Taihape		Grade IV	IV	Kayaks only
 	Waiari	Waiari Gorge	Ш	Kayaks only. Must ask landowners for access
 	Rangitikei	Grade IV	IV	
	Wairoa	Playwave & Slalom Gorge	II	Releases – 26 Sundays each year (Sept – May)
		Mid Section (Farm to Power Station	III	Cash year (Cope may)
or rain		Top Section (from McLarens Falls)	IV	
Central Plateau Karangahake	Tongariro	Access 10	III	Releases – 2 weekends/year (Feb, Sept)
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a fl		Access 14	IV	
Karangahake	Ohinemuri	Karangahake Gorge	III+ to IV	Needs rain
Nee	Waitawheta	Dickeys Flat to Karangahake Gorge	III+ to IV	Needs rain
Waitomo	Mokau	Mokau	III+ to IV	Needs rain
	Mangaotaki	Mangaotaki	II to II+	Needs rain
	Tawarau	Tawarau	IV	Needs rain



Surf kayaking is an option for a fantastic fun day or afternoon trip, and has the bonus of being local. Playboats are the best boats to take in the surf. Great locations include Orewa, and Omaha on the East coast, and Muriwai and Piha on the West coast. Always check the forecast and pick a good day for it.

Local flatwater paddling trips are also an option. Some options include:

- paddling from Puhoi Pub to Wenderholm regional park
- practising paddling skills or exploring around Lake Pupuke
- sea kayaking at Okahu Bay, out to Rangitoto Island, or wherever takes your fancy.

Instructors and Raft Guides

Once you've decided what, when, and where, ensuring there are enough instructors on the trip is a **must** for safety reasons. Try to make sure you have secured enough instructors before you do any advertising of your trip. Rafting and paddling numbers are going to be limited by how many instructors and raft guides you have coming. It is also important to consider the abilities you plan to allow for on your trip and how much instruction they will need.

In the planning stages of the trip, get one or two trip leaders on board. These will be the talented folk in charge on the ground (or rather water). In addition to trip leaders, make sure there are a handful of instructors keen to come along. More will sign up when the email goes out so you don't need final names just yet.

Use the AUCC Trip Plan document to record trip leader(s) and get RSO/RVP sign off.

Appointing a Trip Leader

As trip organiser you don't have to know everything and lead everything preparing up to and throughout the weekend. There will be lots of organisational tasks you'll be busy doing and there may be people on the trip with greater river knowledge than you. You may not have been to your planned destination before or perhaps there are people rafting and kayaking at the same time. These are all fantastic reasons why you should appoint at lease one instructor as Trip Leader.

The Trip Leader is in charge of all things river-related including; getting people on and off the water safely, organising instructor numbers and groups, and being the go-to person while on the river. This is a job in itself, and requires a bit more river and safety knowledge that you might not have yet. If there are multiple sections being run, it is wise to have a couple of trip leaders. For example, Aniwhenua trip should have a trip leader for Aniwhenua and a trip leader for Rangitaiki as these sections are run concurrently.

Sign Ups

Timing

For your typical weekend club trip leaving Friday night, it is courteous to have the car list out by Wednesday night at the latest, so work everything around this. This may mean sign ups need to close Wednesday midday (depending on what time you have available to make the list). For more informal trips where no car list is involved, this is not so important. Start planning, advertising and collecting sign ups as early as you like!



Numbers

It's okay to limit your trip to any maximum number of sign-ups. This could be based on; gear available, raft guides and instructor numbers, accommodation, or simply because of logistics and how much organising you want do. If you are unsure on final instructor numbers, it is perfectly acceptable to say in the sign up email that "beginner numbers will be dependent on instructor sign ups and will be filled based on first in, first serve".

Advertising the Trip

As soon as the trip has been approved and signed off by RSO/RVP, start getting the word out to the club. It's advisable to make a facebook event through the club's facebook page. You should also regularly post on the club's page to rev up the trip. Get in touch with the media officer to get the trip added to the club's website and send an email out to the club mailing list. You may wish to send a quick snappy email out before signups have been released.

Creating a Sign-up Form

Collecting sign-ups is not vital for a small, informal trip. It does however give you a more exact idea of numbers, instructors, and gear required. Google Drive forms are the club's preferred format for collecting sign-ups. Go to https://drive.google.com/ and sign in (you don't need a Gmail account – plus Auckland Uni email accounts run off the Google platform), press Create, Form, and it's all pretty straight forward from there!

If you haven't done a sign-up form before, or just want a second set of eyes, it is a great idea to ask an experienced AUCCer to check over the form before you send it out.

Here's a guide to what to include. It's by no means a strict list to stick to - there may be other things you want to ask/things that are irrelevant. The more comedic you can be when creating it, the better! Things in bold are required.

- Name
- Email
- Phone Number
- Are they a club member (this affects gear hire prices)
- Can they drive? ("If I have to") can be a good option to give
- If driving, how many passengers can they take?
- If driving, how many boats can they take?
- Earliest leaving time
- Ideal leaving location
- Do they need club gear (if so, what)?
- What do they want to do on the trip? (if there are options of different grades of kayaking, or rafting)
- Emergency contact, relationship, and phone number
- Any medical conditions
- Any special notes, pre-arranged passengers, or warm fuzzy messages
- Do they agree to the Club Waiver (insert the waiver text into the sign up form. You can steal this from the membership form on the club site). They must agree to come on the trip.



Google drive can create a spreadsheet based on your form. This comes in handy when doing the carlist and creating a document to take on the trip.

Car Lists

A car list is not essential for a small, low key trip, but can make things run smoothly when any more than a few cars are involved.

The Google drive sign-up form you have made earlier will provide you with a neat spread sheet of all the paddlers, their contact details, whether they can drive, and when/where they wish to leave. This can be downloaded and played around with directly to split paddlers into car groups.

Separate everyone who said they can drive and then group them with the number of passengers they've asked for. Try and accommodate leaving times and locations, but it WILL be impossible to suit everyone perfectly, so don't get hung up on this. Do your best to fill up every car with the number they have asked for too, as this makes it nice for drivers when it comes to petrol money. Keep in mind how many boats cars can take and make sure every boat is accounted for. You may need to give special instructions to some drivers about picking up club boats etc.

Only send out the information related to car organising, delete irrelevant or personal info columns as attendees won't want everyone knowing they are allergic to bacon. Only send the carlist to people who have signed up for the trip. Remember we want to respect people's privacy and we don't want to spam club members who aren't going on the trip.

Check carlists for other trips you've been on if you are unsure of how these work. Example format is below:

RIVER 1 (details including at least email, phone, people spaces, boat spaces, leaving time and place)
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assenger with all above details
assenger with all above details
RIVER 2 (details including at least email, phone, people spaces, boat spaces, leaving time and place)
assenger with all above details
assenger with all above details
assenger with all above details
nd so on

For a small informal trip, such as a Wairoa release or maybe a Kaituna weekend where only a few cars are involved, you can use Google Drive to make a public form contact list of who's going and leave people to organise their own rides. To do this just make sure the form's results are public, and include the link to the results in your email.

Gear

There will no doubt be people on your trip needing rafting and/or kayaking gear for the weekend. For most trips (except for the major club trips) it can be left up to individuals to collect their own kayaking gear. Rafting gear should be appointed to an instructor to collect to ensure a full set of gear (including things like the raft pump!) ends up at the river. Talk with the Gear Shed Officer (GSO) to ensure this runs smoothly.



It is your responsibility to make sure gear hire money finds its way to the club bank account, whether you collect it on the weekend or get people to pay directly.

For major trips, a trailer may be required to take club boats and gear down and keep it all together.

Emailing the Club

Once your trips all planned out and good to go, tell the club and get sign-ups coming in. Emails can be sent to the club list at aucc13@googlegroups.com.

Things to consider including in your email:

- Where and when?
- What river, what section(s), what grade?
- What activities are available? Kayaking? Rafting? For what abilities?
- Any minimum skill level required for the trip
- Deadline for signups (or limit on signup numbers)
- Link to the signup form!
- Some wonderful enticing descriptions advertising the river and some pretty pictures
- Outline of costs Mention gear hireage rates (on the website if you don't know them!) and how you
 want this paid, and anything to bring cash for. It's worth mentioning that gear hire money doesn't
 include petrol, food, nor accommodation as this is not always obvious to everyone.
- **Gear to start gathering** if it's cold, wetsuits and thermals area MUST. You can mention the "Beer for Gear" form to help people exchange gear:

 $\frac{\text{https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHNNTEZrZEphMjNMOWF6MjYwOHM3cEE6MQ\#gi}{\text{d=0}} \\ \text{to ask or offer something} \\ \text{and} \\$

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AgXS hT0pMRbdHNNTEZrZEphMjNMOWF6MjYwOHM3cEE#g id=0 to view the list of what's on offer

Final Trip Details

You want to send another email out once sign-ups are finalised and the car-list is made. This is to send out the car list and also finalise any details, let people know exact timing details, where everyone is staying, and what to bring.

Things to consider for this one:

- Attach the carlist!
- Remind people to get in touch with drivers ASAP to arrange leaving. It is their own job from this point on to make sure their ride is sorted.
- Reminders of any details from the advertising email cost, abilities required etc
- **Directions** to the campsite/accommodation and to the river maps are great if you're keen!!
- Outline of the weekend's activities
- **Timetable** or at very least when and where to meet on Saturday morning!



• What to bring – cash? Food? Camping gear? Make a huge point of warm gear needed on and off the river – this can include thermals, fleece, wool, wetsuits, drytops/other jackets, booties. Sunblock, toilet paper, raincoat may be worth a mention. Think about the facilities section of the AUCC Trip Plan document to guide you here.

Trip Day/Weekend

Follow the guidance of trip leaders and senior instructors. Keep the AUCC Trip Plan and a list of attendees in a couple of key places, including a car at the get-out. Have a briefing with your instructors, stay safe, and have fun. If you want to learn more about what happens on the water, check out the club's Safe Operating Plan and talk to instructors.

And with all that done, you should have a smooth running, safe, fun trip for everyone to enjoy. So go for it!



Useful Club Contacts

The club has some preferred places to stay at and companies to use. Our relationship with these places, companies, and groups are important and will probably out-last most members. It is really important to show respect and courtesy to these contacts to ensure we maintain them.

FulJames

National Equestrian Centre Lorraine Watson manhattin@xtra.co.nz

Mark King Mark@strettons.co.nz

Tauhara No 2 Trust Esther Pubben info@tauharano2.co.nz

Mighty River Power Megan Dredge megan.dredge@mightyriver.co.nz

Flow request also on Mighty River website

Aniwhenua

Galatea RSA (07) 366 4713

Start calling well before the trip as it can be difficult to get through

Timberlands http://www.tll.co.nz/permits

Miscellaneous

Metropolitan Rentals (09) 630 2030

The Crossing Erua http://www.thecrossingbackpackers.co.nz/

Club Habitat Taupo http://www.clubhabitat.co.nz/

Top 10 Holiday Park, Rotorua http://www.holdensbay.co.nz/

Tomo Lodge, Waitomo http://www.htg.org.nz/

Waikato river flow phone 0800 820 082



Email Examples

Aniwhenua/Rangitaiki

First email

Hi all,

Next weekend (24-25 March) AUCC is heading down to Murupara to kayak and raft the fantastic Aniwhenua and Rangitaiki. The trip offers a great chance for beginners to learn some skills on Aniwhenua plus there will be rafting on Rangitaiki and kayaking for those skilled enough. It is the best beginners' kayaking and rafting that the club offers.

If you would like to come, please fill out the form here. It would be advantageous to attend a pool night next week either Monday or Tuesday as everyone will be using closed kayaks this weekend and the river is longer than Ful James. If you have practised being upside down, T rescues, etc it will make the river way more fun.

There will be more info sent to those that sign up along with the carlist late on Wednesday night.

Beginner spots are limited to 60 and will be filled on a first in first serve basis. Places are filling up fast. Instructors please fill out the form too so I can get permits.

Sign ups close at 5pm Wednesday 21 March.

Any questions, flick me an email or text.

Cheers

Final email

Hi All

The carlist can be found at

Drivers are in purple and passengers are in yellow. SOME PEOPLE NEED TO TAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S BOATS SO READ IMPORTANT NOTES!

Passengers must contact drivers asap. Preferably via phone but email is a good idea too. Contact them asap to sort leaving time, place, etc. If you have had to pull out you must let your driver and myself know asap.

On all AUCC trips petrol is split between driver and passengers in a 1:2 ratio. This means if you have 3 passengers and 1 driver and the total is \$70, driver pays \$10 and passengers each pay \$20. Food is also generally done in cars and split equally. Either visit a supermarket together on your way out of Auckland or delegate it to someone. There are no cooking facilities at camp so if someone has a cooker in your car that means you all get hot food! Yay! Also bring river snacks like muesli bars, chocolate, salami.

You will need to bring camping essentials. These include;

tent

sleeping bag and mat

eating and drinking equipment

cooking equipment



polypro thermals

fleece

You will need warm gear for on and off the river for example

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wool
wetsuit
obviously your togs
booties, river shoes
plus warm off river gear. It gets chilly at night.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CERTAIN PIECE OF GEAR FOR THE WEEKEND
LOOK IT UP ON THE BEER FOR GEAR SPREADSHEET
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AgXS_hT0pMRbdHNNTEZrZEphMjNMOWF6MjYwOHM3cEE#gid=0
OR REQUEST IT ON THE FORM
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHNNTEZrZEphMjNMOWF6MjYwOHM3cEE6MQ#gid=0
You will also need to make sure you bring as much or as little toiletries as you are comfortable with but they should include sunblock and maybe some toilet paper as this usually runs out at camp.
The only costs for this weekend are gear hire (\$10/ day for kayaking and \$20/ day for rafting) BRING CASH!, petrol, food, and beer at the pub on Saturday night. Most people will be rafting one day and kayaking the other.

FulJames

Cheers,

First email

Hi all you lovely Canoe Clubbers,

your car mates and make sure you have enough gear.

Ful James is ON this weekend.

Ful James is AUCC's biggest trip. You will party and whitewater kayak and raft with 150 of your fellow awesome Canoe Clubbers. Ful James is about 15 minutes from Taupo and features the beautiful blue waters of the Waikato river. The water clarity is amazing plus there are natural hot spots along the way. It is a pretty special river. It also has the huge Ful James wave. We book an optimal flow so the wave is huge and impressive. Try to surf it if you dare or just try to hold on to your kayak!

I will send out more details about directions and the general plan for this weekend but in the meantime, get in touch with

We'll have 7 rafts plus a great fleet of kayaks so you can try your hand at both. On Saturday afternoon there'll be a freestyle competition on the wave. Watch how the pros do it or try your luck. We'll have a sausage sizzle going at the wave so you can soak in the hotpools, swim through the wave, and have a feed. So bring some gold coins to get a hot sausage! There'll be off river social games happening too. What FJ would be complete without a slip and slide?



On Saturday night there is an epic party. DJ TinTin will be entertaining us well into the night in the dance marquee. Make sure you bring your costume! AUCC love to dress up so get involved!

We have some fantastic traditions like race leader and the presidential strip to look forward to. Plus some amazing prizes thanks to Birkenhead Leisure Centre and Shadows - your student bar.

Social team are putting on a raffle. All FJ tickets are in the draw. Up for grabs are some pretty awesome things including freshly plunged coffee with pancakes for breakfast on Sunday made by yours truly.

On Sunday (if you get out of your tent) we'll do some more paddling and chill before heading back to Auckland.

There are only a few bus tickets left but general tickets are on sale until Wednesday 5pm.

You can sign up and get instructions on how to pay for your ticket here. Even if you have sorted your car out, you need to sign up on the form so we have your details. There is a spot to write down your passengers or driver if you already have it sorted. If you don't have a ride or passengers - we'll sort it for you.

Tickets are \$30 for AUCC 2012 members and \$40 for non-members. Invite your friends but get them to fill in the form and pay money into the club account.

Make sure you like us on facebook and join the event.

If you need gear use the borrow form and spreadsheet .

Lots of love,

Your co-FJ officer,

Final email

Hi!

You're coming to Ful James because you're awesome and want to have a better weekend than your friends who aren't coming to Ful James.

Please find attached the carlist that your Co-Ful James officers have been working on for hours. We try to accommodate most requests but unfortunately there are limitations. If you are in a car with people you do not know - awesome. FJ is all about meeting new people. Drivers are in blue and passengers are in green. Passengers should get in touch with drivers and passengers please try to be as flexible as possible.

Before you ask your lovely tired Co-Ful James officers, read the FAQs below.

"OMG What do I bring?"

Tent. You need to bring something to sleep in or alcohol/wetsuit/pick up lines/other goods to trade to get into somebody else's tent/ van.

Sleeping bag, mat, pillow. Sleeping bag or blanket is pretty crucial. If you have lots of warm things to sleep in you can give the mat a miss but it does help to keep the heat in your body. Yoga mats or foam rolls do a great job too.

Food & Water. There is no kitchen to use. It is beneficial to contact the people in your car group and see if you can cook with them. One of them might have a cooker you can all use. If not it's no big deal. On Saturday afternoon the Social Officers will be running a sausage sizzle for gold coin donation so bring cash. You need snacks for on the river (easy to eat, high in energy and OK to get wet like chocolate bars, muesli bars, carrots, apples, salami). If you have food allergies or requirements - make sure you bring river snacks that are suitable as your instructors might not share your dietary needs.



Generally food is done in car groups. It makes it cheaper and easier to cook as a group. But talk it over with your car group and do whatever suits!

Alcohol. BYO alcohol so make sure to bring plenty. Beers are useful for getting rescued. It is AUCC custom to give a beer/cider to anybody who rescues you on the river. Instructors don't get paid - this is our way of saying thanks.

River clothes. Togs, towel. It is a warm river but it gets cold being wet for hours. If you have a wetsuit bring that. Otherwise bring polypropylene thermals (NOT COTTON). Fleece is excellent or wool. Again, absolutely no cotton. If you don't have any, get/borrow some. If you need to get some polypro, go to Mountain Designs in Westfield Downtown. They are very nice to AUCC and have a wonderful selection of stripes.

Warm gear for off the river. This is Taupo, not Samoa. It will get cold especially after you have been on the river all day. It is highly advisable to bring something warm to wear off the river. NZ can have 4 seasons in one day so rainjackets, warm jumpers, sunblock, and jandals might all get used!

Costume!

"But I don't have some of that stuff!"

Fear not! AUCC has a beer for gear form. Check it out. You can look on the spreadsheet and see if someone has any gear for hire. You can also request gear or offer gear on the form.

If you can't find it on the form (which will be constantly updated) ask the people in your car. They might be willing to share. If you still have no luck you have three options: buy gear yourself (good idea if you plan to use it heaps), ask Ally and Erica, or hope for the best and just turn up to FJ. DO NOT email the club mailing list.

"How am I getting there and stuff?"

We have worked pretty hard on the carlist. Check it and use it.

Contact the driver in your car group. It is the passengers duty to make this contact and do everything you can to be helpful. The car groups are in this spreadsheet attached. Where we can we have tried to group you according to where in Auckland you are and when you can leave. If you rearrange amongst yourselves this can throw the whole carlist out of whack and have people sitting on roofs of cars for the 5 hour journey or left behind and sad in Auckland or something. Don't miss with the carlist. If you change your plans, contact both FJ officers AND your driver. Don't be stink.

Googlemap directions found at http://g.co/maps/fwtzv

Drivers check googlemaps and make sure you know where you are going before you leave Auckland.

Fill up with gas at BP Wairakei. It is also an excellent spot for a late night pie on the way down.

Bus passengers should have an email from their party starters. You meet at the quad at Auckland Uni at 5pm with all your gear

"What do I wear?"

costume! AUCC loves costume! The theme this year is 2012 end of the world. You can take that to mean how you imagine the world to end (zombie apocalypse, the rapture, planet of the apes style earth with talking monkeys ... the grim reaper, angels, devils, or maybe how you will fight the end of the world

Warm things on and off the river. Read the "OMG What do I bring?" again if you are still confused.

Stuck for costume ideas? Google! Or go to Look Sharp store on Victoria St (close to Uni).

"Is there anywhere I can put make up on?"



No. Don't bring any to Ful James

"What is the plan at FJ???"

We will be doing 2 kayaking and 2 rafting runs of FJ on Saturday and a freestyle competition in the afternoon. Then we will have an awesome party. Social will keep us entertained off the river. On Sunday we will have 1 kayaking and 1 rafting run of FJ. This is why it is important to leave on Friday night even if it is super late. It is also why you don't want to miss the morning briefing at 8am on Saturday morning.

"I still need to pay"

Please transfer payment into the club asap! You can either do an internet banking transfer or if you have an international account and are worried about how long it will take, go into any ASB branch and ask to do a cash deposit. The club account details are...

AUCC

12-3011-0758443-00

ASB Bank

"But, who do I thank for being so awesome?"

Erica and Ally, your co- Ful James officers

James Rae. He can be awesome. Especially when he gives us special coffees and beers to aid our carlist work.

Amanda. She is the president of the club and she's going to strip for you.

If you still have questions, email Ally and Erica or send us a text. But first, read over this email again and see if you can answer it yourself.

See you all on Friday or Saturday morning,