



CAMP INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 October 2022
The Lea Scout Centre/Hobart Bush Cabins

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp (VMMC) will be held in Tasmania in October 2022. The camp is for children who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems, and their families. AAC will be used during all camp activities. There will be lots of fun activities to help your child develop their AAC skills, and help the whole family feel more confident using AAC.

The Camp is based on the Variety Motor Mouth Camp run by Variety WA for the last 11 years. We would like to thank Variety WA for their generous support in helping us set up this camp for Tasmanian families.

This form will give you some information about where the camp will be held and the types of activities that will happen during camp.

1. Dates and Times

The camp will be held from **Friday 7 October** to **Sunday 9 October 2022**. Families will get to camp mid-morning on Friday and go home at lunch time on Sunday. Overnight accommodation will be provided for all families while at camp. If staying overnight is too difficult for your family, arrangements can be made for you to attend the day sessions only.

You and your family must be available to attend all days of the camp. This will help you to get the most benefit from the camp.

2. What we hope you will get out of the camp

- You and your child will learn new skills using AAC
- Your child will have a chance to use their AAC with new people in a new setting
- You will build friendships and a strong sense of community with other families who attend

3. Cost

There is no cost for families to attend camp thanks to the generous support of the Motors Foundation and our expert volunteers.

4. Camp Facilities

The camp will be held at the Hobart Bush Cabins and The Lea Scout Huts. This is in Gilwell drive, just off the Southern Outlet. The camp is in a bush setting. It is a 10 minute drive south from the Hobart CBD and five minutes north of Kingston.

To get there, travel on the Southern outlet from the city for about 6.5 km. Take the turn on the left to the Lea and the Hobart Bush Cabins and the Lea Scout Huts are located on Gilwell drive.



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5. Accommodation Options

Families will be given a separate cabin or dormitory to sleep in.

	Number	Bedding	Kitchen	Bathroom	Linen Provided	Accessibility
Hobart Bush Cabins	6	Queen bed and bunks	✓	Private In cabin	✓	Drive up parking Cabins accessible by ramp Lip on door of cabin (suitable to drive wheelchair over) Showers not accessible
The Lea Scout Centre Dormitories	10 -14	Bunks		Shared		Level access for some dormitories Stairs up to some dormitories Wheel in shower facilities

6. Meals during Camp

All meals at camp will be provided. We will do our best to cater for any special dietary requirements and for those who have a meal management plan and need their meals to be modified. If there are any special foods/drinks that you need, please bring them with you.

7. Camp Program

During the camp, families will be involved in a range of activities to help their child and family increase their skills in using AAC. This will include group therapy activities for children who use AAC, information and training sessions for parents and carers, recreational activities for siblings, and whole group activities. The emphasis will be on having fun while learning new skills. The activities at camp will be based around this year's camp theme of **Heroes**.

8. Camp Volunteers

There will be a range of volunteers attending the camp including therapists, teachers, teacher assistants and Variety Tasmania staff.

The role of volunteers is to help children and their families to use AAC at every opportunity. They will provide encouragement, ideas, support, and feedback to help families get the most out of camp.

9. Supervision and Safety

Parents are responsible for their children's supervision and safety at all times during the camp. This includes helping children with their meals, toileting their child during the camp, managing bedtime and looking after them overnight and during free time.

If you have any questions about the camp, please contact Nikki Long, Variety Events Coordinator by email events@varietytas.org.au or call the Variety office on 6248 4888.

