## OA Squad Tour of New Zealand Update 12/1/20:

Bulletin 3 will be released next week once final details have been finalized however there are a few details that I need to let you know of now.

### Google sheet for travel details and dietary requirements:

First and foremost, if you have not completed the google form located here - <https://forms.gle/oJTkYif9sB3vaRQN6>, please DO SO ASAP. This is vital to allow adequate planning.

I will be using this information to contact those who arrive Thursday 23rd Jan to organize accom. If you do not fill out the form I will not be able to organize accom for you – this is your responsibility so please do so pronto.

### Facebook group:

There are two facebook group/events you should follow if you are on Facebook. We will use these groups to communicate information during the tour:

OA Sprint Tour Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/400232304228789/>. This event will be used to communicate information specific to those travelling as part of the tour group.

Aussie O Tourists: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/453685642007057/>.This is a group for all Australians who are travelling to NZL for LMS and STB. If you have any problems joining the group let me know and I can add you.

### Relay Teams for Mixed Sprint Relay at LMS:

You will have received an email from the organisers of the LMS about organizing a relay team for the mixed sprint relay. Jim and I have organized teams for those travelling as part of the tour and sent these to the organisers. Bruce Arthur has posted these up on the Aussie O Tourists page. If you have any issues with your team or have already contacted the organisers please let me know and we can sort it out.

### Specific Gear for the Trip:

We need to bring our own linen/sleeping bag to some of our accommodation. If you are unable to bring this gear yourself, please let me know ASAP and we can organize linen through accommodation provider (at an extra cost to yourself). Also consider bringing a showering towel in addition to a beach towel.

Please also consider bringing the following gear:

* Cold and wet weather gear – it’s summer but the weather can be unpredictable and fluctuate in New Zealand.
* Forest orienteering shoes – this would be beneficial for at least one of the STB stages (sleeping giant) and probably more (no metal spikes). Additionally, we may also have a chance to do a forest training between LMS and STB.
* Spending money – accommodation, transport and main meal food is included but its likely you will want to have some money to buy your own snacks, souvenirs or tourist activities.
* Bathers and Towel – it is summer so likely to be swimming weather on at least one day. Additionally, our accommodation in Taupo has access to hot pools so would be beneficial to have bathers and towel for this.

### Sprint the Bay Stage 4.5:

The tour will be attending Sprint the Bay Stage 4.5, a social/dinner event after Stage 4 (<https://sprintthebay.com/stages/>). I am liaising with the organisers directly re: this so if you are part of our tour group you do not need to register on the website. However, if you have a dietary requirement you need to fill out the GOOGLE FORM as this is the information I am using to inform them on our numbers of vegetarians/vegans.

It is assumed that everyone on the tour will attend and we will not be organizing a group dinner that night. If you do not want to attend/eat you are most welcome to arrange your own food for that night. If this is the case please let Brodie know ASAP so he can remove you as a number.

### Contact:

If you have any questions about anything to do with the tour now is the time to contact Brodie – the closer it gets the harder it will be to fix any issues or answer questions. Don’t hesitate to contact me on:

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