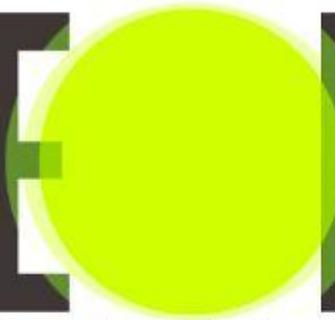


**THE**  
**NEON**  
**POM POM**



**Information Pack.**

## Welcome (& Thanks)!

Thanks for downloading The Neon PomPom Information Pack. In this booklet we'll attempt to give you a bit more detail on the idea behind The Neon PomPom and explain exactly what it is we do, how we do it and why we do it.

To help you navigate your way around better, we have carved the Information Pack up into the following sections - you can click on a heading to go straight there:

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Under each of these sections you'll find a number of headings that try to explain, in as much detail as necessary, each aspect of The Neon PomPom experience. If you think we're lacking detail in any area, please let us know and we'll be more than keen to answer any questions you may have.

Tom, Simon, Kate & Amelia.

*Note: Where we use the term 'ski' we also mean snowboarders. No offence intended - we love both codes. It's just easier to write about skiing instead of 'skiing and boarding' all the time. Hope that's ok with you guys.*



*Neon PomPom co-founder Tom Dunbar in the Canterbury back country. Photo courtesy of Geoff Browne*

## What is The Neon PomPom?

Welcome to The Neon PomPom. As you may have gathered already, it's the name of our fully-catered private ski chalet, mountain transport and ski guiding service based in the mountains of the Canterbury High Country in New Zealand's South Island.

New Zealand skiers and snowboarders have a brand new concept to think about. For the first time ever, you now have the option of having a dedicated team looking after *every aspect* of your ski trip, from your point of first contact, to the moment you arrive in Christchurch, until you depart our company.

We exist for one reason only - so you can get the maximum enjoyment out of your New Zealand ski holiday. We do this by delivering on two fronts:

- By minimising the admin and organisational hassles of planning your group ski trip.
- By opening up a range of skiing possibilities that you may not have thought possible in a group or family ski trip.

If this sounds like your cup of tea, then we invite you read on further, get in touch and let us start planning your next ski adventure.

### **What's In a Name?**

It took us a long time to come up with our name, so we hope you like it! The Neon PomPom is more than just a name, it's an attitude that harks back to the days where skiing didn't take itself *too* seriously - after all, how can you take someone with a pom-pom seriously - and it was all about having fun. Don't get us wrong, what we mean is we take our skiing and boarding very seriously, but never at the expense of enjoying ourselves.

It is this attitude that we wish to convey in our ski weeks and it is this attitude that we hope you to bring along as a guest of The Neon PomPom.



## What's with the Goat?



Good question. He's not actually a goat, but a Himalayan Tahr. You see, the tahr is an icon of the mountains we ski. He and his mates roam around Canterbury's Southern Alps looking for the best feed to eat, much the same way as we roam the same mountains looking for the best snow for you to ski. Cool eh?

## About The Neon PomPom Team

The Neon PomPom team grew up skiing the resorts and club fields of the Canterbury region. We know first-hand what it takes to organise a ski trip in the region that offers the widest range of skiing possibilities in New Zealand.

As a dedicated bunch of skiers and boarders, we are enormously proud of what our part of the world has to offer and each of us loves sharing it with others. One day over a coffee, we decided we could develop a business venture that would allow us to deliver a personalised group ski holiday experience – at the same time, eliminating the legwork for our customers. The result of our thinking is a fully-inclusive, one-price-covers-all ski destination where we take care of every element and every individual once you arrive at Christchurch Airport – regardless of whether you are a beginner, a heliski legend or a group made up of each and everything in between.

Admin should not be part of your ski trip. Admin is your enemy. So we have decided to take care of it - and have a lot of fun in the process.

### **Who Are We?**

The Neon PomPom Team are all locals who love skiing and sharing their sport and region with others. Here are the usual suspects that form the core of the team looking after you.

*Tom Dunbar – Co-Founder.* Tom hates writing about himself, which is why we hijacked his profile. A self-confessed ski bum, Tom cut his teeth skiing at Hanmer Springs before making a career from the sport he loves. Without doubt one of New Zealand's top freeskiers of the last 10 years, Tom has achieved world rankings in a number of big-mountain disciplines culminating in a run scoring a 9 for 'difficulty of line' on the World Tour in Verbier, Switzerland in 2007 - the highest score ever awarded in this discipline in freeskiing.

In addition to skiing, Tom is an accomplished snowboarder and surfer. He recently graduated with a degree in Outdoor Education - alongside his easy-going nature and patience, this makes him a pretty accomplished guide and coach. Tom also has an awesome haircut called 'The Melbourne'.



*The better-looking half of your hosting team - Amelia & Tom get cultural in Niseiko, Japan.*

*Simon Guild – Co-Founder.* Simon grew up on the family farm just 10 minutes from the chalet, spending his first day on skis at the age of 3. Learning to ski at Mt Hutt and Mt Olympus, Simon has skied in a few locations around the world, spending a season instructing in California and a few months in the European Alps. It is the latter, with its chalets and mountain culture that inspired the Neon PomPom idea. Simon thinks he has a pretty good handle on what makes a ski holiday fun even if he does say so himself.

Simon is the other half of your core guiding duo and loves any opportunity to get up the hill. He is a major pussy compared to Tom though so don't expect any back flips.

*Amelia Guild – Chalet Girl.* Amelia is our resident actress, artist and hostess. As Simon's sister she shares the same passion for the local region and the skiing culture it harbours. She has a good turn of speed when required, something she needs to keep pace with her other half Tom. When not skiing, Amelia can be found painting original oils and performing in stage productions, comedy shows and the odd TV appearance. She does a mean skiers' breakfast and has a few signature dinners under her belt as well.

Amelia highly eclectic taste in get-up means she also administers the chalet dress-up box. This means Tom has to keep his nose clean or risk being put in a floral-print dress.

*Kate Moriarty – Guest Relations.* As well as being mum to Paddy, Kate takes care of bookings, guest enquiries and runs the Neon PomPom crèche when the little kids are in residence. A native Australian, Kate moved to the Rakaia Gorge in 2009 with Simon and skied the Back Run at Mt Olympus the following year – not bad for someone with just 5 days under her belt at the time! Kate enjoys a party, and with Amelia, the chalet runs like a well-oiled machine.

Kate loves a good song, and between her and Amelia they have compiled the chalet playlist. Ask her to sing 'Nine to Five' by Dolly Parton, it's just gold.



*...and the other half. Kate & Simon get into some après-ski.*

## The Skiing & Boarding

Skiing and boarding is always a challenge – it is you against the mountain, the conditions and that quest for the perfect run, whether you are a back-country expert or progressing through the early stages on the learner's slopes. And it is immensely rewarding when it all comes together for that magic run, that mastery of a new skill and that afterglow of a good physical day 'on the hill'.

In this section, we'll give you a bit of detail about the range of skiing and boarding options we offer as part of the Neon PomPom experience - click on a heading to go straight there:

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- [Guiding & Coaching](#)
- [Tom's Freeski Academy](#)
- [Equipment & Requirements](#)

### Why Canterbury?

With more ski areas than all other regions in New Zealand combined, the Canterbury High Country is the spiritual home of skiing in New Zealand. The reason we have based The Neon PomPom in Canterbury is simply because it offers the greatest range of options, challenges and potential for adventure for the aspirant skier or boarder. Here are a few ski & board facts:

- Five commercial ski areas
- Seven club fields
- Four heliski operations
- NZ's only glacier ski operation
- NZ's only Helipark
- NZ's greatest snowfall – over 4m / 13 feet in the average year
- NZ's longest season – Mt Hutt, May to October in a good year!

What's more, Neon PomPom is located right in the middle of it all, at the swish Terrace Downs Resort. We are only 35 minutes to the snow at Mt Hutt, less than 45 minutes to three other ski fields and under an hour to three more. The neat little ski town of Methven is just 20 minutes away.

### **Getting to the Snow**

A core part of The Neon PomPom service is getting you to the snow. New Zealand mountain roads can be challenging at times (especially the Club Field roads around us)! Therefore, you need the right vehicle, equipment and experience to get up and back properly. This is no place for the rental RAV4 with the road tyres!

We use properly-equipped 'real' four-wheel-drive vehicles with the right tyres and chains. Because we have driven these roads since we first got our licenses, we know what's required. Our approach saves you the hassle of finding the right vehicle, insuring it and navigating your way through back-country roads to somewhere you have never been and thus don't know what to expect!

Our job is to ensure you get the most out of those hard-earned days on the snow by getting you up there safely and quickly, guiding and coaching you while in the snow and getting you down gain to re-live the day over a gluhwein in the hot tub. So if you like the sound of that, read on..



*The Canterbury high country is no place for your rental RAV4...*

## The Resorts

With their impressive lift systems, snowmaking facilities and long seasons, these places are both our mainstays as well as being fallbacks when the clubbies, backcountry or heli options are off-limits. A day at any of them is equivalent to one Neon Day Pass (more on this in [Rates & Reservations](#)). They also offer something for everyone, so if being together is important regardless of ability, then these mountains are your huckleberry.

***Mount Hutt*** Look west from the front window of our chalet and you'll be looking at the back ridge of Canterbury's largest ski area. Set in a high, south-facing basin with over 365 hectares of treeless terrain, Mt Hutt has an unrivalled mix of steeps, fast groomers, excellent learner facilities and big fast lifts. Couple that with an annual snowfall over four metres, a propensity to catch big southerly powder dumps, the best snowmaking system in the southern hemisphere and you have one incredibly complete mountain. Mt Hutt also has the unique advantage of being the only commercial ski area in NZ with a heliski operation in its own car park, offering runs for a little as \$175 each.

Best of all, on a good day it takes just 35 minutes to the snow from the chalet (a little longer if we need to fit chains to the vehicle). If you want to utilise our heli-taxi option, it's about 5 minutes and you'll arrive in rock-star style.

For more information, visit the [Mt Hutt website](#).

***Porters*** A boutique resort located at the southern end of the Craigieburn range, Porters is known for its relaxed nature and family friendliness. That's not to say it lacks something for those looking for a bit of excitement, because it doesn't. With super long runs such as the 4km Big Mama and a great selection of steps, bowls and hiking terrain, Porters is a great destination mountain for everyone to enjoy.

Add in an excellent new café, awesome views from the top and a solid terrain park, what more could a couple of carloads of skiers and boarders want? And with a new ski village, ski area expansion and gondola under development, it's only going to get better.

For more information, take a look at the [Porters website](#).

***Mt Cheeseman*** Best described as something between a commercial ski resort and a club field, Cheeseman is a very family-orientated ski area. Set in the Craigieburn Range, the snow quality is consistently good, the terrain accessible and the Cockayne Café day lodge a complete sun-trap.

Serviced by two T-bar lifts, Cheeseman offers a club-field feel without the challenge of having to grapple with the rope tow!

To find out more, visit the [Cheeseman website](#).



*The Top of the Towers at Mt Hutt. Photo courtesy of nzski.com*

## **The Club Fields**

Where it all began, and what makes Canterbury unique in New Zealand. The club fields are privately-run ski fields with basic lifts and facilities, run by dedicated club members. Snow groomers are few and far between and don't expect to find any big resort style cafés or restaurants. What you can expect though, is big-mountain, back-country heaven and a raw, honest ski experience that makes other places seem like fun parks. All have on-mountain accommodation interchangeable with a night in the chalet.

A vital part of any Neon PomPom experience, with access, lift tickets and specialised equipment all covered by your Neon Day Passes.

***Craigieburn*** For those with a hunger for big mountain skiing, Craigieburn should need no introduction. Steep, tight chutes, wide open bowls, big vertical and a 100% off-piste makeup mean that this place is for advanced skiers only. American freeskiing pioneer Glen Plake is a huge fan – say no more. Servicing the terrain are 4 rope tows, so you'll need to learn to use a nutcracker if you can't already, something that your guides will only be too happy to share with you.

Basic on-mountain accommodation is available in the Craigieburn Valley Ski Club Lodge, and we can arrange a night up there at no extra cost. Needless to say, skiing at Craigieburn is a core component of Tom's Freeski Clinics.

For more information, visit the [Craigieburn website](#).

***Broken River*** BR, as it is known, is located right next to Craigieburn and some might say it is a more relaxed, accessible version of its bad boy neighbour. Blessed with a great mix of terrain spread over two wide bowls, BR has an awesome day lodge with a deck well suited to a well-earned beer after sampling some of the great lines the mountain offers.

BR has a reputation for holding quality snow when other fields don't and is arguably the club field with the best mix for all abilities – perfect for groups with a range of abilities and those with kids.

To find out more, visit the [Broken River website](#).

***Mount Olympus*** Two of your hosts, Simon and Amelia grew up skiing here. Mt Olympus holds a special place in our hearts. And for good reason – as well as learning to ski there, Olympus is home to some of the best lift-accessed powder skiing in New Zealand. This is because the field is located in a high, compact south facing basin that just waits for the Antarctic storms to deliver the goods. It is also sheltered from the prevailing nor'west wind - a good option for when it gets gusty.

Add to the above a great mix of terrain, a super-relaxed atmosphere and a great accommodation hut freshly refurbished for the 2012 season and you have one of our all-time favourites.

For further information, visit the [Mt Olympus website](#).



*The Top Hut at Mt Olympus. Photo courtesy of Mt Olympus.*

## Heli-Skiing

Our lift-accessed terrain is outstanding, but for those that really want to experience the ultimate in New Zealand skiing, you need to go heli. NZ offers some of the most accessible heli-skiing in the world, so it is a great place to punch your heli-ticket for the first time, and you can do it all from the comfort of your Neon PomPom chalet. We leave the guiding up to the pros here. Pricing includes the use of your Neon Day Passes. Here are our heli-skiing options:

**Helipark** Just one hour from the chalet is Helipark. A former cat-skiing operation, the owners got frustrated with the incredible lines that the cat just couldn't access. So they bought in a chopper and a unique pricing structure. \$235 plus 1 Neon Day Pass buys you your access pass and first run, and subsequent runs can be purchased from just \$75 per lift. The area is avalanche controlled for safety, and there is a maximum of 22 clients on the hill at any one time.

Helipark has a superb lodge at the base of the hill, and we can interchange a night's accommodation here with a night at The Neon PomPom chalet for no extra cost.

Find out more by visiting the [Helipark website](#)

**Mt Hutt Heliski** Blair and his team at Mt Hutt Helicopters are unique in New Zealand – they are the only heliski operation in NZ based at a commercial ski area. This means heliski runs from as little as \$75 plus 1 Neon Day Pass per person and \$99 per run after that. That *has* to be the most accessible heli-skiing anywhere in the world. They also have a range of 3 and 5 run packages available at great value for those who want to go a bit bigger. Another thing worth mentioning is the heli-taxi to Mt Hutt, with the helicopter picking you up right outside the chalet for a spectacular 5 minute flight right over Mt Hutt to the ski field, for just \$85pp.

For people who don't wish to heliski but still want to see our spectacular winter environment from the air, Mt Hutt's highly experienced pilots can take you on a private scenic flight over some country you have to see to believe.

Find out more by visiting the [Mt Hutt Heliskiing website](#).



*Snowboarder at Helipark. Photo courtesy of Helipark.*



*On the helipad at Mt Hutt. Photo courtesy of Mt Hutt Helicopters.*

***Methven Heliski*** If you had to pick one heliski operation in NZ on the quality of skiing, safety and terrain, then this would have to be it. With sole access to the mighty Arrowsmiths, topping out at nearly 10,000 feet, Methven Heliski has over 25 years' experience in providing epic skiing to those wanting the best. Guided by the highly respected Alpine Guides, these guys will give you some stories for the grandkids.

This doesn't mean it has to be expensive though, with a standard day costing as little as \$875pp plus 1 Neon Day Pass and including 5 runs of between 700 and 1000 vertical metres each.

The Neon PomPom is located just 50 minutes from the helipad deep in the mountains. If you want to make a couple of days of it, we can arrange for you to stay overnight at their lodge in lieu of a night's accommodation at The Neon PomPom chalet.

For more information, visit the [Methven Heliski website](#).

***Ski the Tasman*** Using ski planes to land on the mighty Tasman Glacier, Ski the Tasman is an incredible experience. We arrange a private charter for the short flight to Mt Cook, where you will swap your plane for one of Ski the Tasman's ski planes. Your pilot will land on the mighty Tasman Glacier, kick you out of the plane and roar away again, leaving you alone with your friends and guide to take in the solitude while skiing the 10km glacier to the base, before doing it all again after lunch.

All up, that's 5 scenic flights, 2 massive ski runs and an awesome lunch for just \$1100pp plus 1 Neon Day Pass. Ski the Tasman is more than a ski adventure – it is a unique wilderness experience that you just have to do before you die.

(As if that wasn't enough, the guys who run Methven Heliski and Ski The Tasman also run another heliski operation in New Zealand's highest mountains - Wilderness Heliski is based right next door to Ski The Tasman in Mt Cook National Park).

For more information, visit the [Ski The Tasman website](#).



*Perfect conditions in the Arrowsmiths. Photo courtesy of Methven Heliski*



*Descending the mighty Tasman Glacier. Photo courtesy of Ski The Tasman*

## **Guiding & Coaching**

Both Tom and Simon have ski instructors qualifications and love coaching those who want to improve their skiing, regardless of where they're at. We also have some guides we can call on for specialist purposes, such as women's instruction. Our job is not to replace full-time instructors, but rather build on what they teach and show you, from a local's perspective, how to get around the mountain in the most enjoyable, safe and rewarding way possible. We place a maximum of four skiers or boarders to a guide to ensure you get the most from them.

Of course, if you just want to ski with yourself or your friends, we will simply meet you at the truck at the end of the day. Your guides are also a critical part of getting you safely up and down the mountain each day – with the right vehicles, equipment and a minimum of fuss.

## **Tom's Free-ski Academy**

For those skiers and boarders looking to take their big-mountain skiing to the next level, we invite you to consider Tom's Free-ski Academy. There is no extra fee - the only difference is that Tom sets the program for the week with the express purpose of achieving your free-skiing goals. All you need to do is bring the right attitude and do what he says.

Whether it is to ski big lines, learn a new trick, or just push your own boundaries, Tom's combination of coaching skills, professional skiing experience and skiing ability will have you breaking new ground and getting more out of your sport. If you are interested in Tom's Free-ski Academy, make sure you let us know when you book and we'll send you some specific information.

## **Equipment & Requirements**

Here is a list of gear that we recommend you either bring on your ski trip, or source once you're here. Obviously, you can hire your ski or board gear - and depending on the conditions, we suggest you seriously consider this option. The other items on the list are those we recommend you bring in order to make your mountain experience more comfortable and enjoyable - any questions, please let us know when you make an enquiry.

When planning what to bring or wear, remember the New Zealand High Country can be a pretty chilly place in the winter with daytime temps between minus 5 and 15 degrees and night-time temps between minus 15 and 5 degrees, so it's best to be over-prepared and layer off as required.

### *Ski / Board Gear*

Skis or snowboard (if you have your own) – the right size / shape for you (if in doubt, ask us)

Ski or snowboard boots – preferably custom fitted

Ski poles – the right length (ask us if in doubt)

Minimum 2 pairs of quality ski socks (e.g. Thorlo, Smartwool or similar)

Thermal / Merino Underwear (e.g. Mons Royale, Icebreaker)

Ski helmet – the right size for your melon

Beanie – merino or fleece, preferably with a Neon PomPom

Ski Jacket – good quality, vented with powder skirt, Gore-Tex or similar quality techno fabric

Breathable under layers – merino is best, not so stinky

Ski pants - good quality, vented, Gore-Tex or similar high quality techno fabric

Ski gloves – good quality, lined, Gore-Tex or similar high quality techno fabric

Ski goggles – good quality, optimised for flat light

Sunscreen & Chapstick

A water bottle or Camelbak

Sunglasses – for those 'ski instructor' days or relaxing on the deck

Avalanche gear – if you have it (i.e. transceiver, shovel, probe) and it's in good working order

### *Chalet & Touring Gear*

Comfy clothes for relaxing in the chalet

Some good outdoor clothing for travelling around

Some good outdoor shoes / boots for wearing in the snow

A down jacket – for when it really bites

Your togs / swimmers / cossies for the hot tub

Spare socks, undies, toilet bag etc – you know what we mean

Something a bit silly, in case you feel like dressing up...

Remember, every Neon PomPom guest gets a pair of Kinco leather gloves on us, so you won't rip up your nice Dakines on the rope tows. We will also supply you with a nutcracker and tow harness if we decide you're ready to ski the Clubbies, along with a shovel / transceiver / probe for those who want to do some hiking or touring.

## The Chalet

The Chalet is the heart of the Neon Pompom experience. It is our base, the place where we set out from on each day's adventure and the place we come back to swap stories of daring feats on the snow, whether it be tackling your first blue run or your first cliff-drop. We've broken the Chalet section down into the following headings - just click on one to go straight there:

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### The Chalet

The Chalet is really just a nice name for a comfortable alpine holiday home that's set up as a place to enjoy yourself. We've got a sunny, private setting right in the heart of Terrace Downs Resort, surrounded by the golf course with epic views up to Mt Hutt. The Chalet itself is made of wood and riverstone and is designed specifically for groups of 8 with space for up to 10-12 people.

The Neon PomPom Chalet is a place we strive to keep warm and inviting, a place you can relax and enjoy the company of your family and mates while letting us worry about whatever needs to be done. Best of all, it's *your* place – to do with whatever you feel like during your stay with us.

### Sleeping

Our Chalet has 4 generous bedrooms. The two on the upper level have ensuites and the two on the lower level share a big bathroom with a big bath. All rooms have split king beds (which are HUGE) so you have the option of double or twin set-ups in each room. We also have extra mattresses that we can make up if you have more than 8 people.

The upstairs sleeping areas are sufficiently separated from the main living area via a couple of solid doors and a landing, so if some want to turn in early while others want to stay up, they can do so.



*The Neon PomPom Chalet at Terrace Downs.*



*Neon PomPom guests Henry, Alice and Jeremy enjoying a drink by the fire after a good day on the snow.*

Our bathrooms come equipped with soaps, shampoo, hairdryers etc - as you'd expect to find in a hotel. If you like, bedrooms are given the once over daily after you leave for the slopes, just to ensure things are tidy for your return. This is entirely up to you - we don't go overboard on house-keeping in the sleeping areas during the week as we want to maintain a relaxed environment.

## **Eating**

Dining together is a big part of the Neon Pompom experience. We start each day with a hearty cooked breakfast that changes as the week progresses, based on what you tell us you like to eat. The espresso machine is manned from the early hours to assist us in an expedient departure for the snow if conditions warrant it.

Lunch takes the form of a tasty picnic that we have either in the day lodge of whichever mountain we're at, or if it's a bluebird day, perched on a likely-looking rock.

Dinner is a proper event – think good high-country meals with quality local produce served around a big wooden table. Usually we start with a bit of an alpine platter...think cured meat, cheese, pickles, bread. Then it's on to an entrée of something special like New Zealand whitebait, crayfish or mussels. The main event is usually sourced from one of the local properties - think lamb, beef, venison, pork, game birds etc with seasonal vegetables. Then there is some home made dessert for those who want it, followed by an aperitif. We'll also throw in the occasional theme night with a Swiss fondue and at least one night during the week will involve some après ski drinks and dinner in Methven. Either way, we aim for quality and satisfaction over fuss and fanciness.

Of course, if you have specific dietary requirements , we can cater for these without a problem - you just need to let us know.

## **Drinking**

We know you're on holiday, so we don't skimp on the cellar, if you get our drift. A week at The Neon PomPom chalet includes unlimited beer and wine, along with mulled wine before dinner and aperitifs after dinner. We stick to good quality New Zealand brands, but if you have a specific preference, just let us know and we'll see what we can do. And if you want something packing a bit more heat, you're more than welcome to bring your own via duty free.

## Chalet Amenities

We have done our best to fit out The Neon PomPom chalet with everything you'd expect of a good ski chalet.

- Drying facilities
- Ping pong table
- Board games
- MySky TV with home theatre set-up
- High chair & cot for little kids
- Mobile broadband
- Good cellphone reception

...and no ski chalet would be complete without a Hot Tub. Our tub seats 4 comfortably and 6 at a squeeze. Being gas-fired with no chemicals or filter, it only uses fresh water straight from the hose. We simply fill it up at the start of the week and change the water whenever it needs it. Without doubt, sitting in the tub with a beer or gluhwein is THE best way to end an epic day on the slopes.



*Henry samples the hot tub!*

## Terrace Downs Resort

The Neon PomPom Chalet is located at the superb Terrace Downs Resort. This is a good thing, as the resort boasts killer views, a world class championship golf course, two restaurants, two bars and some great activities on site including:

- Horse riding
- Clay-bird shooting
- Archery
- Jet boating
- Tennis
- The day spa

This means that regardless of what the weather is doing or how the body is holding up, there is always something to do right on your doorstep if skiing or boarding isn't on. Terrace Downs won the 2010 World Travel Award for 'Best New Zealand Golf Resort' so you know you'll be well looked after while you're here. You can find more information on the [Terrace Downs website](#).

## Location

Terrace Downs Resort (and therefore The Neon PomPom) is just 50 minutes drive straight west across the Canterbury Plains from Christchurch International Airport. But as we will pick you up from there in private vehicles, all you need to do is get yourself to Christchurch.





*This page: The awesome Discovery Jet exits the Rakaia Gorge. Opposite: the 18th at Terrace Downs. Photos courtesy of Terrace Downs.*

## The Neon PomPom Experience

As we hope you have gathered, The Neon PomPom is more than just a ski chalet. It is a destination, a one-stop-shop, a place that is designed to give you and your group a complete experience of winter recreation in our little patch of the world.

And we want you to come here with an attitude – one of getting stuck in, getting amongst all we have to offer. In this part of the Information Pack, we'll attempt to give you an idea of just what is on offer - click on a heading below to go to that section.

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- [Kids and Extra People](#)

### **What to Expect**

The Neon PomPom team is here to make your holiday more enjoyable, whatever that requires. You'll be personally hosted by us, your guides and the chalet hostesses, throughout your stay.

Obviously, we want to minimise hassle on your part, but we offer more than that. We like to think that we understand customer service and are willing to go the extra mile – whether it is helping you get that one last item of ski gear, collecting you from the airport at a time that suits you, adjusting our menu to your preference or helping you perfect your parallel turn - the adage that the little things that make the difference holds true for a ski trip as much as anything else.

We offer an all-inclusive service, with one price covering everything you need for a great ski holiday experience. We call it the 'leave your wallet at home' policy. We don't actually expect you to leave



*Dinner is served at The Neon PomPom. Steak, spuds and salad. Yum..*

## What's Included

Here's a list of what's included in the classic Neon PomPom Ski Week, comprising of Chalet Rental and The Neon PomPom Experience:

- 6 night's private chalet accommodation on a double or twin share basis (or triple if required)
- Cooked breakfast, picnic lunch, 3 course dinner & mountain snacks
- Wine, beer, gluhwein and aperitifs
- Airport transfers & daily mountain transportation
- Personal driver service
- 5 days ski & board rental
- 5 daily ski passes (Neon Day Passes)
- 5 days ski & board guiding
- Inclusive non-skiing activities
- Inclusive bad weather activities
- Back country gear (when required - transceiver, shovel, probe, nutcracker)
- Leather gloves for the rope tow (yours to keep!)

## What's not Included:

- Flights / transport to Christchurch
- Non-hire gear (e.g. jacket, gloves, goggles)
- Travel & activity insurance
- Discretionary purchases while in New Zealand
- Some Optional Extras & Non-skiing Activities.

Basically, we cover the whole lot for you, but if you have your own ski gear, you are most welcome to bring it. However, remember that we can get a range of conditions in the course of a week and if we happen to get a famous Canterbury powder dump, get us to grab a pair of quality fat boys or a powder board for you via our partners Big Al's. If you happen to be in the market for a REAL pair of skis, consider our exclusive demo-to-own arrangement with handcrafted ski company Kingswood – ride these bad boys up the mountain and they'll think you're a pro, a local or both.

If you can think of anything else you might need, let us know and we'll see what we can do.



*Enjoying a magical day with good friends. Photo courtesy of Methven Heliski.*

## **A Typical Week**

At The Neon PomPom, we don't really have a typical week, as our guests come with different priorities, the weather deals different hands and we like to keep things fresh. But to give you an idea of how a ski week with us may work, read on.

*Before you Arrive* You get in touch with us, on behalf of a group of friends or a couple of families, expressing your interest in The Neon PomPom Experience. We find you a suitable week, book you in and take a deposit. You book flights. We ask you a few questions about the group – how you ski or board, what you like to do, what you like to eat, your favourite colour. We get a good idea of you as guests and you sit back and anticipate a week in the Southern Alps.

*Day 1 (Sunday)* You arrive at Christchurch International airport at a nice, civilised hour, either late morning or early afternoon. You will be picked up by your guides, probably Tom and Simon. We waste minimal time loading the vehicles with your gear before running for the hills in the west. We get to the Chalet for lunch, before heading to Methven to sort out your gear for the week. If you happen to get in early, have your own gear or have given us the chance to pre-arrange it, we may even be able to squeeze in a half day at Mt Hutt. Otherwise, you make yourselves at home with a cold beer in the hot tub and contemplate the week ahead while we rustle up your welcome dinner.

*Day 2 (Monday)* We bang the gong at 6.30am for a cooked breakfast and you're out the door by 8am, so we're up the mountain in time for first lifts at 9am (of course, if you want to leave later, that's your call). We'll already have your passes organised, so you'll be straight into the skiing. We ski till you're hungry, when we'll get the picnic feast out. Then we continue to ski till last lifts at 4pm before heading back to gluhwein, hot tub and dinner. You may decide to come home early or stop in at the Blue Pub for a bit of après ski time - again, it's your call.

*Day 3 -6 (Tuesday-Friday).* We keep a close eye on the weather throughout the week, take note of where you're at skiing-wise and recommend the best place to be. Then we take you there with a minimum of fuss. You might decide to head back to the same place each day, try a different mountain, do something off the mountain or try your hand at heli-skiing. We listen to what you want to do and make it happen wherever we can. Back at the chalet, you're kept fed and watered with good hearty tucker, finishing with a farewell feast (maybe some dress-up) on the Friday night.

*Day 7 (Saturday).* After a leisurely start, you take it easy, relaxing in and around the chalet and maybe grabbing one last hot tub while we load up the vehicles, do a sweep of the chalet for anything you might have left and depart for the airport and your flight home. We say good bye and look forward to seeing each other again next year - same time, same place, The Neon PomPom, where else?

*After you Depart.* We cry. Then we get over it and stay in touch via email and facebook with developments, new ideas and special offers to our Club Members (that's you). You confirm your interest in the following year, yet this time you want to do 2 weeks, and off we go again.



*The Snowbar at Mt Olympus. Photo courtesy of Geoff Browne.*

## Optional Extras

We provide everything you need for a great ski adventure with our classic ski week package, but for some of you, this just won't do. Luckily then - for those who want to go high, wide and handsome – we have a veritable feast of optional extras from the relaxing to those that will blow your mind. We mean it – some of this stuff is truly amazing.

The best thing is we can organise them all for you, using our local knowledge to advise whether something is a good idea based on the weather, how you ski or board, or any other factors that might influence your enjoyment. And we do it at the best possible price.

### *Additional Ski Adventures & Experiences*

- Heli-skiing – 3 companies, 3 unique experiences, all of them awesome
- Heli-snow-shoeing – our own in house heli-assisted tour on the Big Ben Range
- Glacier skiing – uses a ski plane instead of a helicopter, a 'must do before you die' experience

### *Non-skiing Adventures & Experiences*

- Heli-biking – Use the helicopter to do the hard work so you can maximise the downhill fun
- Heli-hiking – see ski touring above but with snowshoes or hiking boots instead
- Scenic Flights – see some of the amazing alpine scenery just a short flight from the chalet
- Hot Air Ballooning – we are just 15 minutes from NZ's best ballooning experience
- Sky Diving at Pudding Hill – New Zealand's #1 sky diving school
- Paragliding at Pudding Hill – like sky diving without the diving
- Hunting – for venison, harvest your own and we will prepare it for you
- Fishing – winter fishing on the Rakaia River or Lake Coleridge for trout and salmon
- Deep sea fishing for blue cod off the coast at Motunau
- The world famous Tranz-Alpine Train journey through the Southern Alps
- Shopping in Christchurch – experience our rapidly regenerating city post-earthquake

The above activities can all be arranged in lieu of a day's skiing - you just pay the difference between your Neon Day Pass value of \$99 and The Neon PomPom price for the experience.



*Skydiving near Mt Hutt with Skydiving NZ. Photo courtesy of Mid-Canterbury Tourism.*



*Hot air balloon with Aoraki Balloon Safaris. Photo courtesy of Mid-Canterbury Tourism.*

## Non-Skiing Days

There are lots of things that make the Neon PomPom unique in terms of ski accommodation, but one thing that makes us even more unique is what we can offer for non-skiers or those who want to take a day out from the slopes. And sometimes, nature decides that no-one will be skiing that day, so we have invested a lot of time and effort in making sure we are covered when this happens.

Here are some of the things that we offer as part of the Neon PomPom experience. All of them are interchangeable for one Neon Day Pass *at no extra cost*.

*High Peak Station Experience* – Our 10,000 acre high country farm, 10 minutes from the chalet:

- Take a game drive through the game estate surrounded by huge red stags in full antler
- Have lunch at our remote back country hut
- Try your hand at clay bird and rifle shooting
- Mountain Biking – through our game park (we will even take you up the hills if you want)
- Jet Boating – learn to drive our jet boat on our own private lake at High Peak!

*Terrace Downs* – The resort where we are based has some great activities for non-skiing days:

- Golf - 18 hole championship course right outside your chalet
- Massage treatment at the Day Spa– perfect for soothing sore skiers and boarders muscles,
- Physiotherapist - Alice is our resident physio, for those requiring specialist treatment.
- Horse riding - a 1-2 hour trek through Terrace Downs own riding school
- Jetboat ride up the Rakaia river - in the awesome Discovery Jet

*Other Local Activities* - Little gems in the local area:

- Scenic Drives – we know places that just aren't accessible to tourists!
- Washpen Falls walkway – a bush walk to a spectacular waterfall and great way to spend a day
- Ice skating – the open air rink at Staveley is a truly unique NZ winter experience

Remember, our first and foremost reason for existence is the pursuit of awesome skiing and boarding experiences, pure and simple. But it's nice to know that if these aren't an option, your holiday can continue in similar style off the slopes.



*The Monarch of the Glen - Red stag in full antler on a High Peak Game Estate 4WD adventure.*

## Bad Weather Days

We're not going to deny it. New Zealand has a maritime climate (where do you think all that lovely powder snow comes from) and this means that occasionally the weather can go awry - to the point that skiing and boarding is off the cards. We don't believe bad weather should ruin your ski holiday - luckily then, that when the mountains are closed and the skies are grey or windy, the team at The Neon PomPom just carry on.

Here are some of the things on offer when it ain't so flash outside, lunch included, *at no extra cost over your Neon Day Pass.*:

- Day trip to Methven – Heritage Centre tour, a pub lunch, movie session and hot pools
- Day trip to Christchurch – our re-emerging city, for shopping and entertainment
- Day trip to Akaroa – a charming seaside village on Banks Peninsula with great pubs and shops
- Day trip to the High Peak hut – for a back-country barbecue
- Day trip to North Canterbury wine country – for wine tasting & lunch
- Day trip to the Ashburton Aviation Museum – with lunch at the Speight's Ale House
- Pub crawl through Methven's establishments – The Blue Pub, The Brown Pub, The Last Post, Ski Time, Forest Lodge, The Rakaia Gorge Inn and Terrace Downs
- Day trip to Hanmer Springs & Hot Pools – stunning alpine resort town in North Canterbury
- Cooking school with Robbie Koller – our local award-winning Swiss chef!
- Your own in-house massage therapist – combined with the hot tub to ease away the aches and pains from skiing and boarding.

On average, we can expect to have between 10-20 closed days per season, which isn't bad considering the season can be up to 130 days long. Also, it is very rare that all our accessible mountains will be closed all at once. But if conditions are less than ideal, you know we have the bases covered., and if they're REALLY feral, you know you can just relax at the chalet and get a full refund on any Neon Day Passes you may have purchased.



*A good option if the weather goes awry - The Spa at Terrace Downs. Photo courtesy of Terrace Downs.*

## **Kids and Extra People**

At The Neon PomPom we pride ourselves on being flexible. No two weeks are the same and we are always open to accommodating our guests in the best way we can. If you have kids, or you number more than 8 people, talk to us to see what we can offer you.

The Neon PomPom is ideally set up for families. If you have kids of any age, bring them along and we'll do our best to make sure they have a great time whilst allowing you to get the most out of your family holiday. All we ask is that you have at least one adult per kid. Here's what's on offer as far as kids are concerned:

### *Little Kids (under 5)*

If you have kids too young to ski, then we have a complimentary baby-sitting service to look after them. Your chalet host Kate, mum to 5 month-old Paddy and her team look after the little ones while you enjoy your time on the slopes. Best of all - there is no charge for little kids, at all, ever.

### *Middle-size Kids (10 and under)*

The best thing about the Neon PomPom where kids under 10 are concerned, is that they ski, eat and sleep for FREE. That's right, there is no charge for kids under 10 while you are with us. Some optional extras where we don't control the pricing may carry an extra charge, but if the idea of having your kids shown how to ski at no extra cost while you enjoy the slopes sounds like you, then make sure you give us a call.

### *Big Kids (11-17)*

Kids over 10 stay and ski at the Neon PomPom at special youth rates and enjoy all the benefits that full paying adults do, including on-mountain guiding and non-skiing activities. See Rates and Reservations for details.

### *Real Big Kids (Extra Adults)*

While the Neon PomPom has superb accommodation for 8 adults, you may have a group that is slightly bigger than that number. We can accommodate up to 12 adults in the chalet on extra mattresses if you don't mind three in a room; and of course, this reduces the overall cost for everyone involved. For more information, see Rates & Reservations.



*Kids learning to ski at Mt Hutt. Photo courtesy of nzski.com.*

## Rates & Reservations

This is the bit about money. In this section, we'll explain the following (again, just click on a heading to go right there):

- [Chalet Rental](#)
- [The Neon PomPom Experience](#)
- [Chalet Hosting Service](#)
- [Transport Service](#)
- [Skiing & Boarding Pack](#)
- [Rates](#)
- [Special Deals](#)
- [Referrals](#)
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### Chalet Rental

As you have probably gathered, you book the Neon PomPom by the entire chalet, not by the room, so it works best for families or groups of friends. You can opt for the all-inclusive Neon PomPom Experience, or you can just pick and choose which parts of our service you require.

You can book us by the day (great for weekends or short breaks), or opt for the Classic Neon PomPom Ski Week to get the most out of your time over here.

The Chalet Rental includes:

- Exclusive Use of our 4-bedroom / 3.5 bathroom luxury chalet
- Bedrooms configured as per your request
- Welcome & Orientation Pack
- Daily housekeeping & chalet clean
- Fresh coffee, soaps and toiletries
- Hot tub heated for your return each evening

## **The Neon PomPom Experience**

This is our all-inclusive option. Everything is covered from the moment you arrive at Christchurch to the moment you depart. This is the best way to experience the Neon PomPom, because it leaves all the work up to us, the Neon PomPom team, leaving you to enjoy the hospitality, ambience, relaxation and great skiing.

The Neon PomPom Experience includes (see below for details):

- The Chalet Hosting Service
- The Transport Service
- The Skiing & Boarding Pack

For a group of 8 adults, the all-in cost for 6 nights / 5 days skiing will come to **approx \$2800pp**. For the same group on a long weekend - 3 nights / 2 days skiing, the cost will be **approx \$1,500pp**.

## **Chalet Hosting Service**

If you'd rather not self-cater, why not get us to do it for you? The Chalet Hosting Service includes all your catering and hosting for the time that you're staying at The Neon PomPom, meaning that you can relax with your friends or family while our team makes sure you are properly 'fed and watered' in the comfort of your own space.

We base our cuisine around quality home-cooking, using the best local ingredients and our own interpretation of the type of food you like. Meals are served 'table d'hote' which is a fancy way of saying that the chef will focus on one signature meal for the group, whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, so everyone enjoys the same eating experience.

The Chalet Hosting Service includes:

- Daily cooked & continental breakfast
- Daily gourmet picnic lunches
- Mountain snacks & refreshments
- Afternoon mulled wine & mountain platter
- Daily three-course dinner
- Unlimited beer, wine, aperitifs and non-alcoholic drinks

## **Transport Service**

We've already mentioned that accessing some of the mountains around here can be a challenge, So why not let The Neon PomPom's experienced team take care of all your transport requirements? Along with around thirty years' combined mountain driving and off road experience, Tom and Simon utilise properly equipped Toyota four-wheel-drive vehicles that go places where your rental RAV4 is going to struggle. Let the Neon PomPom team take you on the ski road less travelled!

The Transport Service includes:

- One fully-equipped 4WD and driver / guide per four people
- Return airport transfers
- Daily mountain shuttle to any of six local ski areas
- Mountain orientation
- Personal driver service
- Pub shuttle service
- Transport to non-skiing options

## **Skiing & Boarding Pack**

You can arrange your own rental gear, ski passes, lessons and equipment, or you can let us take care of it all for you. Our Skiing & Boarding Pack involves us arranging the right stuff for the right person on the right mountain, and making sure you get the most out of your time on the snow. The Skiing & Boarding Pack includes daily passes called Neon Day Passes, that can also be cashed in on non-skiing activities or fully refunded in the event of feral weather.

The Skiing & Boarding Pack includes:

- Neon Day Pass per day to any of six mountains
- Guiding & coaching (max 4 skiers per guide)
- Full ski and snowboard equipment rental
- Backcountry equipment hire (if required) - nutcracker, transceiver, shovel, probe)
- Inclusive non-skiing activities (see pages 36 - 39)
- Complimentary baby-sitting service for those too young to ski
- Complimentary pair of backcountry gloves for those who ski for 5 days or more



*Let us take you skiing and we'll show you some special places - such as the curling rink at Mt Olympus at 6500ft .  
Photo courtesy of Mt Olympus.*

## Rates

The following rates apply for the 2012 season. First, you book the Chalet....

<i>Chalet Hire Rates (NZD)</i>	<i>Per Day / Night</i>	<i>7 Day / 6 Night / 5 Days Skiing</i>
Peak Season	\$800 / night	\$4500 / week
Shoulder Season*	\$500 / night	\$3000 / week

*\*Before 1 July / after 30 September*

...then, you add your Neon PomPom Experience...

<i>The NPP Experience (NZD)</i>	<i>Per Day / Night</i>	<i>7 Day / 6 Night / 5 Ski Days</i>
Adults (18+)	\$400pp / day	\$2250 / week
Big Kids (11-17)	\$270pp / day	\$1550 / week
Kids under 10	FREE **	FREE**

...or, you choose which services you want from the below:

<i>Chalet Hosting Service (NZD)</i>	<i>Per Day / Night</i>	<i>7 Day / 6 Night / 5 Ski Days</i>
Adults (18+)	\$125pp / night	\$750 / week
Big Kids (11-17)	\$75pp / night	\$450 / week
Kids under 10	FREE **	FREE**

<i>Transport Service (NZD)</i>	<i>Per Day / Night</i>	<i>7 Day / 6 Night / 5 Ski Days</i>
Adults (18+)	\$75pp / day	\$500 / week
Big Kids (11-17)	\$75pp / day	\$500 / week
Kids under 10	FREE **	FREE**

<i>Skiing &amp; Boarding Pack (NZD)</i>	<i>Per Day / Night</i>	<i>7 Day / 6 Night / 5 Ski Days</i>
Adults (18+)	\$200pp / day	\$1000 / week
Big Kids (11-17)	\$120pp / day	\$600 / week
Kids under 10	FREE **	FREE**

*\*\*Each kid must be accompanied by at least one full paying adult.*

## Special Deals

Every now and then, we put out a special deal to make it a bit easier to come skiing. These deals could be a price discount, some extra added value or a joint promotion with one of our partners. Make sure you check out [www.neonpompom.co.nz](http://www.neonpompom.co.nz) and sign up to our newsletter to find out the latest special deal on offer.

## Selected Services

We want you to experience the full deal, but realise you may not require everything we offer. If you want to self-cater, don't require any instruction or guiding, have your own gear or any other variation of our package options, then just let us know and we'll adjust that aspect of the price.

## Referrals

At The Neon PomPom, we understand and appreciate the importance of referrals from our friends and previous customers. That's why, if you refer a friend who ends up organising a ski week with The Neon PomPom, we will offer a 5% discount off a week's accommodation package to both:

1. The person that you have referred (and their whole group) for their Neon PomPom ski week
2. To you and your group for your next Neon PomPom ski week



*The road to paradise at Mt Olympus - best you leave it to us to get you up there!*

## **Reservations**

To make a reservation at The Neon PomPom, we have a four-step process. Here it goes:

*Step 1:* We invite you to tell us a bit about you and your group via our enquiry form. Make sure you tell us a bit about you, the individuals in your group, how many of you, a bit about them and what you want to get out of your NZ ski adventure.

*Step 2:* We confirm availability and ask for a \$1000 deposit to provisionally hold your dates. This is a refundable deposit and gives your group first dibs on your dates if someone else wants them (i.e. if for whatever reason you need to cancel the trip, we will refund you 100% as long as you let us know before 1 month prior to the start date of your trip).

*Step 3:* You talk to your group, confirm that you're in, and we ask for the outstanding balance\* (chalet base rate plus whichever per person rates you choose). Neon Day Passes are organised daily and any refunds or extras (e.g. heli-skiing) are settled up at the end of the week.

*Step 4:* You arrive in New Zealand and the fun begins...

## **Cancellations & Refunds**

If for whatever reason some members of the group cannot make it, but you still wish to go ahead with the booking, we will refund 100% of the per person fee if you let us know up to 1 month before the start of the holiday. If you let us know up to 2 weeks before the holiday, we will refund 50% and if inside 2 weeks, we cannot offer a refund, but can transfer that person's fee to another date that year or in the following year, subject to any price adjustments.

If you have to postpone or cancel the whole chalet booking, we will refund 100% of the booking fee if you cancel your booking before 1 month prior to the date of arrival. If you cancel your trip inside 1 month prior to the start of your holiday we cannot offer a refund but, can transfer you and your group to a mutually suitable date that year or the following year, subject to any price adjustments.

Remember, *at any time* you can transfer your chalet or individual per person booking to any available free date in that year or the following year, subject to any price adjustments.



*The good times...about to roll. Photo courtesy of Methven Heliski.*

## The Neon PomPom Guarantee

We promise a lot. But what good is this promise without a guarantee that the experience is actually delivered? That's why The Neon PomPom makes the following guarantee to all our guests:

*If you are dissatisfied with any part of your Neon PomPom experience under our direct control, we will refund 100% of the cost of that part - right up to 100% of the trip's cost. All we ask is that you give us the chance to get it right first.*

There you go – someone willing to organise your ski trip, deliver the experience and accept total financial responsibility in doing so. Surely that's at least worth an email?



*We'll even refund the fondue if you don't like it.*



*Ski instructor, musician and friend of ours Mel Parsons at Craigieburn. Photo courtesy of Geoff Browne.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

As The Neon PomPom is a brand new concept for ski holidays in New Zealand, maybe even the world, you'll probably have a few questions for us. Here are some of the more common queries we have received to date:

*Why are you based in Canterbury?*

Longest season, best snow, biggest mountains, most skifields, not too many people, best heliskiing, not that touristy, easy to get to but off the beaten track, stunning scenery – how's that for a start?

*How many chalets do you have?*

We just have one chalet, so when you are part of a group staying at The Neon PomPom, you are literally the only people that matter.

*Why do you rent the whole chalet, as opposed to by the room?*

We only rent the whole chalet. We are catering for groups of friends and families who like to holiday together, because in our experience these holidays are the most fun of all.

*Some of us have specific dietary requirements. Can you cater for us?*

Yes. Our weekly menu is customised to your preferences / requirements. If you can inform us of any special requirements before you arrive, we can ensure you will be properly looked after.

*Is the Neon PomPom expensive?*

No-one has ever accused skiing of being a cheap sport, but you probably already knew that. As far as ski holidays go, we think we are great value to the client who values quality leisure time with the friends, minus the hassle.

*Why wouldn't I just rent a house and a couple of vehicles and do it myself?*

You could, but there wouldn't be a whole lot of point. The Neon PomPom costs around the same as it would cost to organise a holiday with a similar level of accommodation and catering yourself - not to mention a whole lot easier and more personable – and you get a dedicated team looking after every aspect of your trip. Need proof? See our cost comparison on the facing page...

*Cost Comparison for a group of 8 Adults, 6 Nights, 5 Days Skiing with a transit day either end:*

<b>Do It Yourself</b>	Amt	Qty	Freq	Total	<b>The Neon PomPom</b>	Amt	Qty	Freq	Total
Rental 4x4 (full-size)	160	7	2	2240	Chalet Rental	4500	1	1	4500
Car Insurance	40	7	2	560	NPP Experience	2250	8	1	18000
Fuel	40	7	2	560					
Chain Hire	30	5	2	300					
Accommodation	80	8	6	3840					
Breakfast	10	8	6	480					
Ski Area Lunch	20	8	6	960					
Dinner	35	8	6	1680					
Dinner Beverages	20	8	6	960					
BC Gloves	40	8	5	1600					
Mountain refreshments	10	8	5	400					
Guiding & Coaching	400	5	2	4000					
Ski / board gear hire	45	5	8	1800					
Lift Passes	90	8	5	3600					
<b>Total</b>				<b>22980</b>	<b>Total</b>				<b>22500</b>
<b>Per Person</b>				<b>2873</b>	<b>Per Person</b>				<b>2813</b>
<b>Per Person Per Day</b>				<b>479</b>	<b>Per Person Per Day</b>				<b>469</b>

(See what we mean? We love the fact that some people do organise their own NZ ski trips - in fact we take our hats off to them, - but you'd really have to love admin and have a lot of time on your hands to do it properly, and in our experience most people don't have either these days...)

*What gear will I need?*

Skiing and boarding does require some specialist gear, some items more important than others. We can help advise you what you'll need and help get the appropriate gear for you. For a thorough list of what we think you'll require, have a look at *The Neon PomPom Information Pack*.

*What other costs will I have when I'm in New Zealand?*

Minimal, if any at all. Provided you bring the gear as specified on our list, everything you need for a great ski holiday is covered by our single price. Obviously, big ticket options like heli-skiing will incur an extra cost.

*I am a beginner skier / boarder. Should I consider The Neon PomPom?*

Absolutely. Our comfortable environment and coaching over the course of a week is possibly the best way to start your snow sport 'career'. We have no ski instructor bad attitudes here!

*We have young children. Should we consider the Neon PomPom?*

Definitely. If your kids are too young to ski, we have a babysitting service at the chalet while you are skiing. If they are ready for the slopes, they will be looked after and taught to ski while at the same time as you. Best of all, kids under 10 years old stay and ski for free.

*I'm a good skier / boarder and looking for a challenge. Will I get this with The Neon PomPom?*

If you're a good rider looking to step up to the next level, Tom's Freeski Clinic will challenge you and take you beyond what you thought you could do. And you'll have a lot of fun in the process.

*We have a range of abilities in our group. How will this work?*

The plan for each day is based on recommendations from your hosts (us) and group consensus (you). If there are a range of abilities, you may decide to apportion your guides' time accordingly to those who need it / want it.

*Will the same team look after us for the whole week?*

You'll be looked after the same core team throughout your stay, although we may occasionally rotate guiding and hosting duties between us for short periods as required. Regardless, you'll always be looked after by a full and dedicated team.



*Stoked. Photo courtesy of Methven Heliski.*

# The Neon PomPom Snowsports Club

The Neon PomPom Snowsports Club is a very exclusive club to belong to, available only to those most discerning skiers and boarders that understand the true value of a well organised and well executed ski holiday.

Becoming a member of the NPSSC is very difficult. It involves the following arduous process.

1. Visit the [Neon PomPom website](#)
2. Sign up to The Neon PomPom Guide to a Great New Zealand Ski Holiday
3. Verify your subscription via email
4. Read The Neon PomPom Guide to a Great New Zealand Ski Holiday

If you can ably demonstrate completing each of the tasks above, the NPSSC Selection Committee (i.e. us) will meet to determine whether you have become 'An Enlightened One' - that is, one who has seen the light - upon which you will be welcomed as a member of the NPSSC.

## **What are the benefits?**

Apart from being a member of the coolest ski club in the Rakaia Gorge region, membership of the NPSSC comes with a host of benefits. You will receive:

- Tips on how to get the most out of your ski holidays
- A monthly newsletter to let you know how cool you are
- Special offers from The Neon PomPom Team

These 'Special Offers' may include the following:

- Preferential booking rates and conditions on NPP ski weeks
- Deals on our suppliers' gear and services (e.g. ski gear, heli-skiing, NPP merchandise)
- Deals on other experiences offered by our affiliate businesses and brands

In fact, can you really afford not to become a member? Didn't think so.



*Fondue anyone? Gut ja?*

## Get In Touch

That's pretty much it - as much information as you're going to need to decide whether The Neon PomPom is for you. So what do you do from here?

If you think you might be interested in what The Neon PomPom can do for you, please give us a shout via one of the following means:

***Make an Enquiry*** - the easiest way to get the ball rolling. You can find the enquiry form on both our website and our facebook page.

Website: [www.neonpompom.co.nz](http://www.neonpompom.co.nz)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TheNeonPomPom](http://www.facebook.com/TheNeonPomPom)

***Call us on the Phone*** - the best way to discuss your group's unique situation. You can reach us any time on:

From NZ:                   03 318 6575 (home)  
                                  03 318 6895 (office)  
                                  027 868 2415 (mobile)

From Overseas:         Drop the '0' and add 0064 - i.e. 0064 3 318 6575

Or, email us your number and we'll call you.

***Send us an Email*** - If you have any specific questions, or just prefer this way of communicating, fire us a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we are able:

Email: [info@neonpompom.co.nz](mailto:info@neonpompom.co.nz)



*Neon Leon looks forward to welcoming you to The Neon PomPom!*