Ngā Niho Taniwha (NNT) - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q. What is Ngā Niho Taniwha?**

Ngā Niho Taniwha is a professional development program offered twice in 2024, focusing on using Te Ao Māori (the Māori worldview) methods to enhance experiences and opportunities in the recreation sector. Through workshops and activities, participants will be introduced to models like Te Whai Oranga

**Q. Who can participate?**

* The wānanga is open to anyone involved in the recreation sector, working outdoors, and those seeking to deepen their understanding of mātauranga Māori and its application in the sector.
* Fluency in Te Reo Māori is not a prerequisite We use the language naturally, creating a welcoming environment for everyone.
* You don't have to be of Māori decent to attend.
* You don't need to be a member of Recreation Aotearoa (although membership offers exclusive benefits).

**Q. When can I register for Ngā Niho Taniwha - Ki Te Arawa?**

Registration for the Rotorua event (October 23-25) opens on August 19th

[Click here to express an interest and secure your spot.](https://form.jotform.com/241708553876871)

**Q. What are the fitness requirements?**

Ngā Niho Taniwha - Ki Wairau (Blenheim, August 14-16) is designed for easy to moderate fitness levels, with an expectation of being able to walk 3 kilometres.

Ngā Niho Taniwha - Ki Te Arawa (Rotorua) requires a higher level of fitness. Participants should be comfortable running 5 kilometers in 32 minutes and waking up early for the program.

**Q: What is the purpose of the Ngā Niho Taniwha Wānanga?**

The wānanga is designed to empower individuals involved in the recreation sector, offering unique insights into Māori knowledge, traditional recreational activities, and cultural narratives.

**Q: What are the registration fees?**

The registration fees are as follows:

* Member - $1,200 (Excl. GST)
* Non-Member - $1,320 (Excl. GST)
* Scholarship (Māori Youth Only) - Further information on the scholarship can be obtained through the Generate program.

**Q: Will transportation be provided to and from the wānanga venue?**

A van will be available to pick up some participants from the airport upon their arrival. However, participants are encouraged to make their own travel plans to the venue.

**Q: Is there an age limit for the scholarship?**

A: Yes, the scholarship is specifically for Māori youth aged 18 to 22 years old. However, all participants are welcome to join the wānanga.

**Q: What will the wānanga cover?**

The wānanga will immerse participants in traditional activities, underpinned by te reo Māori, pūrakau (cultural narratives), tākaro Māori, maramataka, ngā mahi a Rēhia, korikori tinana all designed to deepen their understanding of recreation within a Aotearoa context.

**Q: Will accommodation and catering be provided?**

Yes, accommodation will be provided in a marae-style setting with catering included. Please inform us of any dietary requirements in advance.

**Q: When do registration for NNT ki Wairau close?**

Expressions of interest will close 9th August 2024, subject to availability