

NZ Mountain Film Festival FMC School Tour

The NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival runs in Central Otago in early July, showcasing a number of inspiring local and international mountain films covering a wide array of genres and themes.

Following the main festival, local hosts organise screenings of the NZMFF National Tour around the country. Local hosts pay a licence fee to the NZMFF for the films, which are delivered on Blu-Ray DVD or Hard drive. Hosts then organise the screening directly with a suitable cinema venue. Ticket sales contribute to fundraising for the host organisation.

Hosting a National Tour show is a great way for clubs to fundraise with a fun, social event for those long winter evenings. It's also a great opportunity for clubs to reach out to potential members in the local community and help inspire the next generation of mountain enthusiasts.

With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that this year, FMC has partnered with the NZ Mountain Film festival to offer a selection films to schools around the country for **free**.

Those that host a National tour screening will collaborate directly with interested schools to arrange a show for free for the students.

How do we arrange to host a screening of the NZMFF National Tour?

National Tour shows are organised directly between the local host and the NZMFF. Check out the website www.mountainfilm.nz or contact the NZMFF directly: info@mountainfilm.nz

How do we arrange a free screening for our local school?

Once you have committed to be a local host for the NZMFF National Tour, you can approach a local school and work with them to arrange a free screening at school. If you are unsure of which school to approach, then you can contact me development@fmc.org.nz I'll work to put you in touch with a local school with FMC Associate Membership.

If there's already someone else running a National Tour in your town, we can help you get in touch with them if you have a particular school in mind for the free show. Schools are welcome to contact me also, I can help put them in touch with the right people. There's no limit to the number of schools where the tour can be shown, and we can help you work through the arrangements if you'd like assistance.

There is no prescribed format for the School Tour; films could be shown to the whole school at assembly, interested individuals during lunchtimes, or to classes during the day. It is up to the school to decide what suits them.



The only requirement is that the free school tour screenings are arranged in such a way that only students and teachers can attend, and that the copyright of the original film makers is respected.

Other opportunities to support schools and students in the outdoors

The school tour is a great time to remind people that there are opportunities for schools, clubs or young individuals to access funding through the NZMFF and the FMC.

The **NZMFF Grant Scheme** offers funding of between \$500-1000 supporting youth and environmental initiatives, as well as assisting people with disabilities to buy specialist sporting equipment. You can learn more at www.mountainfilm.nz/information/grants

FMC Youth scholarships offer funding of up to \$1000 specifically for the expenses of a multi-day expedition in NZ. The FMC Youth Scholarship is only available to members of FMC affiliated clubs, FMC individual supporters or students of schools that are FMC Associate members. You can learn more at www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship

FMC Associate Membership for a school has many benefits, especially for schools with an outdoor education programme. Check out www.fmc.org.nz/fmcschools

All this information and more is on our FMC website; search for Mountain Film, or look for the information in the 'Members area' tab. You can also contact me development@fmc.org.nz if you have any questions.

Looking forward to the films this Winter!

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