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Yes it is February already! Whilst we lost a couple of participants since November, 58 have now paid a substantial deposit for the camp, plane tickets, accommodation and tours. Final payment for plane tickets has just been made, so there is no turning back now.

Camp t-shirts have been produced, along with two large banners and ID tags. The caps will be completed by

the middle of February. A meeting with the travel agent on Monday 6 finalised the room sharing arrangements and confirmed some of the details about tours.

Thirty-six Thai students have now confirmed their registrations with deposits so in total just under 70 students will enjoy a great weekend of Taekwon-Do and cultural exchange. The welcome dinner on Friday 30 will provide the opportunity to meet the local students and family members. Teams will be announced so that initial introductions can take place prior to the camp commencing Saturday morning. Remember you will only get out of the experience what you put into it and we are hoping that because of the interaction the Thai students will want to visit Australia in 2014.

The “camp” environment will be a whole new experience for everyone, given Australian students are used to a dormitory style accommodation and Thai students are used to sleeping on the floor at their school camps. Sharing in close quarters requires tolerance and cooperation to ensure that everyone enjoys the experience. Obviously we will not mix Thai and Australian students in the hotel rooms as this may just be a little difficult due to language constraints. However, the expectation from Instructors is that everyone will behave as they should and not take advantage of the out of sight temptations.



A camp is a camp regardless of the sleeping arrangements and there will be little time for anything other than sleeping, eating and training. It is strongly suggested that students do not bring electronic games, media devices or the like as we would expect that even when travelling to and from locations you will want to take in all the sights and sounds Thailand has to offer.

We know Regional Instructors have been providing a wealth of information to the group and both Sabum Rachanok and Sabum Graham will be on hand in Bundaberg on Saturday 24 March to talk to those who will be attending the Senior Black Belt testing. RI Kris will provide the exact details of where and when.

The hard part is almost over (paying for the trip) and the enjoyment not far away. We look forward to seeing some of you on 24 March and welcoming the group to Thailand on 29 March.

Finally we are developing a competition for members of the group that involves putting together a photographic / video report on the camp. The best three will be put on our web sites and some great prizes awarded. Practice your photography and reporting skills and who knows you might win a QSDTA OSCAR!

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