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Kites will fill the sky at Mt Ruapehu this New Year's Day

On January 1st 2011, Project Tongariro and the New Zealand Kite Fliers Association will be hosting their annual Kite Day at the picturesque Chateau Tongariro Golf Course at Whakapapa Village, Mt Ruapehu.

This wonderful free family event runs annually and is just one of Project Tongariro's community activities that raises awareness about Tongariro National Park and ongoing conservation initiatives.

"Everyone is invited to join in on the kite flying or just come along and watch the amazing spectacle of fun and colour," says Karen Williams, spokesperson from Project Tongariro. Photographers are also invited to capture the kites in action with the amazing scenery.

On Saturday 1st January 2011, the day will kick off at about 10.30am, weather and wind dependent, and will go throughout the day until about 4pm. There will be kids paper kite making kits available for a gold coin donation as well as a sausage sizzle for hungry kite fliers. All proceeds will go to Project Tongariro to assist conservation efforts in Tongariro National Park.

"Kite fliers love this event as the venue makes for such an amazing backdrop" says Ray McCully, member of the New Zealand Kite Fliers Association. "We're hoping for great weather so we can show off some new large and small kites."

For more information – www.tongariro.org.nz

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