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## Get active and feel the rewards

GREAT OUTDOORS: Australian Geographical Society Adventurer of the Year Chris Porter is the ambassador for the annual Kids Adventure Outdoors (KAOS) Anglesea Festival. Picture: NIGEL HALLETT



ANGLESEA'S Chris Porter is a poster man for letting your imagination run wild.

As an outdoor educator, owner of surfing school Go Ride A Wave and an elite surf life saver, Porter is a strong advocate for being active.

He has joined Kids Adventure Outdoors (KAOS) Anglesea as an ambassador for the event, to be

held this Saturday and Sunday.

The festival offers a range of activities, including climbs, paddles, rides and runs.

Inspired as a child by a famous Leyland Brothers' film that depicts their adventures around Australia, Porter has taken on a range of tough outdoor challenges.

Porter was part of a team that

was awarded the Australian Geographic Adventurers of the Year in 2015 for circumnavigating the remote sub-Antarctic South Georgia Island by kayak.

They broke the record for the journey by five days and joined only a handful of people to successfully complete the trip.

Porter has encouraged parents

to let their kids run free and enjoy the great outdoors.

"What I love about the KAOS initiative is that it presents so many activities and options for people to become involved in the outdoors for the first time," he said

"It gives parents and kids the confidence and pathways to stay involved."

"There are elements of challenge, risk, safety and personal achievement found in the many outdoor pursuits that just aren't delivered via more mainstream sports found within our school curriculum."

For more information, visit [www.kidsadventureoutdoors.org.au](http://www.kidsadventureoutdoors.org.au).

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