



Parents Information 2017

Hi, welcome to the 1st Gundaroo Scout Group. The aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people, so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens. Children are accepted into Scouting from 6 years of age and may continue through the different sections until they are young adults at age 26. Scouting emphasizes nature, adventure, teamwork, leadership and of course having fun. The 1st Gundaroo Scout Group will help the young members of our community achieve this aim by providing activities, games and challenges appropriate to their age in a varied weekly program adopting the strategy of 'learning by doing and having fun in the process'.

A Scout Group is an organisation that offers different levels of Scouting to various ages. A full Scout Group consists of five Sections – a Joey Mob, Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop, a Venturer Unit and a Rover Crew. Each Mob, Pack, Troop or Unit is managed by a Leader who is helped by Assistant Leaders & in the Joey Scout & Cub Scout sections, parent helpers are encouraged to support the Leader. The Group as a whole is managed & guided by a person known as the Group Leader. At Gundaroo we cater for the full range of scout sections.



Joeys

Tuesday
6.15- 7.15pm



Cubs

Tuesday
6.00 – 7.30pm



Scouts

Monday
6.30 – 8.30pm



Venturer

Wednesday
7.30-9.30pm

LEADERS:	Joey Scout Leader:	Trent Dolphin	0409 695 446
	Cub Scout Leader:	Lana Mitchell	0401 946 282
	Scout Leader:	Antony Webber	0429 368 477
	Venturer Scout Leader:	Greg Kovacs	0427 962 258
	Group Leader:	<i>vacant</i>	
PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE:	Chairperson:	Jon Sleeman	0409 002 598
	Secretary:	Suzanna Holmes	0411 289 363
	Treasurer:	Matt Muller	0413 675 979
	Quartermaster:	<i>vacant</i>	
	Membership Officer:	Suzanna Holmes	0411 289 363

How do you join?

Easy! First, come and see for yourself. Your child is welcome to attend Scouts on a trial basis for 4 weeks. After the initial 4 weeks, should your child decide to become a Scout, you will need to pay the joining and registration fees. Your child will then be 'invested' as a member of Scouts Australia. Please note: due to legal & insurance reasons, you will need to complete an 'Application for Youth Membership' form (Y1) before your child can participate in any Scout outings. This will give automatic insurance cover for your child whilst they are 'trying out' Scouts. A1 forms (Permission notes) must also be completed for all activities that are done away from the Scout Hall.

Fees

The Scout Group is entirely self-funded and the expenses are various. The Group meets the cost of maintaining camping equipment in first class, safe condition as well as paying for and maintaining the Scout Hall itself. There are also Leader training costs, which are met by the Group. Funds for the Group are raised from fees (paid either annually or term by term) and fundraising activities.

Term fees

Term fees are due at the beginning of each term upon receipt of an invoice from our Treasurer. If you have difficulties paying term fees, please see your Leader as payment options are available.

Naturally, with Scouting being fundamentally an outdoors-based program, from time to time there will be pack holidays, camps, hikes etc. The cost of these activities is an extra expense but you can be sure that our aim is to keep the price of such activities down to a minimum.

Uniform

A shirt is all that is required to for the basic Scout uniform. These items can be purchased from the Scout Shop online <http://www.thescoutsshop.com.au/>

Upon investiture, a set of badges will be given to a new member to go on their uniform. You will be provided with a sheet outlining where they are to be placed. Throughout the life of a youth member, they will continually earn badges so ask your child/children where they are worn or better still get them to sew them on!

Parent Involvement

Scouting is a voluntary organisation and we rely heavily on parent support. We understand the level of support given will depend on the individual circumstances of each family. Each section requires different levels of supervision and assistance. Parents or guardians are not required to remain in attendance during section meetings, however if you can find the time we strongly encourage that you attend Section meetings as a parent helper whenever possible. Not only will this provide **you** with a good understanding of the activities your child is involved with, but the children really enjoy the participation of their parents.

At a minimum we ask that you always accompany your child to and from the hall and ensure that a Leader is present at the beginning of each meeting.

Areas in which you can help:

- **Transport** – Occasionally children will need to be taken to various program activities.
- **Maintenance of the Scout Hall** – It is important that the place in which our children gather is clean, hygienic & safe. Occasionally assistance is required for a working bee.
- **Parent Roster** – Leaders can always do with an extra pair of hands, eyes & ears. If we call for a little extra help, it is good to know that there are parents willing to assist.
- **Fundraising Activities** - Families need to participate in the fundraising activities of the Group. By raising funds in this manner it will prevent the need for additional levies to be charged or increases in the section subscriptions.
- **Attendance at Group Support Meetings** – The parent Group Support Committee is essential to the success of the Scout Group as a whole. Meetings are held monthly during term and they allow you the opportunity to stay informed of all the happenings within the Group.
- **Special skills/expertise:** if you have a special skill or expertise please speak with the Section Leader.

Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Program Information

Program information will be supplied by the section leader early on in each term. Visit our:

- Web-site: <http://www.1stgundaroscouts.org.au>
- Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1stGundarooScouts>

Further Information

If at any time you require further information on the group or its activities, or indeed if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the leaders or committee members.

You can contact us per email via 1stGundarooScouts@gmail.com.

We are here to help you and to ensure that your experience with Gundaroo Scouts is an enjoyable and rewarding experience.