



Scouts
QUEENSLAND

Parent Information pack August 2019

**So your child can be
well prepared for life**

Why join Scouts?



Scouting develops:

Character

Resilience

Leadership

Respect

Networking



Scouting in Queensland



Active since 1908

230+ Scout Groups

10,000+ boys and girls

50 mil members world-wide



Our Purpose



“The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full **physical, intellectual, emotional, social** and **spiritual potentials** as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.”



Scouting caters to youth of all ages



Our Sections:

Joey
Scouts

5 - 7 years

Cub
Scouts

8 - 10 years

Scouts

11 - 14 years

Venturer
Scouts

15 - 17 years

Rover
Scouts

18 - 25 years



How We Operate

- Youth Members are supported by trained volunteer adult Leaders as they become increasingly involved in the management of their Scouting - We call this Youth Leading Adult Supporting
- The Youth Program is designed for each Section with an achievement pathway that encourages personal progression
- Each Scout Group is managed by their own volunteer committee, all under the umbrella of Scouts Queensland



Supporting your child in Scouts



- Costs – uniform, joining fee and annual or term fee – generally around \$100/term but is Group specific
- Putting your child through Scouting is a shared responsibility – shared between the volunteer Leaders and the parents. Be prepared to get involved within the Scout Group to support the delivery of the Youth Program.
- Parent support roles are tailored to suit skill sets and time availability and a great way to have fun and to build lasting friendships. Why not consider becoming a Leader – training provided, learn new skills including community recognised VET qualifications, have fun, contribute to the future of young people



Our Code of Conduct



We demonstrate **Integrity** by:

- Acting with honesty, truthfulness and fostering appropriate healthy professional relationships
- Recognising and fulfilling where possible, our obligations to our community
- Taking responsibility for our own actions and developing integrity in others
- Acting with impartiality, truthfulness and honesty.

We demonstrate **Respect** by:

- Showing consideration to others, recognising each individual's uniqueness and diversity
- Minimising our impact on the environment and seeking to be good caretakers for future generations
- Committing to members well-being and on-going learning through the practice of positive influence, good judgement and empathy in practice.

We demonstrate **Courage** by:

- Providing challenging, developmental opportunities to empower young people
- Being good role models in Scouting, demonstrating positive attitudes and willingness to live by the Scout Promise and Law
- Being fair and reasonable

Scouts Queensland is a Child Safe organisation with zero-tolerance for any harm, abuse or neglect. We value the diversity of our members, including gender, sexuality, race, religion and ability. Visit our Child Safe website for more information.

The Legal Stuff



In consideration of The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc accepting my child as a Member in an activity(s) I/we agree to release, indemnify and save harmless; and at all times hereafter to keep released, indemnified and saved harmless the indemnified persons (as defined in Definition A) from and against all liability, claims, suits, demands or actions of whatsoever nature or description, including liability, claims, suits, demands or actions for negligence directly or indirectly arising out of or in relation to my/my child's attendance or conduct at, or travel to or from any Scouting Activity.

1. I/we agree to be bound by Scouts Australia Policies, Scouts Queensland Constitution By-laws and the Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions being those existing as at the time of acceptance of my child as a Member and me as a non-Member participating in a Scouting activity and thereafter as lawfully modified and amended or added to from time to time.
2. I/we acknowledge that the intent of this Indemnity is to benefit the indemnified person and agree for the purposes of Section 55 of the Property Law Act (Qld) that acceptance of my child as a Member of the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc or as me as a non-Member attending a Scouting activity will constitute an acceptance by all the Indemnified persons of the benefit conferred by this application for Membership activity advice.
3. I/we authorise the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc and all other branches of the Scout Association of Australia in the event of accident or illness to myself/my child to obtain such medical assistance or treatment as may be necessary and for this purpose to engage any doctors nursing assistance or hospital accommodation or other procedures and in such an event I agree to pay for those expenses and if necessary reimburse the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc or any other branch of the Scout Association of Australia for such expenses on demand.
4. I/we acknowledge that myself as a non-Member and my child may be exposed to risk of injury as a result of participating in scouting activities.
5. I/we acknowledge that I have been given an opportunity to read and consider this indemnity and have read and considered it to my satisfaction and I/we accept those terms.
6. I/we acknowledge that as a non-Member of The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc. I and my child as a Member may participate in activities which may be photographed or filmed for publicity and archival purposes. This enables us to raise the profile of Scouting within the community. Photographs, footage and information gathered may be used in The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc promotional material including but not restricted to: newsletters, annual reports, brochures, posters, videos, letters and website. The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc would be happy to send you copies of promotional material if requested.
7. It is acknowledged that the information contained on this form will be scanned by the Association and the Association will hold an electronic copy of this form and the information contained in it. Consent is hereby given to these actions proposed by the Association.

Definition A:- The term “Indemnified Persons” means and includes: The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc. (herein referred to as Scouts Queensland); Scouts Australia; all Branches of Scouts Australia; all subsidiary companies of Scouts Queensland; all subsidiary companies of Scouts Australia; every Director, Executive Officer, Officer, Employee, Leader, Member, Servant or Agent or person holding Appointments from Scouts Queensland or Scouts Australia or any Branch of Scouts Australia and any persons retained in any way by Scouts Queensland or Scouts Australia whether in official or unofficial capacity and whether a volunteer or otherwise to supervise, direct, watch over, or assist Members of Scouts Queensland or Scouts Australia thereof in Scouting Activities

Where to from here?

Identify which Scout Group to join – see our Scout Group locator on our website scoutsqld.com.au or give us a call on 1800 Scouts

Make contact with the Group Leader of your Local Scout Group





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