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Y1 INFORMATION FOR CARERS (JUL 17 UPD)

INFORMATION FOR CARERS

On behalf of your Scout Group, I would like to WELCOME you, as a parent or guardian, to our World Wide Movement. By your child becoming a member of Scouts Australia, they are joining the largest youth movement in the World with over **26 million** members in **220 nations** around the world.

Scouting's aim is to develop character and good citizenship and this, for the most part, is achieved through fun and experience gained in outdoor activities. Hiking, camping, canoeing, and learning to fend for oneself teaches the young person self-reliance and how to work with others for the mutual benefit of all. In essence, the basis of Scouting's continuing success is that it uses the young person's natural desire for friendship, fun, and adventure to turn them into useful and thinking citizens so subtly that they are unaware of it happening.

Scouting makes full use of the need for adventure and the vivid imagination of young people. Games, outings, camps, hikes, yarns, and skill development activities are combined to form a unique programme for young people of all ages. Activity notification forms will be used by the activity leader to specifically advise parents in advance of all overnight activities and all air/alpine/rock-related/water activities.

An Award Scheme operates in each Section which allows the members a wide variety of activities and skills in which they can participate and receive recognition with the awarding of the appropriate badge. These awards are graded to the person's age and ability and are designed to assist the member in fulfilling our aim. Through all Sections there is the continuing opportunity for young people to work together learning co-operation, responsibility, leadership skills, and the sharing of group experiences.

As a parent or guardian, I am sure you are intensely interested in the welfare, both physical and mental, of your child and we welcome the opportunity to work with you and see your child develop into a respectable and productive citizen. Our Group provides the opportunities for parents or guardians to become involved in Scouting by supporting the Group's many activities.

A most important part of Scouting is our commitment to a set of values in our dealings with others and particularly with our youth members. To assist you and your child/ren, we ask that all parents and guardians acknowledge and accept that in their dealings with Scouts they will comply with the Scout Laws, our Personal Protection Policy, Code of Conduct, and Behavioural Guidelines. Failure by parents to so comply may result in a transfer, or termination, of your child's membership with Scouts NSW at the absolute discretion of the Region Commissioner or the Chief Commissioner or his Delegate.

All current Policies and the Code of Conduct are available on the Scouts NSW website: www.nsw.scouts.com.au.

All Adult Leaders undergo Police Checks, complete Child Safe Training and hold a valid and verified NSW Working With Children Check (WWCC). To find out more, please visit: www.nsw.scouts.com.au/general-information/child-safety.

Scouting will assist your child in becoming a better member of the community. With your help either as a Leader, Committee member, or Parent Helper, your child will enjoy their experiences in Scouting and will benefit greatly from them. Please encourage your child's *active* participation in Scouting, as parental encouragement and assistance make it more enjoyable for everyone.

I am sure both **YOU** and **YOUR CHILD** will enjoy being involved with Scouting and once again I offer a warm welcome;

GROUP LEADER

Leader's Name Philip Heys Phone 0407903671
Address 15 Westbrook Ave Wahroonga Nsw 2076
Name of Scout Group 1st Pymble
Region Sydney North

SECTION INFORMATION

Your child will belong to the Cub Scout Section which meets on Tuesdays during school term
at Scout Hall - 2 Birubi Ave Pymble from 06:30 PM to 08:00 PM

In addition outings take place regularly at times and places of which you will be advised.

The Section Leader is Phil Heys whose Scouting name is Akela
The Section Leader's address is As Above Phone 0407903671

THE SCOUT GROUP

A Scout Group may consist of any or all of the following Sections:-

Joey Scout Mob for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years
Cub Scout Pack for boys and girls aged 8 to 11 years

Scout Troop for boys and girls aged 11 to 15 years
Venturer Scout Unit for boys and girls aged 15 to 18 years

Each Section has a clearly laid out program of development in order to achieve the Aim of Scouting which is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

REGISTRATION FEES

Scouting in New South Wales is financed at all levels by various fund raising projects and contributions by its Members.

A quarterly Membership Fee applies for each member of \$ _____. A Joining Fee is required for new members, plus the quarterly fee from the quarter of joining. Together these fees are used for:

1. Making a contribution to Region and State Office for the administration and development of Scouting in New South Wales, for the provision of campsites and activity centres, the training of adult leaders and the promotion of Scouting generally.
2. Insuring all members for personal accident and public liability.

The fees are payable for your child whether present or not at meetings.

In addition the Group Support Committee may levy a fee on each member or family to be used for such things as:

1. Equipping and financially supporting the various Sections of the Group;
2. Maintaining and insuring the Group's buildings and equipment;
3. Paying rates associated with the Group's buildings;

Joining Fee	\$	40.00	due	once only	on	investiture	payable to	1st Pymble Scout Group
Quarterly Fee	\$	40.00	due	yearly	on	invoice	payable to	1st Pymble Scout Group
Group Fee	\$	240.00	due	yearly	on	invoice	payable to	1st Pymble Scout Group
Total	\$	440.00						

Each youth member may also be asked to pay a regular subscription to their Sectional funds which are used to defray the day to day expenses incurred in the running of that Section.

Subscription Fee \$ 0.00 Due _____ on _____ payable to _____

INSURANCE

The New South Wales Branch of Scouts Australia has affected extensive insurance policies including public liability, and personal accident cover which includes medical and dental expenses etc., for all **registered** youth members, Adult Leaders, Parents and Committee members. Details of these insurances are contained in the "Insurance Programme Summary" publication provided annually to each Group.

NB: To be fully covered for this insurance, a youth member must be registered, which is formalised by submission of the Application for Youth Membership form to your Regional Office by the Group Leader and the entering of the member's details into our membership database.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

Before a person can become a member of Scouts Australia they make a promise which will assist them to develop a sense of self-reliance, loyalty, obedience, usefulness, and of service to others. Individuals taking the Promise may choose either of the following:

On my honour, I promise

To do my best,

To be true to my spiritual beliefs,

To contribute to my community and our world,

To help other people,

And to live by the Scout Law

On my honour

I promise that I will do my best

To do my duty to my God, and

To the Queen of Australia

To help other people,

And to live by the Scout Law

The Scout Law

Be Respectful

- *Be friendly and considerate*
- *Care for others and the environment*

Do What is Right

- *Be trustworthy, honest and fair*
- *Use resources wisely*

Believe in Myself

- *Learn from my experiences*
- *Face challenges with courage*

THE SCOUT UNIFORM

Scouting is a uniformed Movement. You can ask the Section Leader for details of the uniform and advice on obtaining the uniform.

Uniforms can be purchased from:

* The Scouts Australia NSW "Scouts Shop" which is located in Port Kembla. They can be contacted on (02) 4274 1193 or by email at sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au.

* The Scouts Australia online supplier 'The Scouts Shop'. You can visit their online store at www.thescoutshop.com.au/about.

1. All outings and meetings must be attended in uniform unless otherwise advised in special circumstances.
2. No part of the uniform with Scouts Australia badges on it may be worn, except at meetings or outings, without the permission of the Section Leader.
3. All badges awarded remain the property of Scouts Australia.

THE GROUP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This Committee consists of parents and other interested persons who support the work of the uniformed Leaders. This support is given in a practical way by the provision of a Group meeting venue, equipment and other facilities. The Group Support Committee is important to the wellbeing of your Group. Your support would be greatly welcomed. The Committee meets on: -

Once per term - parents are encouraged to participate

Parents or guardians are also expected to support fund raising activities of their Group and of other levels of Scouting from time to time. This support avoids the necessity of having much higher Registration and Subscription Fees.