

Pamphlett-Tennyson

SEA SCOUTS



Information Pack
2015

Dear Parent / Carer / Helper / Potential Leader!

I am pleased you are considering signing your child / children or yourself up to join the worldwide Scout Movement. Here at Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group we are dedicated to the Aims and Principles of Scouting and are passionate about providing the best possible scouting experience for all of our members. Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group is made up of great youth members and their families, terrific Leaders and a dedicated Committee.

I do hope you choose to join the best youth organisation in the world. Scouts has been around for over 100 years, so a lot of people have made this decision before you. Joining scouts is good for kids, but it also good for the community. I'm sure you will find that the great game of Scouting offers a whole world of fun as well as adventurous and educational activities. Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts continues the long recognised traditions of scouting that were originally established by Lord Robert Baden Powell ('BP') of Gilwell in 1907.

Scouting commenced in 1907 when 'BP' ran an experimental camp for 20 boys at Brownsea Island in Dorset in the south of England. A year later he published the book 'Scouting for Boys' and in that same year Scouting commenced in Australia. Scouting continues as a worldwide movement today providing fun and adventurous activities to youth members everywhere. Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts has its own long traditions, Pamphlett Sea Scouts was formed when two Sea Scout groups, 1st Tennyson Sea Scouts and 1st Graceville Sea Scouts were merged after the construction of the Pamphlett Bridge over Oxley Creek. The groups later grew and separated and operated as Pamphlett Sea Scouts and Tennyson Scouts for many years, in 2015 we have merged together again to form the Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group providing a rejuvenation for both groups that is built on a fantastic shared history.

Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts operates in accordance with the aims of the Scout Association of Australia, which are quite simply:

To encourage the social, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Our members make a promise to live in accordance with the laws of scouting, which all serve to fulfil the above aim and promote the ideal of a duty to god, duty to self and duty to others. These aims are very noble but we believe that to achieve them, youth members must enjoy scouting and have fun. It is therefore the role of the leaders of the group to build fun programs that also fulfil the aims of scouting. As a Sea Scout Group, we also have a wide range of water activities to offer.

As with any volunteer organisation, we can only survive with the help of parents and friends of scouting.

We have a basic expectation of parents / carers at Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts and we encourage everyone to get involved!

Our basic expectations of parents / carers are:

- youth attendance at activities
- youth arrival on time and in full uniform
- attendance and participation in fundraising activities
- attendance at the AGM
- support for the group committee and volunteer participation if you can
- participation in group activities, working bees and maintenance rosters
- support our leaders
- setting of an example at home
- encouragement of youth in their scouting activities
- encouragement and assistance with award scheme
- prompt payment of all fees

Of the 12 men that have walked on the Moon 11 were Scouts.

Although we can't promise sending your kids to the Moon we can give them the confidence to achieve their goals in life. Welcome to Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts. This pack will provide you with the basic information that you will need to join in the fun of Sea Scouts this year.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Christopher Doig

Venturer Scout Leader and Leader in Charge
Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts

What Is Scouting?

Scouting is fun!

Scouting is definitely fun, and it also prepares young people for life in the adult world by teaching responsibility for their own actions and progress. These achievements lay a solid foundation for the success of our future Australian leaders. But don't tell the kids they're learning; they think they're just having fun!

No matter the age of the participant, Scouts provides fun and exciting programs that promote active learning. Whether the young boys and girls are canoeing, camping, visiting museums or helping their local community, the activity is sure to teach them about themselves and the world around them.

Scouting is Adventurous!

Each year, all sections of Scouts learn to share responsibilities and to live with each other through adventures set in the outdoors. Camping, hiking, canoeing, orienteering and sailing are some of the exciting experiences in which our members can participate.

Scouting is Challenging!

Scouts challenge their minds as well as their bodies. We encourage them to set goals, to achieve those goals, to stretch themselves and grow their capability.

Scouting is a Commitment!

Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on the community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to youth. Every year, Scouts and their leaders contribute thousands of volunteer hours to their local communities. But this requires commitment. Scouting activities need to be given an appropriate level of priority to get the most out of scouting.

Activities at Pamphlett-Tennyson and Meeting Times

A Scout Group is the local area organisation that offers different levels of Scouting to various ages. A full Scout Group comprises of up to six sections, being Joey Scouts; Cub Scouts; Scouts; Venturers; Rovers; and Leader/Parent Support.

Due to our large number of youth members Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group has access to and runs den based activities at two Scout Dens.

Pamphlett Den

Simpsons Park
Cnr Nadine St and Graceville Ave
Graceville



Tennyson Den

55 Vivian St
Tennyson

Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group runs the sections detailed below. Times can change to suit leader commitments and to maximise access to resources. Locations of meetings will be published in the group calendar <http://www.pamphlettseascouts.org.au/resources/calendar-of-events>.

Joeys and Cub Scouts

The cub section is for boys and girls aged 7 to 11. Cub Packs can run with 24-30 Cubs, organised into groups of Cubs called 'Sixes'. Each Six is named after a wolf colour, and is led by an older Cub called a 'Sixer', who is assisted by a 'Second'. The theme of Cub is based upon Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. The Cub Scout motto is Do Your Best. Our Joeys are currently merged into our cub sections and they start as their life in scouts as cubs at age 7.

-  **Tuesday Pack (B)** Meet on Tuesday night from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
-  **Wednesday Pack (A)** Meet on Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Scouts

The scout section is for boys and girls aged 10½ to 15. Scout Troop can run with about 20 to 30 Scouts, organised into groups of six to eight Scouts called 'Patrols'. Each patrol is named after an Australian animal, and is led by an older Scout called a 'Patrol Leader', who is assisted by an 'Assistant Patrol Leader'. The Scout motto is Be Prepared.

-  **Tarcoola Troop (B)** Meet on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 pm Alternating / opposite Argonauts Troop.
-  **Argonauts Troop (A)** Meet on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 pm Alternating / opposite Tarcoola Troop.

Venturer Scouts

The Venturer Scout section is for teenagers aged 14 years to 18 years old. The Venturer Unit runs with about 10 to 15 Venturer Scouts. The unit is predominantly self-governing through a Unit Council of elected representatives. The Venturer Scout Leader provides guidance and support. The Venturer motto is Look Wide.



Venturer Unit

Meet on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
and/or weekends as programmed.

Rovers

We currently do not have a Rover Crew, but we expect one to develop in 2015 as a number of our Venturers are currently 17. The Rover section is for young adults aged 17½ to 25 (Rovers get 'booted' on their 26th birthday). There are several Rover Crews in the district. A Rover Crew runs with about 10-20 members. Crews are self-governing with adult assistance from a Rover Advisor. The Rover motto is Service.

All of our section programs are built around the scout award system. So whether a cub is going for their Grey Wolf, a Scout for their Australian Scout Medallion, or a Venturer for their Queen's Scout Award the youth members will be engaged in an enjoyable and varied program with a whole range of fun, adventurous, and educational activities. Scouts learn by doing things, so we will be encouraging them to give everything a try. Parents support for this learning by doing approach is essential.

Parents' help is always welcome. Please don't be shy.

Help launching and recovering boats during water activities is always needed. Help with transport to off-site activities and camps is essential and everyone will eventually be required to help with transport.

Water Activities at Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts

Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts maintains a fleet of sailing vessels including purpose built sailing vessels (*The Centenary*, *The Finnegan* and *Grouper II*) as well as Envys and Fevas. We also have a number of Canadian canoes and kayaks. We focus on development of skills that promote safety in the water, safe boating and a developed understanding of tides and weather.

A new pontoon providing access to the mouth of Oxley Creek was installed in 2012 and canoes and kayaks can also be launched from the boat ramp at Tennyson den. The creek water quality remains acceptable for boating. We will run regular water activities as part of the normal scouting program.

Getting involved!

A Community Affair

Scouting is a community affair. Scout Groups are formed and maintained by the community because parents and people with an interest in the aims and principles of scouting believe in the benefits that Scouting has to offer and want to make it available to their children and other youth.

Throughout all Sections of the Movement, the Aim is to encourage the social, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development of our young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens. We achieve this through:

- Voluntary membership of a uniformed group, which, guided by adults is increasingly self-governing in its successive age groups
- Commitment to a code of living expressed in the Promise and Law
- The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration both indoors and outdoors
- The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility
- Learning by doing
- Encouragement of activity in small groups
- An award scheme that encourages participation in a full range of activities and provides recognition of individual achievements

It is a formula that has survived for over 100 years! The principles of Scouting are proven to be just as relevant today as they were when Scouting began in 1907.

Parent Involvement

The most important aspect of parent involvement is the encouragement you give to your child. The boys and girls who get the most out of Scouting are those who put the most into it. All children have times when they need a gentle push, and certainly times when they need some help. This is where you come in.

If your child wants to earn a badge, please go through the requirements and check that he or she has the knowledge needed and that all aspects of the test are covered. Ask your leader if unsure. If your child hasn't done anything for a while, you may need to offer some extra encouragement to get started. The pride on their faces when they come to the front of the parade to receive their badges makes the effort well worthwhile.

Scouting is a voluntary organisation, and we do rely heavily on parent support. The support given will depend on the individual circumstances of each family. Areas in which regular help is needed are:-

- **Transport:** Transporting the youth to various activities in the programme (and sometimes transporting them home again too).

- **Cleaning/Maintenance of the Scout Den:** It is important that the place in which our children gather be maintained in a clean hygienic fashion.
- **Helping out:** There are occasions when the Leaders can do with an extra pair of hands, eyes and ears. It is good to know that there are parents willing to assist. This is especially the case when we are conducting water activities. Launching and recovery boats isn't an easy task (especially for our younger members) extra hands are always welcome. Please don't wait to be asked as sometimes the leaders have their hands so full that they don't get a chance to ask for help.
- **Joining the Group Committee:** This is not an onerous task. The really hard work of building the Scout Hall and providing major resources has already been done by past committees. It really only involves a monthly meeting and helping to manage and maintain the resources of our Group as well as the occasional social activity.
- **Attending the AGM:** for a few hours in a whole year, this is a critical event in the Groups calendar. As with any AGM, we require a quorum for the meeting to go ahead, so come along, get involved, have your say on the important issues of running the group!

As a not for profit organisation the Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group by law must have a committee.

The committee may consist of:

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| • Chairman | • Grants coordinator |
| • Secretary | • Major project coordinator |
| • Treasurer | • Asset manager (coordinating rental of the assets), and |
| • Boat master | • Other roles as needed |
| • Quarter master | |
| • Fundraising coordinator | |

The committee is a great way to meet other people in the scouting community and have your say!

Becoming a uniformed Leader

Leadership is not for everyone, but if it interests you, please speak to any one of the Leaders. They will tell you that they get just as much fun out of it as the kids, and a very real sense of achievement as well as doing something worthwhile for our youth and the community.

Remember, there is no such thing as a professional Scout Leader. Scout Leaders are volunteers. Most Leaders are just a mum or dad or people with a scouting history or others with a real sense of community. The Scout Association provides wonderful training that turns laypeople into Leaders. Without Leaders we wouldn't have a Scout Group for the youth members to join!

What will you get out?

Your Expectations

Now, what's in it for you and your child? You can reasonably expect that your son or daughter will be in the hands of capable and caring Leaders who have a commitment to providing a stimulating and interesting programme designed to assist children to develop into self-reliant and responsible members of the community.

Scouting was started by Robert Baden-Powell to cater for children's sense of adventure and love of independence and to channel these characteristics into appropriate activities, which will equip them for later life. Leaders take the task of fulfilling the Aims of Scouting very seriously. We undertake every reasonable care of your child when you entrust him or her to us, and to do our best in partnership with you, to help your child to develop to his or her full potential.

We have all undertaken thorough training, which continues throughout our scouting careers. We give freely of our time and efforts to enable us to do this. We are convinced of the value of Scouting in the lives of our youth. We hope that after your child has been with us for a short time, you will also be convinced.

The Committee meets once a month and is a great way to meet other adults in the scouting community. It also allows you to have a say in the activities your child will be participating in and allows you to have say where the fees are spent.

Protecting your Child

Scouts is Australia's leading youth development organisation with more than 20,000 members and we do our utmost to ensure they are kept safe in our care.

Scouts have a "two deep" leadership policy. That is, we'll strive to have at least two Leaders present (usually a male and a female). However, this is not always possible and as the youth members get older and more independent and adventurous, it is not always practical either. It's reasonable to expect that sometimes due to sickness, or other reasons there is only one person present. Whatever the situation, our leaders take care to ensure that activities can be run in a manner in which reasonably foreseeable risks are managed.

Scouts Qld ensure that all of its volunteers comply with current legislation. All leaders mandatorily hold a current Queensland Working with Children Blue Card. Parents are also requested to apply for a 'Blue Card'. Ask us for the forms, there is no cost for volunteer cards.

Insurance

Scouts Australia Queensland Branch Inc. insures all registered members, both youth and adult, for a basic cover of personal accident insurance. Committee members and leaders are also covered under the terms of the policy.

All Scout Groups must insure their property through the Association's Insurance Brokers. The Scout Association has a Public and Products Liability Policy, which provide indemnity in respect of all normal Scouting activities while acting with proper approval or consent. For this reason we will request that permission forms (known in scouts as a C4) are completed for a wide range of adventurous and offsite activities. For information on member insurance refer to the Member Registration Forms (A1 for adults, A5 for youth members). Scouts insurance is provided through completion of the youth registration form and upon payment of membership and annual fees.

Scout Promise and Law

Scouts commit to a code of living that is known as the Scout Law. In the younger age sections the law is simplified commensurate with the age. Scouts make a promise when they join that they will do their best to live by the scout law. The Scouting program is designed to help members to learn how to keep their promise.

Joining In!

Youth Registration

Each new youth member is required to fill in an A5 form, which must be signed by both parents or guardians. Youth members over the age of 18 years (Rovers) are to sign their own A5 form. This ensures that the Group's insurance policy covers any mishaps that may occur during a Scouting activity. Payment of fees accompany the A5 form.

Adult Registration

At Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts, we take the safety of our members very seriously. For that reason, we require all of our parents and carers to be signed up as Adult Support members (A60 form) and apply for a Queensland Government Blue Card. If you have concerns about this, please contact the Group Leader.

Joining

Once your child has been offered a place to join our Scout Group, we'd like them to come along, meet the pack, troop or unit and join in. For the first few weeks a uniform is not required. A Scout uniform is required on the occasion of the investiture, a ceremony to mark full membership into the Scout Association. Please see the uniform section for more information about what is required.

Moving through the Sections and returning each year

Once registered, each member is entitled to move through to the next section when they are ready. There is an upper age limit for each section, but leaders assist each member to make a smooth transition before the upper age limit is reached. There is no waiting list when moving between sections within our Group.

The Group encourages mixing of the Sections in order that youth are familiar with how other sections work, and when it comes time to advance into the next section, it is a smoother process. To assist this transition, youth are expected to attend several activities with the “next” section prior to the Going-Up Ceremony. Cubs going into Scouts will often have a night away with them. These are called “linking” activities.

Once enrolled a youth member is entitled to return after the Christmas holidays each year. We’ll hold a *sign on day*, usually in the first or second week in February. We’d like at least one parent to attend that sign on day but that is mainly to ensure we have your contact details correct and to say ‘hi’ for the start of the new year. We’ll also provide information about the program for the year ahead.

Member Resignation & Refunds

Members who leave must directly advise the Section Leader who will in turn inform the Group Leader who will update the records.

If a member has not attended for 3 weeks without making contact to the section leader, their place maybe offered to another child on the waitlist.

Ordinarily there are no refunds on monies paid. Only new members to Scouting can have a refund of the membership registration portion if the member leaves within the first three-four weeks and notifies the leader in writing.

Transfers

Members who move out of the local area are encouraged to transfer to a new local Group. They should contact the Group Leader who will organise a transfer certificate. This enables automatic membership into the new Group.

Ceremonies

Ceremonies have a small but significant place in Scouting. They are short, simple and sincere. Ceremonies in the Scout Group are not to be regarded as public occasions; they are not ‘secret’ either. They are for the members of the Movement and their families. Attendance of family and close friends of those involved is encouraged.

The Association uses a number of approved ceremonies in its program. These are described fully outlined in the official section handbooks. All forms of initiation of members and the use of secret ceremonies are prohibited.

Concerns

If any problem arises, the first port of call is the section leader/s. If an issue cannot be resolved by the Section Leader/s, then you are required to take it to the Group Leader. If the Group Leader cannot resolve the issue, arrangements will be made to escalate it to the next management level of Scouting.

The details!

Finance

A Scout Group is entirely self-funded. The expenses of the Scout Group are various. The Group must meet the cost of maintaining Scouting activities in safe condition, as well as running and maintaining the Scout Hall and grounds. Each Section manages section subscriptions as per their running requirements. The Group Treasurer and Committee manage the Group's funds, and all accounts are independently audited annually. There are fundraising activities organised throughout the year to assist in purchase of materials and equipment required by the Group, or for major activities such as Jamborees or overseas visits.

Costs of Scouting

As a fully functioning sea scout group that undertake all of the normal activities of scouting as well as extensive water activities, we maintain a fleet of sailing boats, canoes and kayaks. Our operating costs are significant and accordingly there are three components to Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout fees.

1. **Youth Registration Fee:** this is the fee for membership of the Scout Association of Australia Queensland Branch. These fees are due in March of each year and are paid to the group but passed on the Qld Branch.
2. **Family Contribution:** this is the fee for being a member of the Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scout Group. These fees are due in March with the Registration Fee and these help cover: leader registration, building and equipment maintenance and insurance and utilities.
3. **Section Subs:** These are set by Section Leaders and are due in the first weeks of each school term.

Other Costs

As Scouting is fundamentally an outdoors-based program, there will be sleepovers, Mob / Pack holidays, camps, hikes, outings and other activities that your child will, no doubt, want to attend. The cost of these activities is an extra expense but you can be sure that we carefully aim to keep the price of such activities to a minimum.

Where there is a cost for an activity you will be advised in advance. The cost for an activity may be provided on the program, in an email, and/or on the permission form (C4). The payment of activity fees by the due date is essential for the smooth running of activities (and the ongoing sanity of the leaders).

There are major events to plan for of as well, Cuboree, Agoonoree, Jamboree, Venturer, Moot or International Travel opportunities. The group will help to raise funds towards these activities. We want as many members as possible to enjoy

these big events. Your involvement in fundraising will make it easier for all families to send their youth members along.

Uniform

Each member requires a full uniform, which includes a Section Shirt, Queensland Scarf, and woggle. All of these uniform items can be purchased through the Scouts Queensland Scout Shop. Stone coloured shorts, pants or a skirt are also required (NO jeans, short shorts, board shorts). A Scout belt & hat are recommended. You may be able to organise a second hand uniform through the group – please contact your section leader.

The shirt is a dark blue with a collar, yoke and sleeve in the following section colours.

- Joey Scouts – Tan
- Cub Scouts – Yellow
- Scouts – Green
- Venturer Scouts – Maroon
- Rovers – Red
- Leaders – Blue

Covered footwear is to be worn on all Scouting activities.
A broad brimmed hat is required for all day activities.

Badges are an important part of the scout uniform. They indicate our roles and levels of experience and achievements in the movement. They should be neatly sewn on in the correct locations. For badge placement see below or check section hand books or go to <http://www.scouts.com.au>.

Uniform at Official Functions (e.g., Anzac Day March and Service)

When we are involved in public activities, we are on display. Scouts getting out and about in public is important for visibility and recognition of the movement, and attraction of new members. When we're involved in official functions the wearing of the uniform, as below and with pride is absolutely essential:

- Scout shirt (appropriate section and tucked into pants),
- Queensland scarf and woggle
- Broad brimmed hat
- Stone coloured trousers, shorts or skirts
- Black or brown shoes with socks

Photos & Publicity

As a member of Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts and Scouts Australia your child 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.

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT US TO TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILD
YOU MUST LET US KNOW.**

The Award Scheme

Each section has an award scheme that helps develop the youth in that section. Each section's scheme is suited to the capabilities of youth members of the age in that section. Our programs are built to encompass elements of the award scheme in our activities but to achieve the highest awards in each section youth members will need to put in extra effort and coordinate their activities. The highest awards in each section are as follows:

- Joeys – Promise and Law Challenge
- Cubs – Grey Wolf
- Scouts – Australian Scout Medallion
- Venturers – Queen's Scout Award
- Rovers – BP Award

General Policies

Information regarding Scouting policies and rules can be found in The Scout Association of Australia, Policy and Rules 'latest edition' and Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI). Leaders can show you these publications.

Duty of Care

A duty of care exists on all leaders to ensure that:

- They attend and satisfactorily complete training courses so that they are accredited, after demonstrating competency, to satisfactorily perform their role as leaders.
- They are fully conversant with the Association's rules regarding special activities.
- They know and acknowledge the limit of their own abilities and expertise and ensure that our Youth Members are properly trained and tested before being permitted to engage in an adventurous activity.
- Parental consent is obtained before participation in any adventurous activity in permitted.
- The Group Leader is aware of where and when an activity is taking place.
- If a person is injured whether in the Scout Hall or in the bush, they have a responsibility to ensure that medical treatment is immediately provided.
- They are familiar with, and always observe, the requirements of the Association's Incident Audit Procedure in the event of a serious or potentially serious incident.

Activities

Any Scout is permitted to participate in any approved or recognised Scouting activity, subject to the Scout Association's policy guidelines and, in the circumstances of an adventurous activity - such as abseiling, bushwalking, canoeing, horse-riding, rock climbing, sailing - to the prior written consent of a parent or guardian. Responsibility for the safe conduct of any activity should vest absolutely in the Leader in Charge of that particular activity, recognising his or her Duty of Care to the participants.

Smoking

The Association regards smoking as being a matter for individual decision. It has no wish to impose restrictions on its members beyond those covered by the Law. It is, however, expected that Leaders will set an example to the Youth in their care, and will ensure that they conduct themselves accordingly. Leaders who smoke are expected not to smoke, or allow smoking, in any environment where smoking would lead to 'passive' smoking by the Youth in their care, or non-smoking adults. Leaders should not knowingly allow young people under the age of 18 to smoke at all. All Scout buildings, including training and camping facility buildings are declared as 'Smoke Free Zones'.

Alcohol

The Association regards the use of alcoholic drinks as being a matter for individual decision. It has no wish to impose restrictions on its members beyond those already enforced by law. However, the Association does regulate the use of such beverages at Scouting activities and on Scouting property. The consumption of alcohol (or drugs that may impair an individual's capacity to function effectively) by participants or any person involved in the care of participants, prior to or during a youth activity is prohibited.

Alcoholic drinks may be served at some Scouting activities where girls and boys aged under 18 are present provided that their parents have had reasonable notice of the nature of the function and where a representative number of parents and guardians is present.

Drugs

Our youth training program with its goal of citizenship development will encourage our members to develop responsible attitudes and patterns of behavior in connection with illicit drugs. The use of illegal drugs is at odds with all that Scouting proclaims for young people. It is expected that no member of the Movement would experiment with, or use these substances, and that no Leader would condone such a practice.

Religion

The policy of the worldwide Scout Movement, which obviously includes members of many different forms of religion, is that all members should develop, and be encouraged to develop, their relationship with the spiritual values of life. The emphasis is on the 'my' in the Scout Promise line, "to do my duty to my God". Scouting is non-denominational and accordingly open to people of all religions.

Politics

Scouting is a non-political Movement. It is important that this position is not compromised in any way, such as by the distribution of political leaflets or appearing to give support to any particular candidate or party, at any time, to Federal, State or Local Council. Councilors and Local Members are informed by leaders of what is happening in their Wards and Electorates, and these people, regardless of political standing, are encouraged to become personally involved in some way in Scouting, such as by sitting on a District or Group Committee, or attending important Group

Public Appearances, Statements

Australian Policy and Rules does not permit Scouts in uniform to take part in any public entertainment without permission of the Branch nor to express any opinions through the media on anything to do with Scouting without the previous approval of Branch Headquarters. No arrangements should be made until Branch Headquarters' approval has been obtained.

World Peace and Understanding

Scouting has played a role in the promotion of peace and human understanding ever since its origin at the beginning of last century. Jamborees, Ventures and Moots, link-ups and other forms of international co-operation within the Movement, have created personal relationships that cross national and cultural borders. Education for peace and human understanding has been an integral part of the Scout program, together with aspects of Scouting, such as Scouting with the handicapped and Scouting's involvement in the community.

Leaders

Many Leaders are parents of youth but this isn't a prerequisite. We have a constant growth and succession plan, where brand-new leaders-in-training are mentored by experienced leaders for several months, to enable their development and contribute fully.

“What’s in it for me?”

It's a great opportunity for you to share time with your child – watching them learn new skills, grow in confidence through goal achievement of the Award Scheme badges, as well as specific activity badges, meeting their friends and being able to take an active interest in this area of their life.

“Exactly what is involved?”

There is almost no financial outlay in becoming a Leader, and the Group pays for all books/resources and training courses. The time cost is manageable - weekly attendance is necessary. There are generally 10 nights per term, with no meetings during school holidays. Basic training is provided in stages. Training sessions are held continuously throughout the year, so it's easy to find a convenient date to attend.

“I was never in Scouts or Guides myself”

No prior knowledge is assumed, or necessary. Fathers and mothers are welcome. All training, resources, program ideas and game books are provided. The other leaders will help you. For you – it's a chance to make new friends, meet the parents of your child's friends, share your life experience with the whole section, and contribute to your local community.

We encourage you to think seriously about becoming a Leader, and perhaps have a chat with one of the current leaders. It's a lot easier than you'd think!

“How do I start?”

You might like to volunteer to be on a Parent Roster, or join us for an outing or camp, to see what you're getting into – before you make a decision. Please, don't be shy or leave it until next year! We need you - now!

The Pamphlett-Tennyson Scout Group is professionally run, and very supportive of newcomers. Please phone the Leader in Charge or speak to any of the other Leaders, expressing your interest.

'Training'

Training is conducted as a mixture of self-paced e-learning and hands on skills training usually conducted on weekends. A fully trained leader earns the Wood Badge which comprises 2 beads on a leather thong that is worn with the scarf. Every leader should achieve their wood badge within two years of signing up.

Training is nationally recognised. The Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) currently offers courses from Certificate II to Diploma level in Leadership, which are recognised outside Scouts Australia and are transferable to other areas of education and business.

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Group Executive Committee

The Group executive committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7pm

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