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### Active Kids Voucher Two



Dear Group Leader / Leader in Charge,

On 1 June, we saw a return to limited outdoor activities, putting us one step closer to the full return of face-to-face Scouting. Then on 11 June we were delighted to read that the NSW authorities are allowing for some additional relaxing of the rules and we can meet again in Scout Halls and community centres from 13 June. There are guidelines for this relaxation – make sure you [read the last Leader News](#) to understand what is and is not possible.

While we are looking forward to being able to meet in our Halls, go hiking and do all the things we love about being in Scouts, we recognise that for some families, the full return to Scouting may prove challenging in a number of ways.

The good news is that NSW Government's Active Kids rebate is available to assist with the cost of Scouting for families. The even better news is that the second 2020 Active Kids voucher will soon be available.

#### Two important things to keep in mind about the Active Kids Voucher 2:

1. Parents, guardians and carers can claim their second \$100 Active Kids voucher for the year from 1 July. Like previous years, the voucher will be valid from 1 July – 31 December.
2. If they choose to use the voucher with Scouts NSW, the second Active Kids voucher will go directly to the cost of the Scouts NSW membership fee. [Once submitted through the Scouts NSW website](#), the voucher will be uploaded into ScoutLink and will be processed against membership fees. There will be no cut-off and the balance (if any) will roll over to the next year.

#### Two great reasons to use the Active Kids voucher with Scouts:

1. The Active Kids voucher is a valuable opportunity to support families with the cost of Scouting by going towards the cost of their child(ren)'s membership fees, and helps keeps Groups going by supporting the retention of existing members.
2. Using the Active Kids voucher also helps us keep on the NSW Government's radar as a leading provider of active recreation activities for children and young people across the State.

#### Two things you can do to spread awareness and take up of the Active Kids Voucher 2 within your Group:

1. Share the Active Kids posts published on the [Scouts NSW Facebook page](#). In a recent survey, 85% of Group Leaders indicated that they promote the Active Kids voucher to families in their Group. Sharing these posts allows you to ensure that the message reaches parents and carers in the Group so that they remember to use the voucher in a timely manner.
2. Talk to parents, guardians and carers about the second Active Kids voucher and what activities your Group has planned for the return to face-to-face Scouting. This is also a great opportunity to speak with your families about other support available through Scouts - such as our Emergency Bushfire Relief Fund and Drought Relief Fund and the Family Support Fund.

There's material to assist you and your Leaders with promoting the use of Active Kids voucher 2 to families in your Scout Group. We hope these are useful as we look forward to the full return of face-to-face Scouting.

[Click here to download the Active Kids materials \(7.2MB\)](#)

Some sports and other activities were cancelled due to COVID, but Scouting continued. And now it's time to get ready for more active Scouting in the second half of 2020.

If you have any questions about the second [Active Kids](#) voucher, please contact us on [info@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:info@nsw.scouts.com.au).

Yours in Scouting,

Scouts NSW

#### Child Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a child safe organisation and implementing child safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

#### Remember

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the NSW State Office.

To make a report use the [online child protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email [childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au).

#### Imminent Danger

If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to NSW Police on 131 444.

Where a report is made to the police, you should also subsequently notify the NSW State Office.

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