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Hi Scouts!

Week after week, month after month, we've been locked indoors and away from the place where we do our best Scouting – the outdoors. This has not been easy. For some of us, it's been really hard to be away from what we love doing.

Well, not for long!

Your Scouts NSW State Youth Program Team invites you and your fellow Scout, and your family and friends, to join us in *The Great SCOUTdoors*. A fantastic online Patrol competition that you do from wherever you are in the world, on the last weekend in October.

We have been working tirelessly to build activities and challenges that will suit everybody – whether you're a Joey Scout or an Adult Leader.



Everybody is welcome in *The Great SCOUTdoors*!

The Youth Program Team will release a challenge a day in the last week of October, leading up to the event. Gear lists and marking guides will be available to assist Patrols to have an awesome weekend exploring your local area. There will also be an Online Microsoft Teams event for Patrol Leaders to drop into during the weekend, if they need help. And there will be online form so you can submit your evidence for the challenges your Patrol completes throughout the weekend.

So, what are you waiting for?

Go on... create your Patrol of 4-8 members and register. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Region and State placings will be awarded. There's even a competition with other Branches of Scouts Australia joining in also. And everyone will be posted an event badge.

Note for non-Scouts joining the event: a Patrol is what we call a team.

Patrol Leaders should log into the registration platform to register their patrol. Make sure you have the name and email address of your fellow Patrol Members so you can add them to your Patrol; then the Registration System will send them a registration invitation.

Click [here](#) for the event information and registration link.

If you have any questions about *The Great SCOUTdoors* or have trouble registering, please contact our Youth Program Support Team at ypsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au.

We are so excited about hosting an event that we know everyone – no matter where you live – can take part in.

Register your Patrol today and get ready to escape to *The Great SCOUTdoors*!

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth 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 youth protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Imminent Danger

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