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Welcome to our first monthly e-newsletter of the new year for parents and guardians to keep up to date about what's happening in Scouts across NSW.

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Latest News

2023 Scouts NSW Annual Membership Fees

WELCOME TO THE 2023 SCOUTING YEAR!

'TREK 1'
starts now

Read on about your Scouts fees & new validity period for Active Kids vouchers

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- Scouts NSW annual membership January - December starts now
- The State membership fee is \$270 for the year
- This covers 'Trek 1' (1 January–30 June: \$167.50) and 'Trek 2' (1 July–30 December: \$102.50)
- Your first Active Kids voucher can now be claimed and used (expires 30 June 2023)
- A credit of \$67.50 per member from 2022 applies if continuing in Scouts this year
- Returning members using Active Kids voucher and this credit pay zero for 'Trek 1'
- Invoices will be sent from 1 February, with one month to pay any amounts owing
- You may also receive an invoice for local Group Activity Fees
- Please make sure we have your correct contact details
- [Click here for more important info](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

State Youth Council applications open!



Got kids who are Scout and Venturer Scout age? Do they show interest in becoming a leader and a desire to become involved in the Community? Why not encourage them to join the State Youth Council where they can have their say in Scouting at a State Level! Applications are now open for 2023 members of the Scouts NSW State Youth Council! Applications close at midnight on Sunday 5 March 2023 - [Click here to apply!](#)

Scout Events

Cuboree 2023

Come *Explore the World* with us at Cuboree 2023 from 29 September - 3 October! You'll swing through the trees, journey through the desert, dive under the sea and shoot for the stars. Register by 20 February to go in the draw to win a VIP experience at the Opening Ceremony experience for your Unit. Apply now and find out more [here](#).

Summer Alpine School



The inaugural Scouts NSW Summer Alpine School has just wrapped up - and they don't call it the Snowy Mountains for nothing, with snow in summer! Based out of the Alpine Activity Centre in Jindabyne, the School had 75 Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders from across NSW working towards obtaining Certificate II or III in Outdoor Recreation, and/or Assistant Guide and Guide qualifications. In the first few days of camp, they ticked off bushwalking, paddling, abseiling, rock climbing, pioneering, cycling and horse-riding. Next up was a choice of 3-day expeditions either mountain biking, bushwalking or white water canoeing in this amazing alpine terrain. Keep your eyes peeled for future camp bookings.

NSW Parliamentary Friends of Scouting



At the end of last year, Jenny Riley (Chairperson) & Toby Chandio (Vice Chairperson) of our State Youth Council (pictured), together with Scouts NSW Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM JP, gave an online presentation to the NSW Parliamentary Friends of Scouting.

This group from all political parties consists of members who have an interest in Scouting, and is currently chaired by Melanie Gibbons, MP (State Member for Holsworthy) with Deputy Chair, Sonia Hornery MP (State Member for Wallsend).

Jenny and Toby confidently provided a great online presentation covering the Youth Voice of Scouting and its important role in promoting the UN Sustainable Development Goals through the Scout of the Year Awards.

The Parliamentarians were clearly inspired by the great work of Scouts NSW, well summed up by a message from Jodie Harrison, MP for Coogee that "the community work done by Scouts is fabulous!"

We hope you find lots of useful information in this e-newsletter – if you'd like to send in your stories or suggestions about other topics, please email communications@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts 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 Scouts NSW Service Centre. 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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