

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Cuboree prices have DROPPED!



Are you ready to go exploring? Time is running out to join in on the adventure!

The upcoming 7th NSW Cuboree "Explore the World" will be held between the 29 September - 3 October 2023 at Cataract Activity Centre.

The total cost of the five-day camp for eligible Cub Scouts is now **\$545**. For Service Leaders and Junior Service Leaders, the cost is now **\$275**. The fees cover:

- Activities and entertainment on-site
- Coach travel to and from the Cuboree from within NSW.
- All meals for the duration of the Cuboree.
- Cuboree shirt and hat.

For those that have already paid the full price, a refund of the difference will be paid back to you.

Applications are still open so don't miss out and register today [here](#)!

If you have any inquiries about Cuboree email cuboree@nsw.scouts.com.au or call the Cuboree Hotline on 0433 178 170.

Cataract School Holiday Program - 13 April



Cataract Activity Centre is proud to trial a School Holiday Program these coming hols! The first day of the Program kicks off on Thursday 13 April, and will include three action-packed activities, such as caving, high ropes, and Challenge Valley. Aimed at all young people aged 8-18 years, this fun-filled day costs just \$65 and will keep them active from 8am-3pm (BYO lunch and water bottle).

Read more about the program [here](#).

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

State Youth Council applications are still open!



Have you ever wondered what the State Youth Council (SYC) gets up to? Our impressive team of Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts works towards projects that they are passionate about! Whether it's celebrating our diversity, advocating for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or running the Scout of the Year Awards! If any Scouts, Venturer Scouts or Rover Scouts want to become a part of the magic, now's the chance to volunteer!

Find out more about the SYC [here](#). Be quick! Applications close 5 March.

Scouts NSW Asset Committee roles

Scouts NSW is seeking to appoint two passionate, experienced and enthusiastic volunteers to the Asset Committee – find out more [here](#). Make sure to **apply by March 10!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dragon Skin 2023



Registrations for Dragon Skin 2023 are now OPEN!

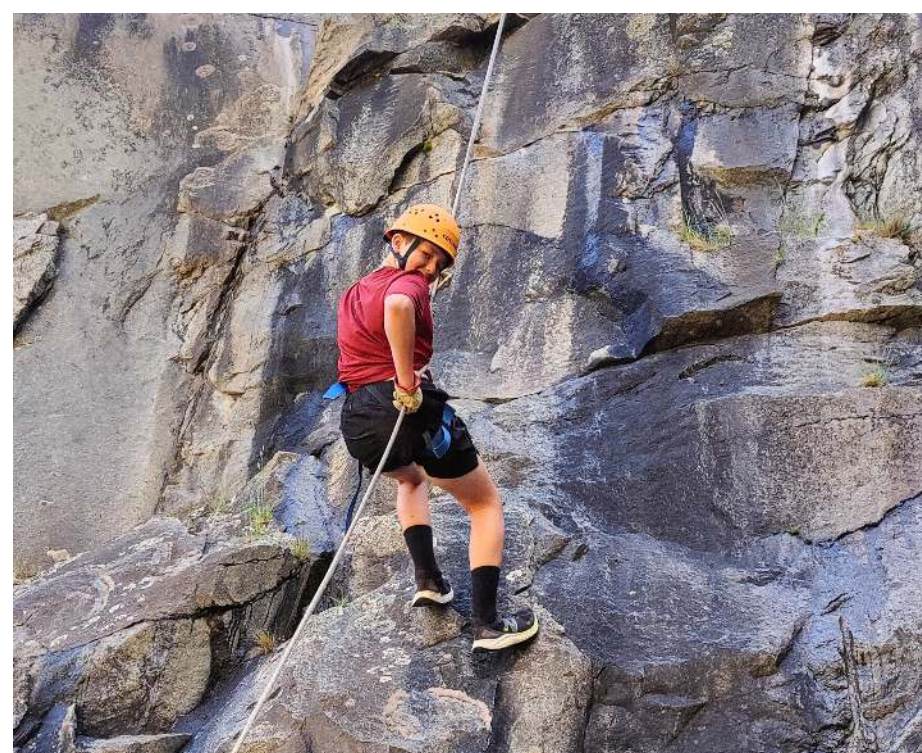
Join us for Dragon Skin 2023 "The Oceans Wave!" Sail the deep blue sea, team up against golden Pirates, and fight off sea monsters or huge seas called forth by Poseidon's golden trident!

This year Dragon Skin 2023 will be held at Penrose State Forest. Working in teams of at least four, the aim of the game is to navigate around the forest, completing as many activity bases as possible to earn as many points as possible.

Each activity will test abilities in different ways, with each base themed around first aid, problem-solving, camp craft, construction, navigation, or sensory deprivation, and will generally take around 20 minutes to complete. Teams are scored on activity completion, enthusiasm, planning, and most importantly – teamwork!

For all the details and to register, [click here](#).

Vertical Skills School – April School Holidays



With school holidays looming, the Scouts NSW Adventurous Activities Teams are putting on a Vertical Skills school from 14 – 21 April. It's aimed at Venturer Scouts (with Scouts aged 14 also eligible to apply) and is for those who have done some abseiling (minimum Vertical Outdoor Adventure Skills [OAS] 4). Those who are at Vertical OAS 3 and are working up to it, please contact the Adventurous Activities Team about eligibility at adventurousactivity@nsw.scouts.com.au. The cost will be around \$400 (to be confirmed). Please submit an expression of interest [here](#).

Air Activity Centre – Adult Introductory Flight Training Program



Ever wanted to try your hand at flying? Take advantage of the Air Activity Centre 'Adult Introductory Flight Training Program' available seven days a week for all Leaders, adult helpers and Rover Scouts. Read the info pack and download the application form from the [website](#) and send it to airactivities.camps@nsw.scouts.com.au to register your interest.

GRANTS

Stronger Communities Programme round 8 – EOI closes 7 March

This Federal grants scheme is now open and will fund small capital projects that improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant and viable communities. Grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are available to fund a maximum of 20 projects per electorate with funding for up to 100 per cent of eligible projects. Projects should be completed by 31 December 2023 – read the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and Fact Sheet [here](#). Expressions of Interest (EOI) close 7 March – [read more and register here](#) (with nominated projects to be submitted by 26 April 2023).

STATE NOTICEBOARD

ScoutHub – new membership & billing system



Thanks to all those individuals and Groups who have responded to the clarion cry to be the 'Champions' and 'early adopters' for the new Scouts NSW membership and billing system – ScoutHub. Almost 50 applications were received combined, and candidates will be advised of the outcome soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact scouthub@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Adventurous Activities School Holiday Program



January's Summer Alpine School was such a success that Scouts NSW is planning to run Adventurous Activities Programs in each school holiday period going forward. The team is now looking to run four 8-day Schools a year - in Summer (walking, mountain biking, white water paddling and horse riding); Autumn (vertical – rock climbing, abseiling, canyoning, caving); Winter (snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing); and Spring (paddling, sailing, scuba diving, snorkelling). Adventurous activities are run across many Scout Regions and most of these are published on [Scout Events](#). Have a look at all the events that are on offer and register your interest!

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

If someone is in danger NOW, the matter should be reported directly to NSW Police on 000. Where a report is made to the Police, you must also subsequently notify Scouts NSW Service Centre.

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