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

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## Latest News

Cuboree prices have DROPPED!



Do you have any Cub Scouts that are 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 (Leaders, Adult Helpers and Supporters) and Junior Service Leaders (Scouts & Venturer Scouts), the cost is now **\$275**. The fees cover:

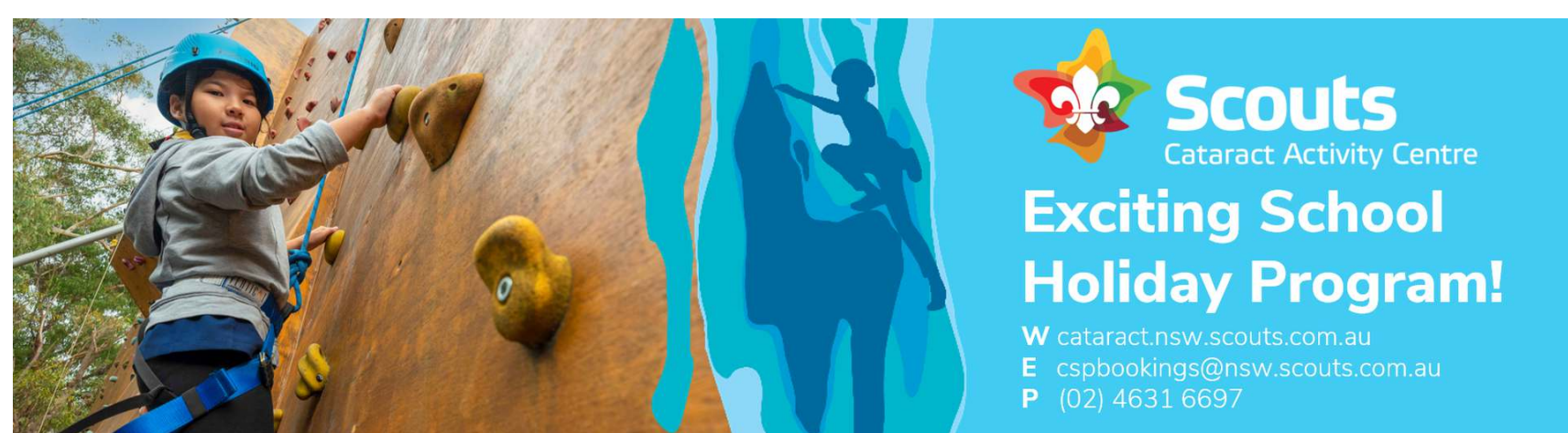
- Activities and entertainment on-site
- Coach travel to and from the Cuboree from within NSW.
- All meals for the duration of the Cuboree.
- Cuboree shirt and hat.

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](mailto: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-to 3pm (BYO lunch and water bottle).

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

## Upcoming Opportunities

State Youth Council applications 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 you have any Scouts, Venturer Scouts or Rover Scouts that want to become a part of the magic, encourage them to volunteer!

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

## Scout 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 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](mailto:adventurousactivity@nsw.scouts.com.au). The cost will be around \$400 (to be confirmed). Please submit an expression of interest [here](#).

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!

*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](mailto: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, CEO, State Commissioner (Youth Protection & Issues Management) or the Manager of Safeguarding Youth, Issues Management and Research at the NSW State Service Centre. To make a report you may use the [online youth protection form](#), call 9735 9000 or email [YouthProtectionTeam@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:YouthProtectionTeam@nsw.scouts.com.au).

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