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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

Venturer Scout Peak Award



On 18 March, 39 Venturer Scouts from across NSW were presented with their Peak Award (formerly known as Queen's Scout Award) by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC *Governor of New South Wales* and Chief Scout of NSW. Congratulations to each and every one of them, as they are the next generation of leaders - our future Chief-Commissioners in the making!

Scout Events

Cataract School Holiday Program - 13 April



Registrations to book with our upcoming Cataract Activity Centre School Holiday Program have been extended to Monday 3 April - hurry to book before it's too late!

Taking place on 13 April, this action-packed day will include three exciting activities, such as caving, high ropes, and Challenge Valley. Targeted at 8-18 year olds the program costs \$65 and will keep kids active from 8am to 3pm (BYO lunch and water bottle).

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

ScoutHike 2023 – Registrations close 9 April!



An exciting weekend of lightweight hiking, camping, and activities, ScoutHike brings together over 1,000 Scouts in the State Forest for loads of fun and adventure with over 30 different activities to complete. It's an event not to be missed!

Registrations for ScoutHike 2023 'Entertainment Central' are still open for another week! Get in quick they close on the 9th April.

[Register here now!](#) Need more information? [Click here.](#)

Find out more

Did you know Alpine Activity Centre is available for bookings all year-round?

The self-contained cottages at Alpine Activity Centre in Jindabyne are the perfect family accommodation for a weekend away! On the doorstep of the Snowy Mountains, there is loads of fun and adventure available in the surrounding area. Whether you are hiking, mountain biking, or exploring the region, the cottages at Alpine Activity Centre are a great family-friendly option, with bookings available for April School Holidays and weekends throughout May! Get inspired for your next family weekend away and [make an enquiry via the website here.](#)

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, 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.

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