



2nd. Prahran Scout Group

A Booklet for new families

**Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch
2nd. Prahran Scout Group.**

92 Williams Rd., Prahran 3181

Meeting Times:

Joey Scouts:

6-7 Yrs. Contact Group Leader

Cub Scouts:

8 -10 Yrs. Monday 7:10 - 8:30pm

Scouts:

11 - 14 Yrs. Friday 7:30 - 9:30pm

Venturer Scouts:

15 - 17 Yrs. Contact Group Leader

Rover Scouts:

18 - 26 Yrs. Contact Group Leader

Group Committee:

Parents and Friends.

1st Wednesday

every Month. 7:30 - 8:30pm

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is provided to all new families who join the 2nd. Prahran Scout Group. It details the objective of the scouting movement and the way in which our group fulfils those objectives

The 2nd. Prahran Scout Group welcomes you into the world-wide family of Scouts.

Our group is part of the Glen Eira Stonnington District (which stretches from Albert Park to Chadstone to East Bentleigh and Elsternwick). This district lies within the South Metro Region, taking in the area from Prahran to the Mornington Peninsular

The Scout movement world wide has 25 million members in 217 countries. Australia has 125,000 members of which some 35,000 are Victorians like yourselves. All Scouts regardless of Race or Religion share the same basic promise and ideals as originally inspired by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell in 1907.

Scouting is the largest youth organisation in the world today and your child has become a member of a section within our Group, but that is not all. You, as parents, have also joined with the Association. Scouting is a cooperative, community venture, sharing with home and school the task of building the character of the young, you are just as involved as your child.

Scouting is a training organisation teaching the youth of our community to become more self reliant, more aware and more responsible citizens.

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF **AUSTRALIA**

AIM

The Aim of The Scout Association of Australia is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

PRINCIPLES

The principles of Scouting, as identified by the Founder, are that Scouts should serve God, act in consideration of the needs for others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves and their families, and the community in which they live. These three principles are represented by a code of conduct which characterises all members of the Movement and are referred to as: "Duty to God", "Duty to others" and "Duty to self".

Method

The Scout Association of Australia achieves its aim through a system of progressive self education, known as the Scout Method, the principle elements of which are:

Voluntary membership of a uniformed group which, guided by adults, is increasingly self governing in its successive age groups.

Commitment to a code of living as expressed in the Promise and the Law, the meaning of which is expanded as the member grows toward maturity

The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration both indoors and outdoors.

The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility.

Learning by doing.

Encouragement of activity in small groups.

An award scheme that encourages participation in the full range of activities and provides recognition of individual achievements

YOUR SCOUT GROUP: Some things you should know.

GROUP LEADER: has the overall responsibility for all members of the Group. Chairs regular meetings and represents the uniformed members at Group Committee meetings.

GROUP COMMITTEE: a committee of parents and friends, like yourself, who assist the Group Leader; organising fundraising, providing and maintaining group property and buildings. Also to help find leaders for the group.

Our Group: consists of Cub Scouts and Scouts. Stonnington District has Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts and Joey Scouts. Sections ranging from the age of 6 to 26 years. As you can see your child's Scouting life can extend from early primary years through to adulthood. All sections are open to both males and females.

As a volunteer organisation the people you come in contact with will all be volunteers, giving freely of their time and "doing their best" Please bear this in mind as you have dealings with us. We always welcome new faces to help as uniformed leaders (no experience required) or on our Group Committee. If you feel that you could assist in either of these positions please let us know

All leaders and parent helpers have police checks before they are allowed to be involved with youth sections

FEES:

We ask each member to pay fees, there is a certain amount that goes to the Victorian Scout Association and the rest is retained within the Group to allow us to acquire all badges, scarves, equipment, pay for hall rent and amenities, plus train our leaders to ensure that we have appropriately trained people looking after our children. The amount is set by the Sections and the Group Committee and is payable on joining and by term instalments. Could you please pay promptly.

The Group Committee has authorised the Group Leader and the Committee Treasurer to assess the needs of individual families. If you feel that you may have a financial problem please let the Group Leader know.

If You Are The Parent Of A Joey Scout

Your Child must not be dropped off outside the hall, you must bring your child into the hall and must personally come into the hall to pick him or her up. You must ensure that your child is signed in and out at the Scout Hall.

At any time you (and other children) are permitted and encouraged to stay with your child and enjoy her or his experience, too.

Your Joey Scout may attend out of hall activities and you may be required to help with transport.

You will be expected to assist in running the Joey Mob as part of a parent roster (usually 1-2 nights a term)

Our Committee is made up of parents and at some time you will be invited to be part of this. We encourage you to get involved and help direct the Group in the Aims of Scouting.

It is hoped that you will get to know your Leaders and give them feedback to how your child is enjoying Joeys.

If You Are The Parent Of A Cub Scout

Your Child must not be dropped off outside the hall, you must bring your child into the hall and must personally come into the hall to pick him or her up.

At any time you are permitted and encouraged to stay with your child and enjoy her or his experience, too.

Your child will normally participate in a Cub Pack Holiday at least once a year. You will be expected to transport your child to and from this event and are encouraged to contact other parents to share this load. Your Cub Scout will attend several out of hall activities per term and you may be required to help with transport.

You will be expected to assist in running the Cub Pack as part of a parent roster (usually 1-2 nights a term)

Our Committee is made up of parents and at some time you will be invited to be part of this. We encourage you to get involved and help direct the Group in the Aims of Scouting.

It is hoped that you will get to know your Leaders and give them feedback to how your child is enjoying Cubs.

If You Are A Parent of A Scout

Your child may be dropped off outside the hall but we urge you to ensure that she or he has entered the hall before you drive away. With the unfortunate activities of some within society we urge you to take every precaution to see your child safely into our care.

Your Scout has an opportunity to participate in frequent camps and hikes which may be several hours away from Prahran. Transport for these and other events away from the hall are your responsibility and you are encouraged to contact other parents to help share this load, which otherwise can be quite a burden.

Your child will be encouraged to take part in adventurous and challenging activities.

It is hoped that you will get to know your Leaders and give the feedback as to how your child is enjoying Scouts.

Venturer Scouts

2nd. Prahran does not have a Venturer Unit at present so Scouts from our Troop move to 2nd. Malvern Venturer Unit.

Rover Scouts

2nd. Prahran does not have a Rover Crew at present so Scouts from our Group move to 1st. Malvern Rover Crew.

Uniforms

Ours is a uniformed organisation and it is important for both self esteem and public perception that Scouts should wear their appropriate section uniform when required to do so. This is normally at their section meeting nights, when in public as Scouts or as directed by their leader. It should be cleaned and well maintained.

To help reduce the expense of Scouting we operate a second hand uniform pool. Ask your leaders about this facility.

Complaint Resolution

If, despite all our effects to provide your child with a caring, challenging environment, you find yourself dissatisfied with our performance in any way please feel free to contact the Group Leader.

The Group Leader should be able to satisfy you with a appropriate response, but you may take your complaint to the District Commissioner. The names and Phone numbers for these Leaders appear inside the back cover of this booklet.

Joey Scout Law	A Joey Scout Cares A Joey Scout Shares
Joey Scout Promise	I Promise to do my best To love my God And be helpful
Joey Scout Theme	Help Other People.(H.O.P)
Cub Scout Law	Cub Scouts are loyal and obedient Cub Scouts do not give into themselves
Cub Scout Promise	On my honour I promise that I will do my best To do my duty to my God, and The Queen of Australia To help other people, and To live by the Cub Scout Law.
Scout Law	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Scout is Trustworthy 2. A Scout is Loyal 3. A Scout is Helpful 4. A Scout is Friendly 5. A Scout is Cheerful 6. A Scout is Considerate 7. A Scout is Thrifty 8. A Scout is Courageous 9. A Scout is Respectful 10. A Scout cares for the environment
Scout Promise	On my honour I promise that I will do my best To do my duty to my God, and The Queen of Australia To help other people, and To live by the Scout Law.