



Flagstaff Hill Scout Group

New Member Information

Welcome!

Get ready for fun, friendship, and unforgettable adventures! At Flagstaff Hill Scout Group, we empower young people to learn new skills, explore the outdoors, and take on exciting challenges.

Whether your child is looking for action-packed activities or lifelong friendships, Scouting has something for everyone!

With over 50 million members worldwide, Scouting plays an important role in society today, just as it did when it started over 100 years ago.

Scouting places your child at the centre of the program where personal development occurs in challenging, fun, adventurous and inclusive ways.

The Scouting experience is complementary to formal education, contributing to the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people.

As one of the strongest Groups in South Australia we pride ourselves on offering an exciting and dynamic Scouting experience to young people.

We welcome you to Flagstaff Hill Scout Group and hope you and your family enjoy your time involved with the Group.

If you have any questions at any stage please speak to the Leaders for your section or myself.

Chris Wise

Group Leader

Contact US

Website

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Facebook

www.facebook.com/flagstaffscouts

Instagram

[flagstaffhillscoutgroup](https://www.instagram.com/flagstaffhillscoutgroup)

Group Newsletter

Electronic, produced fortnightly

Address

161 Black Road, Flagstaff Hill

Sections

Joey Scouts

Tuesday 600pm to 715pm

Wednesdays 545pm to 645pm

Cub Scouts

Monday 630pm to 800pm

Tuesday 700pm to 830pm

Scouts

Wednesday 7pm to 9pm

Friday 7pm to 9pm

Venturer Scouts

Friday 7pm to 9pm

Rover Scouts

Sunday 7pm



What is Scouting all about?

In Scouts, members will learn some basic knowledge about Scouting and their age group's Section when they join, with the support of their Scouting peers and adult Leaders.

The youth program is organised around five age-based Sections. This helps cater to the changing developmental needs of children and young people, promotes personal progression, ensures young people are at the centre of their Scouting journey, and builds a supportive environment.

As your child grows and progresses through Scouting, it is the support from peers that is often a key contributor to a successful transition from one section to the next.

Each Section functions with a peer mentoring system. This helps facilitate transition to the next Section, even before the youth member is ready to move.

As Scouts get older, they will be more and more closely involved with Scouts in the Sections either side of theirs.

All activities in Scouting are implemented using The Scout Method, a framework consisting of eight equally important elements.

Whether it is through community involvement; nature and the outdoors; learning-by-doing; the patrol system; youth leading, adults supporting; personal progression, symbolic framework or the Promise and Law, young people are empowered to set goals and collaborate to achieve them.

Scout Promise and Law

The Promise and Law represent the values for the Scout Movement, which every Scout around the world makes a similar commitment. Individually, and collectively, all members agree to live their lives guided by the values expressed through the Promise and Law.

The Scout Promise

On My Honour, I Promise
To Do My Best,
To Be True To My Spiritual Beliefs,
To Contribute To My Community
And Our World,
To Help Other People,
And To Live By The Scout Law

The Scout Law

BE RESPECTFUL

- Be friendly and considerate
- Care for others and the environment

DO WHAT IS RIGHT

- Be trustworthy, honest and fair
- Use resources wisely

BELIEVE IN MYSELF

- Learn from my experiences
- Face challenges with courage

S P I C E S



SOCIAL



PHYSICAL



INTELLECTUAL



CHARACTER



EMOTIONAL



SPIRITUAL



Flagstaff Hill Scout Group

A Volunteer organisation

The most important way you can be involved in our Group is through the encouragement you give to your child.

Activities of our Group are conducted entirely by volunteers - some are parents just like you, some have no children at all and see Scouting as a great way to contribute to the community.

We need people just like you who are prepared to give their most precious gift to it - the gift of their time.

There are many ways you can be involved and help our Group. Volunteering can be in many different ways:

- Becoming a Leader
- Becoming a Committee Member
- Becoming a Adult Helper
- Helping at working bees
- Helping with the program
- Sharing specialist knowledge
- Attending camps and excursions
- Transporting youth to camps and excursions
- Helping to fundraise
- Being thankful to those who do give their time

Who are Scout Leaders?

Leaders in Scouting are Adults who volunteer their time to support our young people enjoy the best possible Scouting experience.

Some of our Leaders are parents just like you, some are young Leaders who have been in Scouting as Youth Members themselves.

Our Leaders are all police checked in line with Scouts SA requirements, complete training in being a Scout Leader, WHS, child protection, the code of conduct, first aid and much more!

Roles for you

Leaders

Be part of a team that mentor our youth members on a weekly basis.

Scouts SA provides a training program to develop your skills in this area and the group supports you through mentoring, provision of uniform and a great team of people to work alongside!

If you are interested in finding out more please contact the Group Leader, Chris Wise on flagstaffhill@sa.scouts.com.au or 0401 570 800.

Adult Helpers

Work to support the Leader team that run programs for our Youth Members on a weekly basis.

Assisting with activities, setting up of activities and equipment, administration tasks and much more.

If you are interested in finding out more please speak to your child's section leader to discuss further!

Committee Members / Project Teams

There are always jobs to do around our Scout Group! Our Group Support Committee is a small team of volunteers who meet regularly to plan support for the group - finances, fundraising, maintenance and more.

We have a number of key activities through the year for everyone to be involved in as well as part of supporting the Scout Group - Quiz night, Bunnings bbqs and Christmas trees.

Maintenance and upkeep of hall and facilities through regular working bees and opportunities for families to assist.



Joining Scouts

Potential members are entitled to 3 free visits to try Scouting and see if they wish to take the next step and join.

Please complete the Youth Application form (available from our website) to start the trial period.

There is a sign in book located in the hall for signing in and out each evening.

Details on the Joining process can then be accessed at <https://sa.scouts.com.au/flagstaffhill/info/joining/> Once you've decided on joining please let the Leaders know so we can arrange the next steps.

This includes details on the uniform (see right), Investiture Ceremony and Administration (fees, systems etc)

Safety and Policies

Scouting is a Child Safe Organisation. We have a range of policies and procedures designed to ensure the safety of all of our members including:

- Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy
- Privacy Policy
- WHS and Incident Reporting Policy

These can all be accessed through Scouts SA (www.sa.scouts.com.au)

Child Protection

All Adult Leaders and regular helpers are required to hold a Working with Children Check and National Police check. Any activity requires at least 2 Leaders/Adults as part of ensuring child safety. If in doubt, please discuss with the Section Leader or Group Leader. All Leaders and Helpers undertake training as part of our policy.

Youth Members should not be dropped off or collected 'early' or 'late' to activities. Leaders are also not able to assist with transport one on one dropping Youth Members to houses or other locations outside of pre-arranged activities. Please liaise with other parents if need be.

Uniform

From the night your child is invested they will be expected to wear full uniform unless otherwise advised.

Uniforms are available from Exubia, 134a The Parade, Norwood or online at exubia.com.au

Please ensure all parts of the uniform are named in case it is lost

Official Uniform

The official parts of the uniform that are required by all members are:

- Shirt (either polo or button up) in the relevant section colour
- Navy Woven Scout belt
- Scarf and Woggle (refer below)

Pants worn with the uniform should be stone/bone coloured (worn for official events). Pants should be a single colour and in good repair (no torn knees, coloured patterns etc)

Group Scarf

The Group Scarf is provided by the Group at time of investiture along with a woggle.

Badges

The Group provides badges when your child is invested.

We also provide all other badges a child earns throughout the Scouting program.

Replacement scarf or badges can be purchased from the Scout Group.

Scarf - \$20.00

Woggle - \$5.00

Badges - \$10.00 per set



The Scout Program

Scouts Australia offers a program that provides opportunities for young people to develop life skills with a program that is adventurous, challenging, fun and inclusive.

As your child attends Scouting over the first few weeks this will be explained in much more detail.

Challenge Areas facilitate the core program - Outdoors, Personal Growth, Community and Creative. They are four broad areas which all programming should fit under.

Challenge Areas form part of the requirements for measuring your participation and achievement in Scouting. Through a process of participate-assist-lead, you will be able to record your involvement in the program.

The Program Essentials cover the core Scouting experience. You will complete the Program Essentials through attendance and active participation in the Scout Program. They are your core experience in Scouting;

- Introduction to Scouting (if not completed in an earlier section)
- Introduction to the Scout Section

Milestone achievements through participating in, assisting with and leading activities based on the four Challenge Areas

Outdoor Adventure Skills

Outdoor Adventure Skills gives you opportunities to experience different adventurous activities. Outdoor Adventure Skills helps you learn new adventurous skills.

There are 9 different OAS areas: Bushwalking, Bushcraft, Camping, Apline, Aquatics, Boating, Cycling, Paddling and Vertical.

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Special Interest Areas

You choose activity or project ideas that interest you, and set your own goals using Plan>Do>Review>!

There are six different Special Interest Areas: Adventure & Sport, Arts & Literature, Creating a Better World, Environment, Growth & Development and STEM & Innovation.

Recording progress through the Scout Program
When you join your family will be provided access to our digital system, Scouts[Terrain, which will be how progress through the program is recorded. There are also record books available as a resource at the Scout Hall to use.

Behaviour

Our program provides a framework that encourages all youth members to develop and achieve. All young people should have access to these experiences and to be part of a supportive and respectful environment.

We have a basic framework for behaviour that includes:

- Promoting a positive and fun learning environment.
- Promoting the physical and psychological safety of all involved people.
- Promoting positive life skills such as respect for others, responsibility for own behaviour, politeness and doing your best.
- Promoting positive morals such as empathy, kindness, helpfulness and tolerance.

Each of our Sections has a Unit Code which outlines the behaviours and consequences.



Finance and Fundraising

Scout Groups are entirely self-funded. Major costs include utilities and maintenance for the Scout Hall, badges, equipment maintenance, registration, insurance and leader training.

All of this adds up to over \$60,000 per year at Flagstaff Hill, and we rely on membership fees to fund these essentials.

The Group organises a number of fundraising activities throughout the year to make up any shortfall in our operating costs and to allow us to upgrade resources and equipment such as tents, ropes, cooking gear, games equipment, etc. The only ongoing, fixed expense to families is that of the annual fees.

The nature of our program means that there will, from time to time, be camps, hikes etc, normally over 2 or 3 days, which your child will no doubt want to attend.

The cost, which covers items like food, accommodation etc., of these activities is an extra expense to yourself but you can be sure that we carefully aim to keep the price of such activities to a minimum – and we believe that these activities offer great value for money!

Fundraising

Our Scout Group maintains a regular fundraising program to provide funds for equipment, facilities and much more! The support of all members and their families in these fundraising activities is required.

Our fundraising activities are varied and provide opportunities for all - from Quiz nights which are a great social activity to Bunnings Sausage Sizzles which get us out in the local community! Keep an eye on our communication channels for details on the next fundraiser coming up.

Membership Fees

Fundraising Levy

For those not able to participate in our fundraising opportunities, we have a Fundraising Levy that applies to all families.

Membership Fees 2026

Fees have been set by the Group Support Committee based on the group budget for the year. Refer to the next page for details.

Please pay fees on time to save our volunteer time in following up. Payments can be made by direct deposit or credit card. Fees can not be accepted in cash.

New Members are invoiced their fees after the Youth Member Application is submitted to the Group – there is no need to pay fees prior to this time.

Joining Fee

The joining fee is payable by new members joining the group. This fee covers initial expenses for new members – investiture badges, scarf and record books.

Refunds

Refunds of unused full term fees are available as long as the group receives notification of your child's intention not to return at the start of the term. No partial term refunds can be given.

Sports Vouchers

In 2026 Scouts SA members can utilise the SA Government sports voucher (2 x \$100) towards their Scout SA fees. If you wish to use your sports voucher please let us know.

Financial Difficulties

If your family has financial difficulties that prevent you from meeting your account payment on time, then please contact the Group Leader on gl.flagstaffhill@sa.scouts.com.au. All matters are treated with the strictest confidence.