

Welcome to **Hope Valley**

Scout Group



**Information Pack
for new families starting
in Scouting**

Barracks Road, Hope Valley SA



You're invited to

Come and Try Scouting!

You are welcome to "Come and Try" Scouts at Hope Valley.

Your child is automatically covered by the Scouts SA insurance for three weeks, allowing them to participate in the Group activities.

We invite you to fill in our Trial member application before you come or wait till you visit:

<https://sa.myscout.com.au/formations/43400/trialyouth>

or use the QR code at the bottom of the page.

After the 3 weeks, the 'Application to Join' should be completed, and membership fees (including Scout Association registration, group fees and Section fees) become due. You will get two emails with information on how to complete the application.

Once joined you will receive an account from the treasurer and an Investiture (joining ceremony) is conducted for new members, it is expected that an invested member wears their uniform to section nights (See Page 5).



[Trial Member Application](#)

A word from

Chris Miller, Group Leader

Welcome! As a new member or a returning member, we welcome you to Hope Valley Scout Group and look forward to many rewarding years of fun and adventure with you and your child.

Hope Valley Scout Group has a rich history of quality adventures for over 60 years.

This booklet is designed to give you an insight into what lies ahead and to answer some of the questions you will no doubt have. There may well be questions that are not answered here; please feel free to ask any of the Leaders or Group Committee volunteers.

We look forward to meeting you at our new families later this year.



A bit about Scouting...

The Scout movement, the World's largest youth organisation, exists in more than 200 countries worldwide and has in excess of 57 Million members! Scouting was started by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907 in England, and in Australia since 1908.

Anyone can join Scouting from 5 years of age, and may continue through the sections until they are adults at age 26. Many of our adult leaders were youth members in Scouts themselves. Scouting emphasises nature, adventure, citizenship, leadership & having great fun. It develops skills, knowledge and attitudes that benefit our children throughout their lives.

From the Joey Section onwards, young people are gradually given more opportunity to work in small autonomous (but supervised) groups in order to develop leadership skills.

By enrolling your child in Scouts you are giving them the opportunity for a fun educational experience above and beyond what the school system offers.



Scouts Australia is a member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.



Chris enjoys going camping, 4WDing, as well as supporting Scouts Performing Arts.



Joining Checklist

Here's how to get started at Hope Valley Scout Group

Come and Try!

Come along and try three Scouting activities.

Don't forget to complete the Trial Member Application online.

 **Ready to join?** 
Let's do this!

Purchase a Uniform from Exurbia
a second hand uniform may be available,
please ask your leader

Complete the Operoo medical profile

Investiture & Uniform Badges



HOPE VALLEY



Family Nights

Meet the leaders, learn about the youth program, and how you can help your child to make the most of their Scouting experience.

Annually we hold a Beach night in February, and a Bonfire night in July. All parents are encouraged to come and join us.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's Scout Leader at any time.



Youth Sections

Hope Valley has five Sections that meet on various nights each week.



Joey Scouts

approx. 5 to 8 years old

Wednesday 6pm to 7:30pm

Discover adventure



Cub Scouts

approx. 8 to 11 years old

Thursday 7pm to 8:30pm

Create the path



Scouts

approx. 11 to 15 years old

Friday 7pm to 9pm

Explore the unknown



Venturer Scouts

approx. 14 to 18 years old

Friday 7pm to 10pm

(unless otherwise noted)

Look wide



Rover Scouts

The Black Knight Rover Unit
18 to 26 years old

Wednesday 7pm to 10:30pm

(unless otherwise noted)

Beyond the horizon



Scout Uniforms

From the night of investiture, your child will be expected to wear uniform. Scouts uniforms are available from Exurbia, 134A The Parade, Norwood or you can visit them online at exurbia.com.au/scout-shop/

For formal occasions the uniform should be worn with stone coloured pants or skirt. For all other activities can be either blue, black or stone pants or shorts.

Scout stone pants can be sourced from Exurbia or those found in local department stores are acceptable.

Your child will receive their Hope Valley scarf, woggle and several badges at their investiture, the cost is included in your first account.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named. Most badges are provided by the Group. If these items are lost, we ask that you replace them at cost.

Optional items are available these are worn to some outside events, they are practical and also an easy way for everyone to identify members of our Group when not wearing uniform.

Ask your Section Leader about Group Polos, Jackets, and second hand Uniforms,



Adult Involvement

at Hope Valley Scout Group



It is expected that parents/caregivers will take part in activities at Hope Valley Scout Group. We understand that personal commitments differ, and since we rely on volunteers, every contribution is valuable in ensuring the best possible Scouting experience for our children. Our Group greatly depends on parent involvement, and there are numerous ways you can make a positive impact.

Assisting with Section Nights

Every section would welcome an additional set of hands, as well as extra eyes and ears during their meetings. You might consider joining for a camp or sharing a specific skill you possess. Feel free to discuss the possibility of becoming a parent helper with your Section Leader.

Joining the Support Committee

This task isn't overly demanding; it primarily entails a meeting twice per term, assisting in coordinating a few fundraising activities, and helping with the maintenance of our grounds and equipment. We anticipate that each family will have a representative on the Committee for at least one term during their child's Scouting journey.

Working Bees

Once a term, if needed, the committee organises a working bee. This might be a general tidy-up or there may be some very specific jobs that need to be done. We would love to have your support at these events to keep our hall tidy and neat. These working bees are social events and are a great opportunity to meet other Scouting parents.

Fundraising

10% (approx.) of the group's running costs need to be raised through fundraising. We expect that all parents will support these efforts. Fundraising activities have in the past included sausage sizzles, quiz nights and chocolate sales, and raffles.

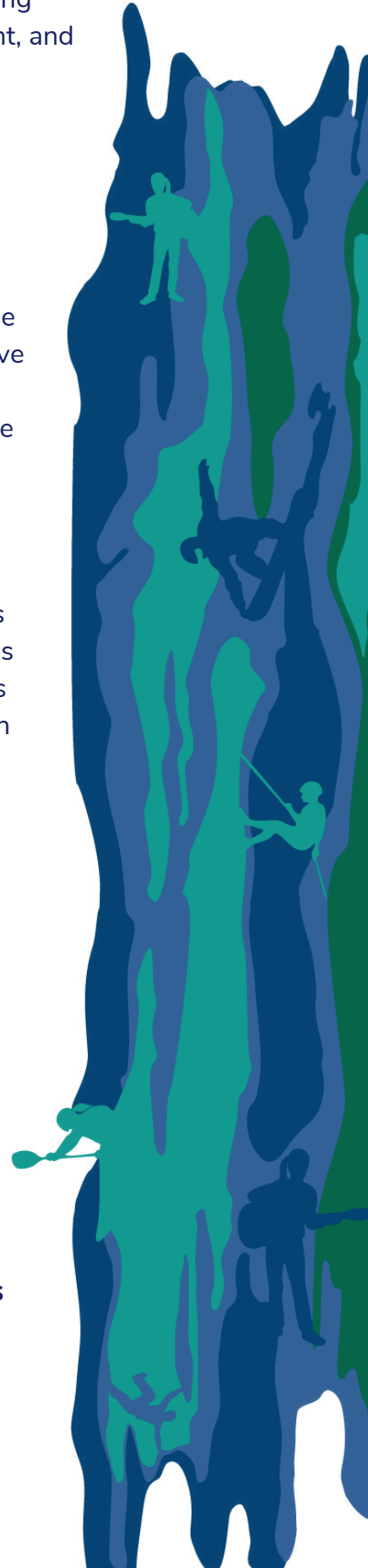
We also apply for grants from Government & other entities, assistance to help writing grants is always appreciated! New ideas are welcome, as are many hands assisting! Our fundraising person would welcome your help.

Become an adult leader

If you are interested in becoming a Leader, please speak to any of the Leaders. They will tell you that they have just as much fun as the young people and get a very real sense of achievement of doing something worthwhile for the community.

Donate your 10c containers

We collect 10c bottles, cans, and cartons. The drop off point is at the green shed next to the Scout Hall.





Encouraging your child

At the heart of Scouting is the idea of 'Learning by Doing'. Scouting is not about sitting on the sidelines and watching but 'having a go' and developing perseverance.

As your child progresses through the Sections, we anticipate that they will take more responsibility for themselves and their achievements, in line with their greater experience and maturity. The costs of program badges are covered in your fees.

If you need any information about how to support your child in participating in the program, please do not hesitate to speak to your Section Leader who will be more than happy to help.

Your Expectations

Now, what's in it for you and your child? You can reasonably expect your child to be in the hands of capable and caring Leaders who have a commitment to provide a stimulating and interesting program designed to assist children to develop into self-reliant and responsible members of the community.

All of our adult leaders have undertaken thorough training and hold current National Police Clearances (NPC) and a Working With Children Check (WWCC). Child Safety is the number one priority of Scouts Australia and Hope Valley Scout Group.

The Leaders take their task of fulfilling the aims of Scouting very seriously. They are volunteers who take every reasonable care of your child, and to do their best, in partnership with you, to help your child achieve their goals in Scouting.

In Summary

Your child will get out of Scouting not only what they put in, but what you as a family are able to assist with. Our Group works hard to build a "family" of many families who help each other to provide the best possible resources, facilities and support in order to provide great Scouting to the youth members in our care.

We encourage you to get involved, meet other families and help out where you can and we thank you for taking the time to consider Scouting at Hope Valley Scout Group.

**If you would like to get involved in our community,
please contact the Group Leader, Chris Miller**

"it takes a village to raise a child"

Ancient proverb

How much does it cost?

Scout Groups charge fees to cover the cost of equipment and the resources to enable us to deliver a quality Scouting program.

Fees are due at the start of each school term. Your prompt payment of your account will ensure we can access resources for the term's activities.

Fees include Group running costs, Section budget contribution. Fees are reviewed annually.

Affiliation to Scouts SA, is billed separately when its due, on joining and in your anniversary month.

Scouting is a Not-For-Profit organisation and the fees are used to cover items such as:

- Sectional activities
- New equipment and resources such as tents, kayaks, boats, ropes, cooking gear, games equipment etc.
- Insurance
- Program badges, certificates etc.
- Maintenance of the Scout Hall and equipment as well as utility bills (water, electricity, insurance)
- Leader training and uniforms

All of the above costs the Group over \$40,000 per year.

Naturally with Scouting being fundamentally an outdoors based program there will, from time to time, be sleepovers, camps, hikes and other excursions, which your child will no doubt want to attend. The cost of these activities, which is kept to a minimum, covers items like food and site fees, is in addition to the term fees.

Financial Help

We appreciate that funds can sometimes be tight. If you need a bit of help with the cost of a camp etc or if you want to spread the payments, then please have a quiet chat with one of the Leaders or the Group Treasurer. We are as flexible as possible and would rather know in advance than be chasing you later! All matters are treated with the strictest confidence.

It is not our policy to exclude any young person from an activity because of cost.

**SPORTS
VOUCHERS**



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

Use your Sports Vouchers at Scouts!
Available from Reception to Year 9
<https://qstore.sa.scouts.com.au/promote/sports-vouchers/>

Key Contacts

at Hope Valley Scout Group

Group Leader

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Group Support Committee consists of

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising Officer
- Quartermaster (QM)
- + General Committee members

Meetings are held on evenings twice per school term



**Scouting is not possible
without volunteers...**

please consider what impact you can bring to your community

