

DARK SKY DISCOVERY

Reynella Cub Scouts

Gawler Cub Scouts

CAMP INFORMATION PACK

Get ready for an unforgettable long weekend of adventure, friendship and stars! Dark Sky Discovery is a three-night camp for Cub Scouts being held jointly between Gawler and Reynella Scout Groups. The camp will be held within the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve, one of the most elite places in the world for star watching. We will camp at Meldanda, a 100 acre property near Cambrai with its own dedicated 'Astronomy Paddock' and the chosen site for astronomers and astro-photographers from around the world.

Reynella
Drop Off /
Pick Up:

Drop Off: 5:00pm Friday 5 June 2026

Pick Up: 4:00pm Monday 8 June 2026

Reynella Scout Hall

Gawler
Drop off /
Pick Up:

Drop Off: 8:00pm Friday 5 June 2026

Pick Up: 1:30pm Monday 8 2026

Meldanda, 106 Bundilla Rd, Cambrai SA 5353 (see map on next page)

Transport:

Reynella: attendees are traveling via bus (additional cost).
Gawler: transport is not being arranged by the Scout Group.

Cost:

Reynella Attendees: \$147 (includes accommodation, meals, activities and transport)
Gawler Attendees: \$88 (includes accommodation, meals, activities, excludes transport)

Payable to the Reynella Scout Group – Cub Scout Section Account.
BSB: 065 000 / Account Number: 12738468
Account Name: Cub Scout Unit – Reynella Scout Group
Reference: Roonka <Surname>

Payments must be received in full by **Friday 15 May 2026** to confirm attendance.

Permission Form:

A Y4 Parent Advice (Permission) Form must be returned by **Friday 15 May 2026**.

Meals / Dietary Requirements:

A healthy menu will be planned by Youth Leaders and provided closer to the event. Please ensure all dietary requirements and allergies are known to Leaders. If unsure, check with a Leader when submitting your Permission Form. Suitable menu alternatives will be provided for all dietary needs.

Illness

If your child is feeling unwell or displaying any signs of illness, they should **not** attend camp. This is to ensure the health and safety of all participants and leaders. Please monitor your child's health in the days leading up to the event and keep them at home if they are sick. If your child becomes unwell during camp, arrangements will be made for them to return home as soon as possible.

Medications: Please ensure medical details are known to Leaders, including relevant Health Care Plans. If unsure, check with a Leader when submitting your Permission Form. All medication must be handed to a Leader at the start of the event. A Y10 Medication Authority form (attached) must be completed for **each** medication. Clear written instructions should be given on its use. Medicines must be in the youth's name and original pharmacy packaging or a recognised dose administration aid (e.g. Webster pack). All medications must be **in-date**.

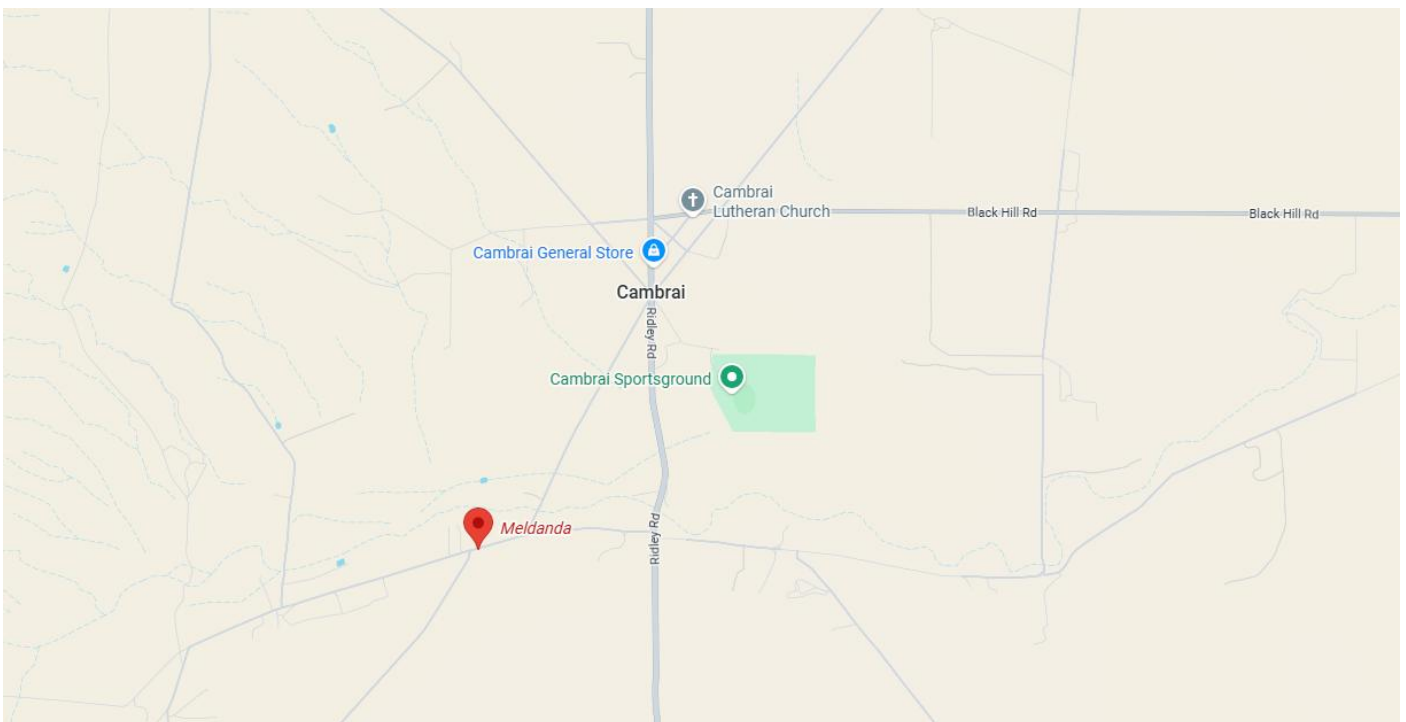
Weather Conditions: It can get very cold outdoors during winter months, but it is still lots of fun. We will be sleeping in tents and sharing meals inside an enclosed building. Many activities will be held outdoors, including evening activities.

Please follow the packing list and ensure your child's bedding will provide sufficient warmth.

Parent Attendance: Parents will not be able to camp with us during Dark Sky Discovery.

A small number of assistance positions have been filled by registered Adult Helpers.

Location Map (for Gawler families):



CAMP PROGRAM

Friday 5th June 2026

5:00pm	Reynella Cubs Drop Off <i>Reynella Scout Hall</i> <i>Make sure you bring your dinner in your backpack</i>
5:30pm	Reynella Cubs Depart <i>via bus</i>
8:00pm	Gawler Cubs Drop Off at Meldanda <i>Make sure you have eaten dinner prior to drop off</i>
8:00pm	Reynella Youth Arrive at Meldanda <i>Welcome Cubs, assign patrols for the weekend, camp rules, setup tents</i>
9:30pm	Supper
10:00pm	Bed Time

Saturday 6th June 2026

6:30am	Rise and Shine!
7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Day Briefing & Getting to Know Each Other
9:00am	Sport / Nature / Frisbee / Craft <i>Fun activities in patrols, done in rotations throughout the weekend.</i>
10:00am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Sport / Nature / Frisbee / Craft <i>Fun activities in patrols, done in rotations throughout the weekend.</i>
11:30am	Camp Zen <i>Recharge with quiet activities indoors</i>
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Fun Activity <i>Planned & Led by Youth</i>
2:00pm	Sport / Nature / Frisbee / Craft <i>Fun activities in patrols, done in rotations throughout the weekend.</i>
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm	Camp Zen <i>Recharge with quiet activities indoors</i>
4:00pm	Astronomy 101 <i>Let's learn the basics of astronomy</i>
5:00pm	Outdoor Games
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Review of the Day / Camp Journals
7:30pm	Dessert
8:00pm	STEM activities indoors
8:45pm	Star Gazing
9:30pm	Supper
10:00pm	Bed Time

Sunday 7th June 2026

6:30am	Rise and Shine!
7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Preparing Packed Lunch
8:45am	Day Briefing <i>Planned & Led by Youth</i>
9:00am	Sport / Nature / Frisbee / Craft <i>Fun activities in patrols, done in rotations throughout the weekend.</i>

10:00am	Morning Tea
10:30am	All Aboard! <i>Travel to Gumeracha</i>
11:15am	Climb the Giant Rocking Horse
12:00pm	Picnic Lunch
12:30pm	Wildlife Park <i>Explore the wildlife park to see native animals, farm animals and a guinea pig petting zoo</i>
2:00pm	All Aboard! <i>Travel to Mannum</i>
2:45pm	Explore Mannum Waterfalls & Afternoon tea
4:00pm	All Aboard! <i>Travel back to Meldanda</i>
4:30pm	Skits and Songs <i>Preparing our funny skits and songs in patrols</i>
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Review of the Day / Camp Journals
7:30pm	Gather Around the Campfire + Skits & Songs <i>Cooking our dessert in the hot coals</i>
8:30pm	Fun Activity / Wide Game <i>Planned & Led by Youth</i>
9:00pm	Supper
9:30pm	Bed Time

Monday 8th June 2026

6:30am	Rise and Shine!
7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Pack Up Campsite
10:00am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Fun Activity <i>Planned & Led by Youth</i>
11:30am	Camp Zen <i>Recharge with quiet activities indoors</i>
12:00pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Final Camp Review
1:00pm	Final Pack Up and Check Campsite
1:30pm	Farewell Gawler Cubs <i>Families pick up from Meldanda</i> Reynella Cubs Depart Camp
4:00pm	Farewell Reynella Cubs <i>Families pick up from Reynella Scout Hall</i>

PACKING LIST

Pack Your Own Bag!

It is important that Cub Scouts take the lead in packing their own bag as this contributes to their Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) badgework and makes it easier to find their belongings when they need them.

It can get very cold outdoors during winter. Please pack plenty of layers for warmth and ensure bedding is suitable for **winter** temperatures.

Label Everything!

All personal items (clothing, hats and drink bottles) should be labelled with the youth member's name. Lost items are common – labels help us return them quickly.

Medications

Do not pack medications in your bag – all medication should be handed to a Leader at the start of the event. See medications information above.

Sleeping and Showering Arrangements

Youth members will be sleeping in tents provided by the Scout Groups. Tents will be split by gender. Showers provide cold water only and will be available for use only if required for hygiene reasons.

Friday Night Dinner

Gawler Cub Scouts should eat dinner prior to drop off

Reynella Cub Scouts should pack their dinner in their backpack to eat during our journey

<p>In An Overnight / Duffel Bag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3x pairs of pants <input type="checkbox"/> 1x pairs of shorts <input type="checkbox"/> 3x shirts <input type="checkbox"/> 2x warm jumpers <input type="checkbox"/> Beanie <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> 4x pairs of underwear <input type="checkbox"/> 6x pairs of socks <input type="checkbox"/> Thongs/Sandals (for night time toilet trips only) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 plastic bags for dirty/wet clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries Bag with; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Hairbrush/Comb <input type="checkbox"/> Flannel <input type="checkbox"/> Dilly Bag with; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Bowl <input type="checkbox"/> Cup <input type="checkbox"/> Tea Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Cutlery; Knife, Fork and Spoon <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed shoes (sneakers preferred) 	<p>In a Backpack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Box <input type="checkbox"/> Torch with spare batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Drink bottle <input type="checkbox"/> Broad brim hat (caps are not acceptable) <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent <input type="checkbox"/> Notepad and pencil <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Night Dinner (Reynella Only) <hr/> <p>Bedding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress (that I can use myself) <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Toy <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Sleeping Bag <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Blanket <hr/> <p>Do Not Bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic devices, including gaming devices and phones <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp or dangerous objects <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Uniform
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