

The Den Rag

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Shailer Park Scout Group

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Matkah's Say...

We hope you enjoy the 2nd edition of The Den Rag. We are trying to include info from all sections. Congratulations to Isobel on the Joey Scout Challenge, Jayden for the Grey Wolf and Grace for the Scout Medallion. They have all achieved the highest award in their sections. Joey's recently said goodbye to Isobel as she progressed into Cubs and she has already started work towards her Bronze Boomerang. If a youth member would like to write a short story about what they are doing in their section please speak to your Leader and with their permission you can email your article to our Newsletter Editor.

I read in the local paper how well Rhiannon is going with her tennis.

Before Leaders head off to their homes each week they must make ensure that all equipment has been put away and the kitchen is left clean and tidy. The main floor must be swept and mopped if needed. It is the responsibility of the youth members on duty that night to make sure these jobs are done before they go home. Could I please ask parents to assist the Leader so that these jobs are completed. We all share the Den and we all know it is not right to leave a

mess behind for someone else to clean up. You would notice at the end of the Den small hooks on the wall for the use of the Joey Scouts. When you get a chair please put it back on the pile and do not leave it in front of these hooks.

Scouting can offer many exciting experiences for young and old and I am sure with your support we will be able to provide fantastic programs, adventures and heaps of fun for all.

With enough people committed to helping us, the load can be shared fairly. Please get involved, your friendship and support are always welcomed and are integral to the success of the group and you will learn more about the world of scouting.

First and foremost it needs to be made clear... Leaders do not get paid for their service. They are volunteers as are the Committee.

Information Board: The front door is used as an information board so if you would like information photocopied please ask a Leader.

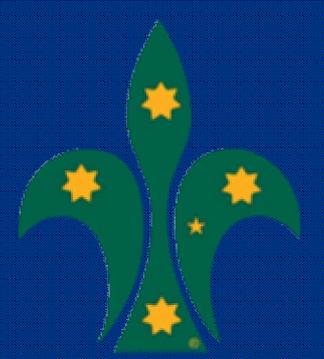
Making Term Payments: Someone has accidentally given out the internet details

for the Scout section account. Parents do not, I repeat DO NOT make any payments into the scout section account using the Internet.

If your child is in Joey, Cub or Scout sections when paying for camp outings, payment is not to be made through the internet. There is far too many errors being made and I am tired of having to be the one to fix it. So if your child is attending a camp or outing the money is to be handed in, as the form says.

Complaints: I have been receiving complaints concerning parents monopolizing the Leaders time and when a youth member has tried to speak to their Leader, they have been unable to. Please give the youth a go, they compete with the others to get their voice heard, please don't make it so they have to also compete with you too. So Parents, be the adult and step away and give them ago.

Jenny "Matkah" Wachholz
Group Leader



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Den Cleaning Roster



Minbalup Joey Update

Did you know that Minbalup means "happy place"? We are expecting to have a very happy and fun year at Joey Scouts, and we're off to a great start!

So far, we have been working on an Australian Wildlife theme. Each week we have been focusing on a different group of creatures, with our games and activities based around it. As part of this theme, our annual District Joey Scouts Camp was held at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Read all about this further on!

At Joey Scouts, we have 4

badges: the Adventure Challenge; the Environment Badge; the Care and Share Badge; and the Buddy Badge. These badges are all earned through participation in Joey Scout activities as a Mob, not as individuals. As we work through our programmes, different aspects of each badge are covered. For instance, our Joey Scout District Camp will allow many areas of the Adventure, Environment and Buddy badges to be completed.

There is one individual

Badge, the Promise Challenge Badge, that Joey Scouts can earn on their own. Congratulations to Isobel, who has just earned her Promise Challenge Badge. Not only does she receive a certificate and her badge, which she can wear on her uniform as she moves in to Cubs, her name will be engraved on our special Joey Promise Challenge Shield. Check it out next time you are in the Den !

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"The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

[Sir Robert Baden-Powell](#) (1857 - 1941)

Electrician Needed

Do we have an electrician in our group? We have some electrical work that needs doing in the Den. Please contact me (Jenny) on ph 3206 7178

2nd Hand Uniforms

Do you know someone that has left? Perhaps they have a uniform to sell, if so please give them Meg's phone number (ph 3209 4369)

Fees

The second term fees have been posted out and are **due 29/07/11**. You may choose to pay by:

- 1) direct deposit into Westpac BSB 034 264 A/C 110057 with surname as a reference
- 2) payment of cash in correct amount in an envelope marked with the child's name and "Term Fees"
- 3) personal cheques or money orders made out to "Shailer Park Scout Group"

Cuboree June 2012 & Jamboree Jan 2013

An information night for parents will be held Wednesday 20th July for the Cuboree and on Friday 29th July for the Jamboree at the Den. Your child will be handed a note with further details. For both Cuboree and Jamboree, Venturers and Rovers can attend these information nights if they are wishing to attend either event. This invitation also extends to any interested parents who are willing to assist as helpers.



Logan District Joey Scouts



Currumbin Camp 21 & 22 May 2011

Last term, the Minbalup Joey Scouts Mob, along with the Joeys from Priestdale, Underwood and Marsden, set off for the Gold Coast for our annual District Joey Scouts Camp. For many of the Joeys, this was their first trip away from their family, including sleeping away from home, so it was a big event. It was also an opportunity for the Joeys to complete many of the requirements for their Buddy, Adventure Challenge, and environment badges.

We all met up at the Palm Beach Den, where we dropped our gear, and headed off to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, just 5 minutes down the road. As there were 37 Joeys with 18 helpers, we split up into small groups to roam the park. Some went to the Adventure playground, some hopped on the train, whilst other groups headed to the animal enclosures. There were koalas to connect with, wombats to watch, Tasmanian devils to talk to, and kangaroos to cuddle.

We met up for lunch at the Bird Show, where raptors swooped and owls glided over our heads. One Dad even had his hat clipped by the Wedgetail Eagle's wings! At the Crocodile Talk, we didn't

lose a single Joey to the 5 meter saltwater croc., but a few of the Joeys got to hold a much smaller version afterwards.

In the afternoon we all met up again at the Lorikeet feeding arena, where everyone had a turn at feeding the Lorikeets. Thank goodness we all had hats on!

As the rest of the public left for the day, we stayed on for the Nocturnal program. The Guides showed us a Tawny frogmouth, a Golden Bush possum from Tasmania (huge!), some lizards and snakes, which we all got to stroke. They answered lots of questions –who knew Blue-tongues gave birth to live young?-and took us around the park to see how the animals behaved at night. We finished up our Night adventure with dinner at the restaurant.

We were very lucky that the rain held off until we were all back at the Den. We set up our beds, got into our PJs, had supper and watched a movie, "Napoleon", which featured many of the animals and birds we had seen during our day. Slowly, the Joeys drifted off to sleep to the sound of the rain

Some Joeys were up by 5.30am the next morning, but grabbed our special Activity books, and quietly worked through them until all were up by 6.30am! After dressing, packing up, and breakfast, we realized it was too wet to run our planned morning programs, so we "broke camp" a little earlier than planned.

That however was not the end of our get-together. As part of earning their Buddy badges, the Shailer Park Joeys sent letters and photos to the other Mobs, and invited them back to our Den for an end-of-term Movie night. We hope that the Joeys have gained not only self-confidence and independence from the camp, but made some new friends as well. Most importantly, we hope everyone had fun!!!!

I would like to thank the Joeys for being so well behaved and representing Scouting so well out in public. Thanks to all the parents who came, stayed, and survived on little sleep. I would also like to thank David (Venturer), Cael (Scout) and Aidan (Scout) for coming along to help.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary has a special weekend rate for Scouts, and offers a number of Adventure programs, including High Ropes, and sleeping under the stars.

Palm Beach Scout Den is situated just off the Motorway, next to sports grounds with a club house, adjacent to Currumbin Creek, and within walking distance of shops, parks and the beach.

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"For these [difficulties] I have found that a smile and a stick will carry you through all right, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it is the smile that does the trick."

[Sir Robert Baden-Powell](#) (1857 - 1941)



"Happiness is open to all, since, when you boil it down, it merely consists of contentment with what you have got and doing what you can for other people."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell (1857 - 1941)

Fundraisers

The Group Committee hold two fundraisers per year.

Families are given a choice to either participate in each fundraiser or pay an extra \$50. As part of your commitment to the Group we ask that every family participates, which is only fair. This is per family not member.

It can average around \$20,000 per year to run Shailer Park Scout Group.

Parents, this is why we have to fundraise instead of putting up the term fees.

The Group Committee tried to avoid the usual "chocolate fundraising" and had hoped to make a 'Shailer Park Scout Group Cook Book' by asking for recipes but alas not enough families were interested to make it worthwhile.

So it is chocolates as our fundraiser for the end of 2nd term. The eldest youth member of your family was given two boxes of chocolates to take home and be sold. Your Group makes \$50 profit from the sale of these 2 boxes and we only charge what the company informs as the recommended retail price.

Parents, if you decide not to participate in the fundraiser then you will need to donate \$50 towards the fundraiser. Your family is a member of Shailer Park Scout Group and ALL benefit from the fundraising so ALL are expected to participate.

Chocolate money to be returned by:

Rovers & Venturers – Monday 18th July

Joey Scouts - Tuesday 19th July

Cub Scouts - Wednesday 20th July

Scouts - Friday 22nd July

A Committee member will be there to collect on your night.

Den Cleaning Roster

In order to ensure we continue to have a clean and safe environment for our children to enjoy, we have coordinated a Den cleaning roster, which includes all families. To those of you who have been with the Group a while, the routine will be familiar, and those new to the Group I ask for you to pitch in and do your bit.

Listed below are the cleaning duties to be carried out.

- Clean kitchen, Leaders room and toilet areas.
(Cleaning aids are in the kitchen cupboard, mop, bucket and broom in boy's shower)
- Sweep and mop main hall.
- Brush down cobwebs from windows and eaves inside and out
- Sweep Main entrance
- Weed pathway around building
- Mow Parade Area and upper area immediately in front of the Den and out to the boundary fence at the front and side of the den. (Please bring your own petrol, as it is not permitted to be stored at the Den.)
- You will find an attendance book in the kitchen – please sign and note in the book if any cleaning equipment needs replacing or repairing needs doing.

There is a list of duties posted in the kitchen for your reference.

To make the workload lighter and more efficient, 2 families are rostered on together.

I trust all families will participate with the cleaning but if you have any difficulty with the date you have been nominated, please make arrangements with another family to swap. If you are unable to meet your commitments regarding the upkeep of the grounds and Den an alternative is to arrange for a contractor to do the job.

Our Leaders do a GREAT JOB, so let's do our part by treating this duty seriously and giving a little of our time and energy.

The Den is not available for cleaning from 4pm onwards on any section night and Thursday morning and night due to den hire. Some weekends the Den may not be available due to section activities. The Den Cleaning Co-ordinator will be notified of these times.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Keys are available by prior arrangement from 1st contact Hanette Young 0411838100 and 2nd contact Donna Lewis (Assistant Group Leader) 0439 034 039 * Roster from July to October is attached



Upcoming Important Events and Term Dates

Minbalup Joey Mob	Bunderra Cub Pack	Currajong Scout Troop	Venturer Unit	Rovers
12 July Start Term 3	13 July Start Term 3	15 July Start Term 3	11 July Start Term 3	11 July Start Term 3
19 July Choc money due	20 July Choc money due	22 July Choc money due	18 July Choc money due	18 July Choc money due
	20 July Cuboree Info Night for parents	29 July Jamboree Info Night for parents		
27 July – 7 Aug World Scout Jamboree 2011 (details in newsletter)	27 July – 7 Aug World Scout Jamboree 2011 (details in newsletter)	27 July – 7 Aug World Scout Jamboree 2011 (details in newsletter)	27 July – 7 Aug World Scout Jamboree 2011 (details in newsletter)	27 July – 7 Aug World Scout Jamboree 2011 (details in newsletter)
29 July Fees due	29 July Fees due	29 July Fees due	29 July Fees due	29 July Fees due
31st July Grace Wallace Scout Medallion Presentation	31st July Grace Wallace Scout Medallion Presentation	31st July Grace Wallace Scout Medallion Presentation	31st July Grace Wallace Scout Medallion Presentation	31st July Grace Wallace Scout Medallion Presentation
9,10,11 Sept Group Camp Murrenbong	9,10,11 Sept Group Camp Murrenbong	9,10,11 Sept Group Camp Murrenbong	9,10,11 Sept Group Camp Murrenbong	9,10,11 Sept Group Camp Murrenbong
13 Sept End Term 3	14 Sept End Term 3	16 Sept End Term 3	12 Sept End Term 3	12 Sept End Term 3
4 Oct Start Term 4	5 Oct Start Term 4	7 Oct Start Term 4	3 Oct Start Term 4	3 Oct Start Term 4
6 Dec End Term 4	7 Dec End Term 4	9 Dec End Term 4	5 Dec End Term 4	5 Dec End Term 4

More Upcoming Events

23-27 June 2012 Cuboree (parent helpers, Venturers and Rovers can attend)

Jan 2013 Jamboree (parent helpers, Venturers and Rovers can attend)

3-14 Jan 2012 Wild Dayz - 15th Australian Venture National (hosted by TAS). Go to www.wilddayz.com

2-12 Jan 2013 AJ2013 - 23rd Australian Jamboree National (hosted by QLD). Go to aj2013.scouts.com.au

World Scout Jamboree 2011

You can learn more about the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, 27 July – 7 August 2011, with *Join In Jamboree* which is a way for all members of Scouts Australia to participate in a World Scout Jamboree. Download sample programs and order *Join In Jamboree* badges. Go to wsj2011.scouts.com.au



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