



15th BRIGHTON SCOUT GROUP



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15th Brighton Scout Group at a Glance

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Group Scarf Light Blue with Dark Blue and White edging.

Cub Scouts (7 ½ to 10 ½) Monday 7:00 to 8:30pm

Scouts (10 ½ to 14 ½) Thursday 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Venturers (14 ½ to 17 ½) Tuesday 7:30pm to 9:30pm

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Welcome

15th Brighton Scout Group would like to welcome you and your family to the wonderful world of Scouting. This booklet is provided to you to assist you getting the best out of your experience of being a member of our Scouting family.

15th Brighton Scout Group was started in 1958 by a group of parents who wanted a Jewish scout group in the Brighton area. Since its beginnings, there have been 30 Queen Scouts through 15th Brighton. Many of these have returned as adult leaders within our Group or at different Groups, and at District and Area level. Many of our youth members have gone on to be leading members of the Jewish Community.

15th Brighton has a history, which is very family orientated. Many of the Youth members are children of past Scouters and leaders.

Policy of religious observance

As a non-sponsored Jewish Group, the policy of observance of Jewish Law is as follows:

- All meat is kosher. No milk will be taken with meat.
- All major Jewish festivals are observed and there will be no Cubs or Scouts on those nights. Venturers currently make their own decision.

Scouting is not a social club, it has an ideal and a policy which is not in conflict with religion, and has as one of its main aims to help in the development of a scout's character. It also helps to make them aware of their responsibilities as a human being.

However, Scouting is not a Jewish Organization. It is geared purely and simply to train the Scouts through adventure. Its policies are made to fit in with the policies of the country in which it is practiced. In this country, scouting groups are predominantly non-Jewish, and therefore many scouting activities are held at times which may be in conflict with Jewish Law.

Scouts who are strictly observant can still take part in most of the activities, and still observe their beliefs. We try to make alternative arrangements in order that they do not miss out on activities.

Parents are advised to see the Group Leader or the Scout's section leader and discuss any problems regarding Religious Observance.

Annual program is arranged around major Jewish holidays.

About Scouting

Scouting is the largest youth organisation in the world today. Your child has become a member of a section within our group, but that is not all. Scouting is a co-operative community venture, sharing with home and schools the task of building the character of your child.

Scouting is also a training organisation teaching the youth of our community to become more self-reliant, more aware and more responsible citizens. It gives them the opportunity to develop leadership skills, self-reliance, initiative, community awareness, personal responsibility and environmental consciousness. It helps them to take a more positive place in our rapidly changing world.

All Scouts, regardless of race or religion share the same basic promise and ideals as originally inspired by our founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell (BP) of Gilwell in 1907. We are part of a worldwide movement of over 28 million members in 216 countries.

15th Brighton Scout Group is part of the Glen Eira-Stonnington district (an area aligned to the Glen Eira & Stonnington Councils) and the South Metropolitan Region of Victorian Scouts (taking in an area from Port Melbourne to Portsea and across to Dandenong and Casey districts).

Youth members progressively pass through each Section in turn being given increasing responsibility as they get older. Supervision by trained adult leaders varies according to the youth member's individual development and the activity they are undertaking. The focus is on adventure and fun.

Becoming a Scout

Depending on the Section, the first 3-6 weeks is a probationary period for new members to see if they would like to come on a regular basis.

During this period a uniform is not required. Once your child feels that they would like to continue you will be required to purchase the appropriate uniform for your child and pay the relevant fee for your child to be registered and insured.

After your child has obtained the uniform they will be *invested* into their Section after they have met the new member criteria. They will need to memorise the relevant Law and Promise from their section for their investiture. The Section Leaders will help them on the night if they are a bit nervous. You, your family and friends are encouraged to attend the investiture.

On and after the investiture, your child must wear full uniform to all Section meetings and outings unless otherwise advised.

All members, both youth and adult, are on trust to live up to the Scout Law and Promise to the best of their abilities no matter which Section they are in. Remember the more your child puts into Scouting the more he or she will get out of it.

Linking to Sections

Upon reaching the appropriate age and/or maturity level, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers are advanced to the next Section, first by completing a "Linking process" and then farewelled from their Section by a going up ceremony. Linking usually takes place within 6 months of the member reaching the upper age limit for that Section.

At a Linking Ceremony your child will be given a "Linking Badge" to show that they have linked from their last section to their next section. For example, from Cub Scouts to Scouts. Parents, guardians, family and friends are most welcome to attend the Linking Ceremony when it occurs.

The Scheme

Each section has its own approach to training, based around the award scheme. The same basic system of scouts divided into self-administering groups is common to each section - 'sixes' in cub packs, 'patrols' in scout troops and 'ad hoc' groups in Venturers. Each age group is more self-governing. The basic fundamentals of Scouting are the development of physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual skills.

In this way, leadership and self-determination are taught. The whole scheme is progressive and designed for youth. Service to others and citizenship are predominant features. Leaders are trained under Scouts Australia guidelines and must have a Police Check and a Working With Children Registration

Program

The sections work to a program (in part arranged by the members) that involves one evening meeting per week, weekend activities and, from the scout section onwards, camps of 2+ days duration several times a year. The program is the basis of section meetings and includes:

- * award scheme training
- * fun and games
- * practical outdoor activities.
- * learning new skills
- * helping others

The topics covered are as wide as the imagination, from the social studies and day rambles at the cub level to caving, rock-climbing and interstate travel for the older sections. In our Group, there is an accent on outdoor activities.

Group Costs

Membership fees are from July to the following June. If your child joins during the year, the fees are calculated pro rata. Rates reduce for 2nd and subsequent children or as a child of a leader. The rate for the first child is currently \$250.

Section Costs

Investiture fees are a one-off fee that is set by each section and is used to purchase the badges, books, scarf, woggle, caps etc that are needed for investiture. It is currently set at \$60. Annual Section Fee set by each section is used to support their section activities, badges, books and small equipment purchases. This is currently \$50. It is also expected that each member when invested, must have a scout uniform which costs approximately \$50, but this is purchased directly from Snowgum shops.

Costs for weekend camps are usually around \$50. Kosher food is provided at these camps.

Uniform

Each Section has a particular uniform. This consists of a Navy Blue shirt, either polo or button up, with the Section colour as an insert along the sleeves and across the back and a webbed belt with Scouts Australia buckle. Uniform items can be purchased from Snowgum. Shops are located in Moorabbin, Malvern, Glen Waverley and Melbourne. Check the location of the nearest shop from the catalogue in the Scout Hall or online at www.snowgum.com.au

It is a good idea to purchase uniform a size or two larger than is needed to cater for the growing your child will do. If your child grows out of their uniform please consider donating it back to the Group to help raise extra funds for the Group and as a way of helping other families in their Scouting journey.

Please make sure that all articles of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. Many pieces get lost and ownership is not easily established.

Parental Involvement

Scouting is a volunteer organization. You can help with the running of our Scout Group in the following ways:

- Help at fund raising events and working bees around the hall
- Bring your skills and expertise onto the Parents Association Executive and help run the Scout Group
- Become a Leader and enjoy seeing your child grow and mature

Summary

Scouting is as modern and up to date as today. We offer your children an opportunity to become worthwhile citizens. We give them the chance to make a go of their life and to be just that much better.



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CUBOREE

GO-CART RACING

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ROCK CLIMBING

CANOEING

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