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- Annual Census and Membership Fees 2012/2013
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- 31 **Deadline for Census Data to be completed**

April

- 02 **Deadline for Adult Recognition Awards Nominations**

Oakey Scout Group GOING STRONG

Ten months and four days after flood water swept through the Oakey Scout Den, work has commenced to repair damage incurred. The initial clean up began after four days, when the water had subsided. After being submerged in flood water and lying in mud most equipment was unsalvageable. Photographs, camping equipment, craft items, a library of resource books, everything in the kitchen - the lot gone. The only things to survive unscathed were our canoes. Thank goodness they floated! Most items were reduced to land fill in one foul sweep by Mother Nature.



If you have never had to clean up after such a disaster consider yourself lucky. Words can't fully describe the look or the smell of the devastation. When I first opened the door of the den on January 14 I could have cried. I just stood in the doorway looking in with disbelief. It was real alright, and it was no use crying. Tears would not clear the mess. Nothing was where we had left it. Everything had shifted in the swirling water and cupboards and shelves had toppled. Mud was thickly deposited on everything! I did not know where to start. It was almost impossible to walk into the den. The mud was as slippery as ice. Everything was done in slow motion. Then there was the constant fear of picking something up and finding a snake waiting for you.

We removed every item from the den. Everything had to be taken outside either to the rubbish heap for council collection or set aside for cleaning. Some cupboards used for storage survived. Chairs and a table survived, but most of anything made of wood was warped and not able to be salvaged.



I firmly believe that something good comes from something bad. Well we have had plenty of bad and it has been so up lifting to see the good come out of this. The Oakey Scout Group has found supporters and friends who they did not even know existed. We have had support from businesses and organisations to help us get back on our feet. We have also had support from Scout Groups that we have not had any association with before. Their generosity and kind words have not gone unnoticed. We are eternally grateful to our long distance friends.

As they say - "what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger" (who ever 'they' are). 100 years of Scouting in Oakey was lost – the next 100 years is about to start!

2ND NAMBOUR GAIN JOEY SCOUTS

We are very excited to announce that Joey Scouts will be back at 2nd Nambour starting next year in February. This is thanks to Kelly Sims (Kanga) who is a fully trained Joey Scout Leader ready to start up Joeys with her son.

A Joey interest morning was held last Saturday and families came to see and do some of the activities that the Joey Section had to offer. A good time was had by all and a lot of prospective Joey's went home with smiling faces.

Having Joeys once again at 2nd Nambour in 2012, will add to more excitement as the year is also important to us, as it will be our 60th year as a Scout Group.



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DONATION FROM FREEMASONS QLD

On 25 November 2011 the Chief Commissioner of Queensland, Maurice Law AM, was presented with a \$75,000 donation from Freemasons Queensland by the Grand Master, and Honorary Scout, Most Worshipful Brother Adrian Burton at the United Grand Lodge of Queensland in Ann Street, Brisbane. The donation was made from the Grand Master's Flood & Cyclone Appeal to aid in the recovery of operations at the Queensland Branch



GRANTS UPDATE

The Sherwood Scout Group would like to thank the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Hutchinson Builders for work to upgrade their den. The Group was successful in obtaining a \$35k Grant for work to the Groups stairs, windows, doors, walls, guttering as well as improving the water flow from the building to the drains.



This Grant has assist the Group by reducing the Groups cost in maintain the building and the reliance on working bees.

The Sherwood Scout Group is already in

the processes of planning together the next Grant to make the toilet disability friendly and will be applying early next year.



The Sherwood Scout Group would like to recommend that any Groups in



Queensland Contact the Grants and Project Development Officer Cameron Stanley on 3721 5734 to arrange a visit and assist you in preparing the Grant.

BRISBANE NORTH REGION – PATROL LEADERS ADVENTURE

The Annual Brisbane North Region Patrol Leaders Adventure was held on the weekend of 5th and 6th of November, 2011. Sixty nine Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders along with about twenty Adult Leaders caught the *MiCat* to the Wrecks on Moreton Island where they camped overnight. Some of the activities included snorkelling at the wrecks, sand tobogganing at the Desert, beach games, swimming and Scouts Own on the beach.

Many of the Scouts were really excited to be able to feed the fish while they were snorkelling. A tired but happy group of PLs and APLs and Leaders caught the boat back to Brisbane, and a big thank you goes to Chris Foreman, ARC Scouts Brisbane North Region for organising the event.



CHARLES S SNOW DISTRICT CAMP

Scouts from Nundah-Northgate, Gordon Park, Wilston and Wavell Heights joined together for the Charles S Snow District Camp at Badger's Wood Campsite, Noosa. Saturday morning saw half the Scouts go canoeing on the Noosa River, while the other half went swimming, with the activities reversed later in the morning. Satur-



day afternoon included a Patrol v Patrol challenge with sack races, water balloon toss, tallest tower building using marsh-



mallows and skewers to name a few. More swimming was done, followed by dinner and a walk along the waterfront. After parade and



Scouts Own on Sunday morning, some of the Scouts went fishing while the others went swimming. This camp was a great way to finish a fun packed Scouting year and all that went had a great time.

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WRECKED SURVIVAL CAMP – GOLD COAST REGION

On the weekend of 12th and 13th November, Paradise Point Scouts attended the Gold Coast Region Wrecked Survival Camp at 'Elvove' Property Tamborine. We had a really fun time and got to do lots of activities and survival basics. When we first arrived at the site, we had to walk about 500metres to where the camp was to be held. It was really hard as we were only allowed to take the bare minimum – Tarp, lashing, staff and clothes on our back. Lucky we had our survival kits with matches in them to enable us to make fire.



Some of the activities involved was a lashing challenge, Kim's Game which was fun as we had to match pairs and what we won we got to keep. We then could barter these items for others,

erecting a tent on canoes, crossing the marsh (more like mud than marsh), raft building and catapult making. The best bit would have been swimming in the creek and dam. Cooking dinner and breakfast was very hard as we didn't have utensils, but we all became experts in using foil.

Over all we think the Scouts who attended had a great time even though we only had basic equipment. It showed us that you don't need the modern equipment to go camping.

We would like to thank the Leaders who made this weekend fun.

By Brodie and Casey Lunney—Paradise Point Scouts

WRECKED 2011

This weekend I had the privilege of attending the Gold Coast Region's very own survival camp – Wrecked 2011. Some 51 Scouts from all over the Region turned up at Tamborine for a weekend of somewhat different activities to what they would normally be used to. Mess kits were banned, no plates, cups, cutlery, and shock horror.....no tents! The object of this weekend was for the Scouts to earn "reward" by successfully completing tasks and proving that their scout skills were up to scratch.



Camp Leader "Dingo" (Logan Village) had everyone's attention right from the start as he explained the rules, delivered the safe-

ty instructions and sent the parents back home with all "banned" items. After a quick goodbye, the scouts started off to find their camp site where they set up makeshift shelters using only tarps and what the good Lord provided in nature. Scouts then set about making their "earthquake" bracelets using construction twine and bells.



These were to be worn all weekend to provide warning in case of aftershocks (scouts were asked to shake for 3 seconds when the word Tremor was called out). After morning tea of fruit (yes mum's & dad's, your children do actually eat this stuff) it was time to

play a game for "reward". Scout patrols competed to remember the correct placement of 2 identical items which they would later be able to swap for another item if so desired. Frying pans, cups, forks, rope billy.....which would it be and how much was it worth to you? With lunch approaching, it was time to head back to camp.



After lunch, a game of chinese whispers lead them to their next activity – hot air balloons. Rewards were given for ingenuity and perseverance. Another chance to earn reward would see them into dinner and then to campfire (a lost art at most camps.....not this one though).



With water activities and construction high on the agenda for Sunday – the Scouts were spoilt for choice on activities to inspire and excite.

Beautiful scenery, lovely breezes and plenty of warm weather assured that the dedicated leaders who attended were also happy. I was incredibly impressed by the level of enthusiasm shown by the Scouts and their Leaders and have to give a big Bravo to Dingo for putting the program together and those leaders who offered their support and ideas to make Wrecked 2011 such a success.

Submitted By: Lorikeet – GC Region

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JOEY SCOUTS VISIT THE ZOO

Algester Joey Scout Roo Monday Mob along with the Browns Plains Joey Scout Mob had a fantastic time visiting the Lone Pine Sanctuary earlier this month. The excited and very enthusiastic Joey Scouts saw lots of wonderful native animals. Not only did they see a platypus, but they also saw dingoes, wombats, Tasmanian devils and snakes – just to name but a few!

They especially enjoyed seeing the Koalas, feeding the kangaroos and watching the Birds of Flight show. After a very busy morning they enjoyed their lunch under the watchful eye of some very sleepy koalas!



Both Mobs had visited each other so this fantastic visit earned them their Mob Buddy Scheme Challenge badge!

MCHAPPY DAY 2011

Bayside Sea Scouts helped at this year's McHappy Day. Here we have Pandora and Trilby Peers working hard. The Scouts and Venturer Scouts had a great amount of fun working to help out this worthy cause.



Deadline for the next issue

The next deadline for articles is

27th January 2012

Submit your articles to encompass@scoutsqld.com.au

PARADISE POINT SCOUT GROUP VISIT UNDERWATER WORLD.

On Saturday 5th November, our Scout Group consisting of Venturer Scouts, Scouts and Cub Scouts all joined together and left Paradise Point for a journey to Mooloolaba to visit Underwater World.

Upon arriving we went to the beach for a swim and then headed to Underwater World. We were met by Simon who was our tour guide for the night.



We started the tour by learning all about the weird and wonderful creatures that are found in the ocean. The seal show would have been the highlight, especially watching Brendan hold the fish for the seal to jump up and grab.

We then had yummy hamburgers for dinner which was prepared by the staff at Underwater World. After our tummies were full we went and had a behind the scenes tour of the Quarantine area which is where they look after all the sick animals especially turtles. Then it was time to show how brave we all are and feed the hungry sharks.



Bedtime was very interesting as we got to sleep in the shark tunnel. It was very relaxing laying down and looking up at the sharks, in no time we were all asleep. The next day we met our

second tour guide, Chris who showed us the remaining areas and we even got time to explore the gift shop.

We left Underwater World and our Leaders and Committee Members surprised us with a visit to Bellingham Maze. We teamed up in pairs and it was quite interesting watching us 'get lost'.

Upon leaving the maze, our Leaders took us on a back road to nowhere ending up at Mary Caincross Park where we had a nice lunch before returning back to Paradise Point in the afternoon.

We would like to thank our Leaders: Eagle and Akala, Committee Member : Debbie and the adult helpers: Brendan and the 3 dads.

By Aaron Fenby
PL Hawk Patrol

Chief Commissioner

Maurice J Law, AM
Chief Commissioner of Queensland



As I write this article to go into the final edition of Encompass for 2011, my thoughts go back over the challenges for the year which, in addition to the recruitment of adults to take on Leadership roles, the recruitment of Youth Members, the training of our Leaders, the provision of programs for our Youth Members that will not only be a challenge for them but will also entice them to stay as Youth Members of the Movement, this year we have had the added pressures brought on us by the January 2011 Floods and then by Cyclone Yasi.

The Movement can be proud of the contribution that Scouting made in the clean-up efforts after the flood and the cyclone, not only through assisting other Members of the Movement but more particularly through the assistance and the contribution made to the communities in which we operate.

As the year draws to a close and the Formations throughout the Branch close down for the end of year break, I think about the many hours and the tremendous effort put in by the Leaders of the Movement, week after week and in many cases year after year and I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you and a great big "BRAVO".

My thoughts also turn to the sacrifices made by our families and our loved ones which enable us to continue our involvement in this great Movement. To them I also extend a very sincere thank you for your patience, your understanding and your support.

The break of the Christmas period not only gives us the opportunity to spend some time with our family and our loved ones, but it also gives us time to reflect on the many successes during the year, to recuperate and to build our energy levels back up ready for the challenges of a new year.

The challenge for many of us in the New Year will be to make sure that by 2 January 2013 we are ready to extend a warm Queensland welcome to the members of the Contingents from interstate and overseas who will be attending AJ2013 in Maryborough.

In closing can I extend to each and every one of you, my warmest thoughts for a happy Christmas and my best wishes for 2012.

Until next year I wish you good Scouting,



2011 CHRISTMAS BADGE

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HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

The Scout Supply Centre will **close** at 11am on
Thursday 22 December 2011

We are **closed** for **Saturday trading** after 3 December 2011
and will **recommence** Saturday Trading from 9am to 3pm on
24 January 2012

We would like to thank all our valued customers for their support during 2011 and look forward to being of service in 2012 and apologize for any inconvenience the change to our Trading hours may cause.



With 2011 drawing quickly to a close, Joey Scouts are still working hard for the Promise Challenge completing all requirements in readiness for their presentations – hearty congratulations to all Joey Scouts who have received their Promise Challenge Badge and Certificate.

It is great to see the personal development of each of our Joey Scouts before their linking to Cub Scouts which is a credit to the leadership of the Leaders. Below are two Joey Scout Mobs with their Joey Scouts recipients.

Narangba Joey Scouts

What a wonderful night it turned out to be when on 3 November 2011 two of our Narangba Cub Scouts Clay Ashton and Rory Hope received their Promise Challenge certificates and badges from work they recently



completed towards their Promise Challenges at Joey Scouts earlier in the year.

We welcomed our Branch Commissioner - Joey Scouts, David Cruse onto parade to help present these to the boys. Clay and Rory were able to explain and provided examples on the work they had completed towards achieving their award.

Majestic Park Joey Scout Mob

Recently at Majestic Park there has been a group of Joey Scouts working on their Promise Challenges.

At their final night of 2011, Branch Commissioner – Joey Scouts, David Cruse was able to attend and present five of the hard working Joeys with their letters, certificates and badges. Millie, Ruby, Natasha, Flynn and Tom were all able to tell David about the service they had done in order to complete the challenge.

He told them that this was a special award that they would be able to treasure and show to their children, but that it was only the first of many they could achieve in a life of scouting.

It was an honour to have such a special visitor present their

awards, witnessed by the rest of the Joey Scout Mob and their parents. The evening ended with a surprise raid from the Cub Pack that stole away those Joey Scouts who would be moving on to Cub Scouts next year.

With their Promise Challenge and Link Badge complete, they are more than ready to move on to the next set of challenges in their Scouting journey.

BRING A FRIEND

Don't forget the 'Bring A Friend' kits are now accessible on the scout website under EVENTS. If you did not get time to run the program in October/November this year, access the kit and run it early next year.

We are about to enter a very special time of the year, a time when we will be with our love ones, our friends; enjoying each other's company and valuing individuals for who they are. Christmas is a joyous occasion and a time for reflection.

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay safe and see you in the new year.



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So we are nearly at the end of 2011 – what an amazing and challenging year this has been, we are busy with many preparations at Scouts Queensland for upcoming events including Cuboree 2012, AJ2013, amongst many others.

Please accept my thanks and the thanks of the Cub Scouts for your hard work this year. Your dedication, enthusiasm and passion for providing quality Programs for the Cub Scouts is inspiring. Please take the time to thank your family for allowing you to be part of this amazing Section, I wish you all a great holiday season and hope you get a break and return with fresh and revitalised energy for the New Year. Congratulations to the Cub Scouts for the many badges completed and achieved and for those moving onto the Scout Section – well done.

So what does 2012 bring ...?

CUBOREE 2012 - The Magical Mystery Tour

Are you ready for Cuboree 2012, remember the applications will close at the end of this year but that you have until the camp starts to ensure your Cub Scouts will be ready.

Are you interested in purchasing a fleecy jacket with Cuboree 2012 logo? A great Christmas present then just visit the Cuboree website <http://cuboree-qld.blogspot.com> for the order form.

Some Cub Scout Leaders will be invited to take on the important roles of Cuboree Pack Leaders – this will happen during the holidays and there will be a training weekend for them in early 2012. A newsletter will soon be sent out to all Leaders within the Packs and an update of Parent Handbooks, Leaders Handbooks and a Packing List will be added to the website by early 2012.

Stay tuned and remember the adventure starts the moment you and your Cub Scouts board the Bus to attend the Magical Mystery Tour!

Cub Scout Expo...

A current review of ongoing training will be undertaken as well as some surveys promised but unfortunately not made available due to personal challenges this year. We hope to provide quality resources and activities for your Packs and Leaders. I will try to keep you up-to-date with this as we move forward.

Future Scout Day at AJ2013 and Join in Jamboree Programs

AS AJ2013 moves closer to fruition the website will hold information and applications for the Future Scout Day where Cub Scouts and their families can attend Jamboree for the day and see what happens. The Scouts will all be on site for this day so it will be a great day to experience Jamboree life. Join in Jamboree Programs and a blanket badge (available for purchase) will be uploaded on the website as well for your reference – to assist with promoting and encouraging participation for your Pack.

Thanks

Thanks must go to my amazing team of supporters including the Chief Commissioner -Maurice Law, AM, John Mills - Branch Advi-

sor, the Regional team, the Cuboree Planning Team, the Training team and all the District and Group Leaders that support our Cub Scout Leaders.

Have a great Christmas break and stay safe. – See you in 2012!



23 - 27 JUNE 2012
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BADGES

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In recent months I have encountered an increasing amount of requests for Scouts to remain in the Section beyond their 15th birthday. The two main reasons for this are so that they can attend the next Jamboree and so that they can complete their Australian Scout Medallion. There are also some genuine medical and developmental reasons with equally as many that appear to be an exercise in creative literature.

To just quickly recap on the age ranges for the section, to be a Scout you must have had your 10th birthday and not have turned 15. A Scout is able to move up to Venturer Scouts from the age of 14 and **should normally have progressed** to Venturer Scouts by the age of 14½. The last 6 months between the age of 14½ and 15 are treated as an informal extension period at the discretion of the Group Leader. Beyond this point any further extension can only be granted by the Chief Commissioner and this is usually supported by a recommendation from a Branch Section Commissioner or Region Commissioner. The Scout Leader or Group Leader has no authority to allow a Scout to remain in the Scout Section once they are 15.

There are a few important questions we should asking

Does a Scout need an extension to achieve an ASM?

The ASM is the highest award in the Scout Section and as such its requirements are set so that it is achievable only by a Scout who continually strives to do their best. One of the very first things that happen for a Scout when they enter the Section, be it from Cub Scouts or as a new recruit, is that they have the award scheme discussed with them. It's a requirement of the Link badge or the Scoutcraft badge.

Once they understand what is involved then a Scout Plan should be developed. This plan maps their progression through the award scheme and also takes into account their time in the Section. Scout plans are covered in the Section hand books and will have been covered in your training. Yearly the plan should be reviewed with the Scout and updated. This avoids a Scout getting to the age of 14½ and deciding they want an ASM before they go to Venturer Scouts.

Does a Scout need an extension to attend a Jamboree?

Jamborees are just one Scout activity amongst many other major events. They are timed so that every Scout will have the opportunity to attend at least one during their time in the Section. If a Scout chooses not to go to one then it is with full knowledge that this is probably their only opportunity.

They are designed to be of greatest benefit to the age range of the Section. My own personal experience with over age Scouts in a Jamboree Troop are that they are out of step with the other Scouts or end up disinterested in the activities or the desires of their Patrol and end causing mischief or going AWOL. Not the outcome we want at an event of this nature.

Consider the case of a Scout that wants just a 3 month extension to attend a Jamboree. Doesn't sound like much? To put this into perspective, if they should have gone up at 14½ then they will be

effectively staying in the section an extra 9 months. How has this delay affected their progression through the Venturer Scout Section? By the time they do move up and settle in we've knocked a year out their available time to achieve what the Venturer Scout Section has to offer.

AJ2013

In the last encompass I mentioned that the online applications would be available on the 1st of November. Unfortunately some problems were encountered and this didn't happen. Please be patient and understanding of the situation as those working on the problem are under a lot of pressure and the system needs to 100% functional.

The Queensland Contingent website and application system is now available online to keep you up to date with everything locally.

I'd like to thank everyone for another great year of Scouting and all the time and effort you donate. This goes to your families as well for letting you have the time to be involved so selflessly in developing our youth. Have a great Christmas, rest up and look forward to another year packed full of ADVENTURE.



"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."
Sir Robert Baden-Powell



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As calendar year 2011 draws to a close I look back at the year that appears to have been chock full of activities in the Venturer Scout section. There have been activities that have been successful because they attract enormous numbers of Venturer Scouts, Operation Nighthawk springs to mind, and there have been activities that have been successful because they got Venturer Scouts to participate in Unit programs.

I was disappointed not to be able to attend the Central and Coastal Venture that was conducted at the end of November, but was really pleased to hear that the Region had gone to the effort to put this on, and Venturer Scouts participated. I am aware of Regions running initiative course activities to assist Venturer Scouts face challenges and receive some recognition in the form of a badge that contributes to the completion of the Queen's Scout Award.

Where activities count the most though is in unit programs. If Venturer Scouts attend weekly meetings because they want to be there even though they don't know what is planned then we are doing something right. If half a dozen in the unit organise and execute an expedition because they love hiking, canoeing, camping and so forth then we are getting close to meeting Venturer Scouts expectations of what Scouting is meant to deliver to fourteen to eighteen year olds.

To all the leaders, experienced and inexperienced, who have persisted with the frustrations, laughed with the Venturer Scouts, and then smiled in the knowledge that you have guided some young people to undertake exciting and challenging activities, I say a big thank you. You have collectively put an enormous number of hours at Unit, District and Region levels into making our present and future society a better place. I can't think of a better way to measure my worth and spend my spare time.

Whether you are taking a pause from scouting over the summer, or ramping up to do something extraordinary, give yourself a pat on the back for the year that was. Please pass on to your families my appreciation for the time you put into scouting that you would otherwise have had with your families. Have a great Christmas and I look forward to working with you in the new year.

Dates (a partial list)

December

2-4 Noosa Venture
30 AV2012 Contingent Pre-Venture Tour commences

January

Stafford Scout Group

Christmas Trees

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ROVERS AT AJ2013

The time has come for the Rovers of Queensland to stand up and be counted for the task that lies ahead for AJ2013.



Queensland Rovers has been asked to run a major onsite activity. If you are keen to assist in the running of Scouting's greatest activity and now is your chance. Please contact the QBRE AJ2013 Exploratory Committee (aj2013@qldrovers.org.au or Matthew Ray on 0413 073 863) to register your interest.

We are particularly looking for Rovers with the following skills and interests:-

- trades
- engineering backgrounds
- manual labour, blood, sweat and tears
- promotions, communications and media
- finance and administration
- experience with leadership of younger sections of the Movement
- networking with other Rovers from around Queensland and across Australia
- enthusiasm, commitment and a sense of fun

We are aware that many Rovers have already been handpicked to be a part of various teams across the Jamboree. If you already have a Jamboree role and wish to assist in the initial stages of developing Queensland Rovers involvement at AJ2013 please get in contact with us.

If you would be interested in being closely involved with shaping Queensland Rovers involvement at AJ2013 and would like to serve on the QBRE AJ2013 Exploratory Committee, please also send us a line.

All ideas, suggestions and help is strongly encouraged. We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Matthew Ray as QBRE AJ2013 Exploratory Committee Chairman, on aj2013@qldrovers.org.au.

MOTOR MOOT 2012

The Florence Bay Rover Crew have announced the exciting news that they will be hosting a new event 'Motor Moot' in Townsville in 2012! The event will coincide with the V8 Supercar Races, will be a great weekend and will be well worth the trip for all you southerners out there! Official details are soon to be released! More information can be found at www.motormoot.com. Stay tuned for more details!

ROVER RED AND WHITE POLO SHIRTS BACK IN STOCK

The famous RED and WHITE Rover polo shirts are back in stock after losses during the January floods. Orders for shirts can be sent to merchandise@qldrovers.org.au

REGION REPRESENTATIVES

Rover Region Representatives are an important activities and communication link between Crews, Regions and QBRE. As region representative, you are a voice for Rovering in your region. Your duties include regularly communicating with crews in your region, attending QBRE meetings (where possible) and participation in two major rover conferences each year.

If you are interested in becoming a Rover Region Representative, the term commences on 1 September and nomination forms must be submitted to chair@qldrovers.org.au or bc.rovers@qldhq.scouts.com.au

FOB – FUTURE OF BASH WORKING GROUP

Future of Bash Working Group Meetings - Not designed to be a talkfest - but meant for people seriously interested in being part of the group of Rovers willing to do the hard work including writing new rules, doing research, writing submissions, etc if Qld Rovers are to be successful in getting bash up and running again! Regular meetings are now being held. For more information, contact QBRE Chairman

FUTURE DATES

- QBRE Christmas Meeting – 11 December – 5PM - Brisbane North Region Office, Alderley
- Christmas Moot – Mackay 2-4 December 2011
- Noosa Venture – 2-4 December 2011
- QBRE Start of Year Conference - 17-19 Feb 2012

Check out the Qld Rover Website for a copy of the 2011 Rovalendar!

SOUTHPORT SCOUT DEN

Fancy a weekend stay at Qld Rovers Southport Den? The Den is set up with basic kitchen, toilet and shower facilities and could be just the thing for your next weekend away? For more information Contact David See on

HAS YOUR CREW ADVISED IT'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Does QBRE have a nominated mail, phone and electronic contact point for your Crew? There is now a crew contact list on the "User Only" section of the website. To update or change your details (including crew meeting night) email deputy@qldrovers.org.au

HAVE YOU JOINED THE QLD ROVER WEBSITE

If you have not joined the Queensland Rover Website, it's easy to join, just log onto the Qld Rover Website and follow the simple instructions. If you have any problems logging on or aren't receiving emails, contact communications@qldrovers.org.au

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Youth Awards



CONGRATULATIONS

Queensland Branch is pleased to announce the awarding of the following awards

JOEY SCOUT PROMISE CHALLENGE

Caleb Preston	The Gap Scout Group
Jordan Richter	Gumdale Scout Group
Millie Noden	Majestic Park Scout Group
Flynn Thomas	Majestic Park Scout Group
Chedney Clonan	Majestic Park Scout Group
Natasha Thomas	Majestic Park Scout Group
Kyren Hillery-Shaw	Underwood Scout Group
Tyla Heron	Gin Gin Scout Group
Holly Alford	Lower Burdekin Scout Group
Aaron Gibbons	Browns Plains Scout Group
Hayden Mansfield	Mount Cotton Scout Group
Emily Jenner	Gin Gin Scout Group
Jerry Mahajan	Gin Gin Scout Group
Makishi Tanaka	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
Jacob Matthews	Maryborough West Scout Group
Hunter Pehi	Maryborough West Scout Group
Sean Ramsay	Maryborough West Scout Group
Sam Charlton	Maryborough West Scout Group
William Shepherdson	Emerald Scout Group
Kai Bruckner	Underwood Scout Group
Nikki Tekura-Tayles	Underwood Scout Group
Andre Dempsey	Priestdale Scout Group
Brandon Findlay	Priestdale Scout Group
Maddie Henderson	Priestdale Scout Group
Braydon Orams	Priestdale Scout Group
Thomas Fasham	Majestic Park Scout Group
Casey Johnson	Gin Gin Scout Group
Elizabeth Morton	Goodna Scout Group

CUB SCOUT GREY WOLF AWARD

Riley Manderson	Samford Scout Group
Benjamin Duffield	Cleveland Scout Group
Bryce Guard	Edge Hill Scout Group
Riley Slatter	Kingaroy Scout Group
Samuel Orr	Stanthorpe Scout Group
Christopher Nicholls	Drayton Scout Group
Christopher Plessius	Nerang Scout Group
John Lakie	Sunnybank Scout Group
Brooke Snowdon	Gin Gin Scout Group
Jonathan Gallagher	Sandgate Scout Group
Cameron Finegan	Sandgate Scout Group
Jordan Graham	Kenmore Scout Group
Henry Stone	Greenbank Scout Group
Thomas Stone	Greenbank Scout Group
Peter Gibbins	Aspley Scout Group
Nicholas Bodley	Aspley Scout Group
Georgia Christensen	Capalaba Scout Group
Brittany Barrett	Glenore Grove Scout Group
Patrick Wilson	Bunya Park Scout Group
Cassandra Raes	Logan Village Scout Group
Thomas Parrinder	Teviot Scout Group
Justin Fitzgerald	Biloela Scout Group
Rebecca White	Aspley Scout Group
Dylan Robertson	Bardon Scout Group
Harrison Krebs	Morningside Scout Group
Charles Ramsey	The Gap Scout Group
Veda Pflasterer	Glasshouse Mountains Scout Group
Ethan Hetherington	Priestdale Scout Group
Aden McLeish	Priestdale Scout Group
Sophie Kraayenbrink	Maroochydore Scout Group
Peter Elks	Maroochydore Scout Group
James Fairbairn	Moranbah Scout Group
Tarrant Cauchi	Blackwater Scout Group
Jamie Stallard	Emerald Scout Group
Phoebe Menzies	Bardon Scout Group
Jonathan Daniels	Glenore Grove Scout Group
Therese Ansell	Alice River Scout Group

AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION

Saxbee Affleck	Biloela Scout Group
Mitchell Kelly	Palmwoods Scout Group
Brenden England	Palmwoods Scout Group
Alex Doyle	Bunya Park Scout Group
Annabelle Heather	Camira Scout Group
Adelaide Jeffery	Capalaba Scout Group
Kaitlyn Wyeth	Algerter Scout Group
Elise Zalewski	Algerter Scout Group
Sarah Chlonta	Mount Cotton Scout Group
James Summers	Mount Cotton Scout Group

VENTURER SCOUT QUEENS SCOUT AWARD

Kirsten Hitchins	Logan Village Scout Group
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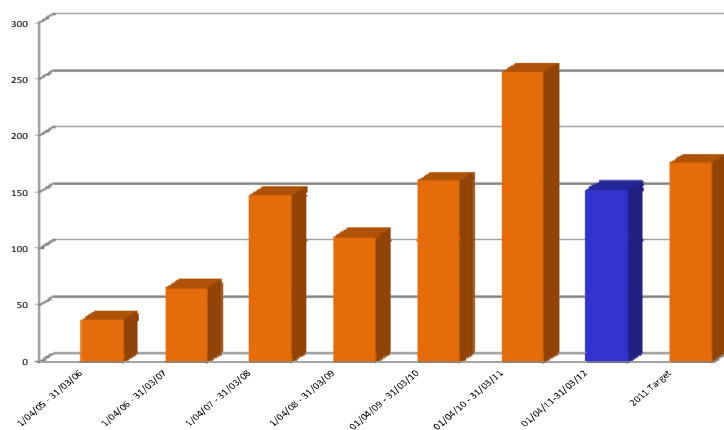
Baden Powell Award Metal Pin—\$6.95

Queens Scout Award Metal Pin—\$6.95

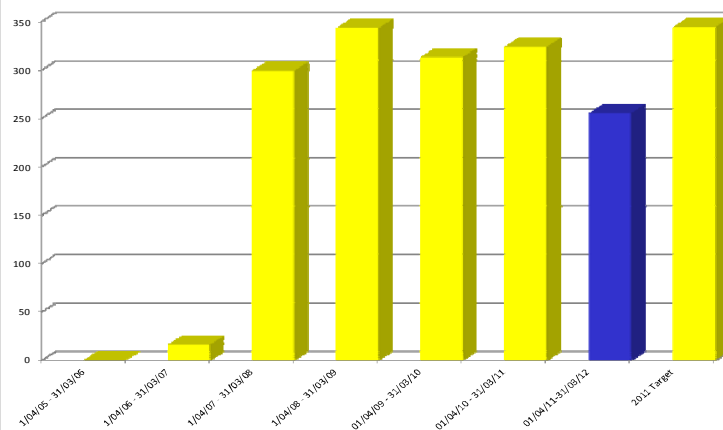
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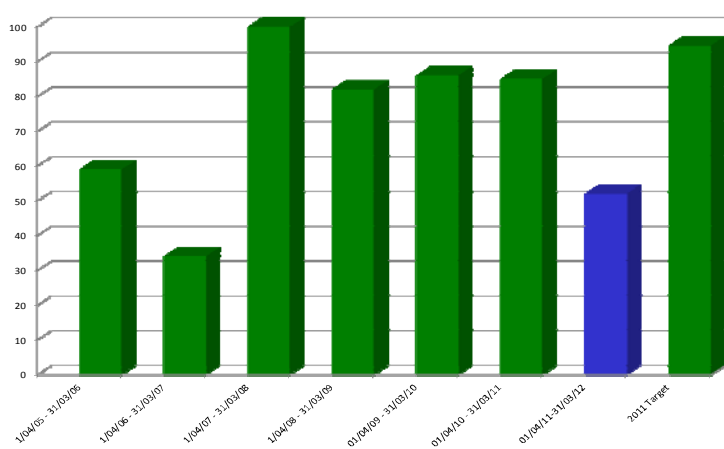
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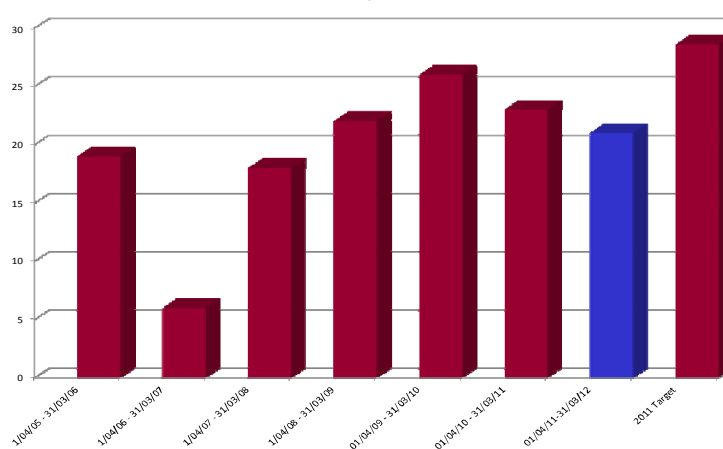
Cub Scout Grey Wolf award



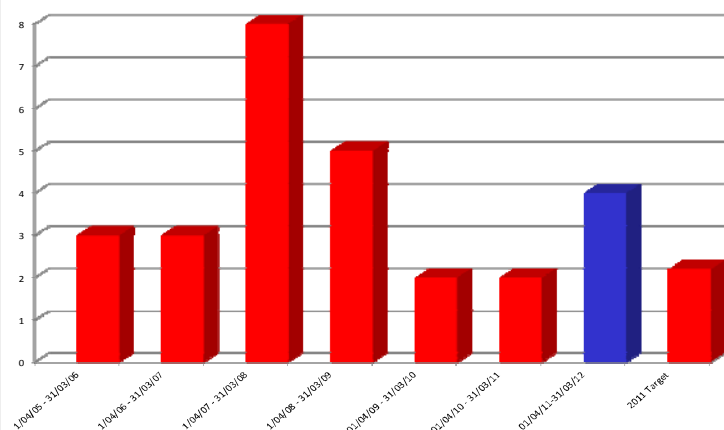
Scout Australian Scout Medallion



Venturer Scout Queen Scout award



Rover Baden-Powell Scout award



BANKSIA CUB SCOUTS ACHIEVE BIG RESULTS

Banksia Scout Group has produced three more Grey Wolf Awards which total five for this year so far.

This is a wonderful achievement for the Cub Scout Pack. Riley Simpson, Sean Bears and Madison Hamilton were presented with their awards at a special pack meeting with family, friends, Leaders and Cub Scouts in attendance.

Region Commissioner Brian Harvey outlined the requirements and the significance of the award.

A parent from each family presented their Cub Scout with the Grey Wolf Badge and Cub Scout Leader Joanne Hamilton presented the Cub Scouts with their certificates.

The Cub Scouts celebrated with a cake made for the special occasion.

All three Cub Scouts plan to advance to the Scout Section in the near future.



MACKAY CITY CENTRAL GREY WOLF SUCCESS

A special pack meeting was held for the presentation of a Grey Wolf Award to Cub Scout Douglas Pridmore of Mackay City Central Group. Region Commissioner Brian Harvey presented the Certificate and Cub Scout Leader Debbie Rutherford presented him with the Grey Wolf Badge.

Douglas was a positive role model for his Cub Scout Pack and fulfilled all requirements of the Award to a high standard.. Guests were treated to a barbeque tea and a special cake to mark the achievement.



Administration & Communications



CHARTERED FORMATIONS

The following Formations have become Chartered or rechartered during the month:



Upper Mount Gravatt Scout Group
Camira Scout Group
Kedron Scout Group
Gumdale Scout Group
Toohey Mountain Scout Group
Wavell Heights Scout Group
Albany Creek Scout Group
Bardon Scout Group
Baddow Scout Group
Woombye Scout Group

Baden Powell Lodge No. 505 Founder's Night

7:30pm

Wednesday 8 February 2012
Masonic Centre,
17 Cleveland Street, Stones Corner

All Adult Scouting personnel,
partners and friends are invited to attend
DRESS: Scout Uniform/Smart Casual

UPDATED FORMS

The following forms have been updated on the Scouts Queensland Website in the Members Only Area. To download these forms you need Adobe Acrobat Reader. Download free from <http://www.adobe.com>

Form	Description	Issue	Date
A64	Promotional Material Order Form	1	12/11



Due to a leather shortage, QLD Woggles are currently unavailable. We will advise once we are able to supply again. We are able to offer an Australian Logo Woggle and a Cloth Woggle for the same price.

Queensland Scout Centre Christmas closure period



Please note that The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc office (Queensland Scout Centre, 32 Dixon Street, Auchenflower) will close at **11am Thursday 22 December 2011** and reopen **Tuesday 3 January 2012**.

Thursday 22 December 2011	Close at 11am
Friday 24 December 2011	Closed
Monday 26 December 2011	Closed
Tuesday 27 December 2011	Closed
Wednesday 28 December 2011	Closed
Thursday 29 December 2011	Closed
Friday 30 December 2011	Closed
Monday 02 January 2012	Closed
Tuesday 03 January 2012	Open

UNKNOWN BLUE CARDS RECEIVED

We have received Blue Card information from the Commission for the following people, however there is no record of their involvement with Scouting as a



commission for
children and young people
and child guardians

Member or an Adult Helper. If any of the people listed below are attached to your Formation please contact the Adult Membership Support officer immediately. Failure to determine where these people are attached to will result in advice to the Commission of their non involvement with Scouting in Queensland. Contact the Adult Membership Support officer on 3721 5732 or

Tina Maree O'Connell
Cathie Louise Barton
Jeannine Shoushanik Paterson
Melanie Jane Dryden
Gregory Michael Manning
Sherisse Leanda Carlson
William Fraser McCord
Chloe Debbie Louise Jordan
Glenys Coralie Smith
Kelly Ruckert
Kylie Maw



CONGRATULATIONS WOOD-BADGE

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Woodbadge to the following Members.

Christopher Doig	Pamphlett Sea Scout Group
Diane McGuinness	Suncoast Region
Michele Bowers	Mount Bruce Scout Group



THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

POLICY UPDATE

Nomination as Leader In Charge

Members taking on the duties as a "Leader In Charge" whilst their Group does not have a Group Leader have until now not had access to all the tools and resources to enable them to do their job.

As of 1 December an existing Member of the Movement can be nominated as "Leader In Charge" by completing form A81 and having that form signed by their Region Commissioner. The form is then sent directly to the Branch Headquarters for processing.

Once the form is processed the Member will be sent a confirmation Letter and a copy of the SMS procedure manual. Processing of the form by Branch Headquarters will enable access to the Scout Membership System (SMS) for the Membership records of their Formation.

This access grants the "Leader in Charge" the same level of authority that a person appointed to the role of Group Leader would have thus giving them the tools to maintain their Groups Membership records and be able to complete their Census Online.

There are however restrictions to the nomination. The nomination is only valid for 6months. After which time written confirmation from the Region Commissioner is required to extend the nomination for a further 6 month period. The person nominated as the "Leader In Charge" must remain a current Member of the Movement in their primary capacity e.g. Cub Scout Leader to retain the "Leader In Charge" status.

A Member may still be made a contact for a Group without becoming a Leader In Charge. Doing so will still enable them to be sent the group mail for that Group but not allow access to the Scout Membership System. If a "Leader in Charge" is appointed then that person will be the contact for the Formation.

The form can be downloaded from the Forms section within the Members Only Area of the Branch website.



Scouting is a worldwide Movement with over 30 million Scouts in 160 countries. International Scouting is aimed at creating an understanding of other cultures as well as promoting peace and tolerance through our common understanding of the Scouting Aims and Principles.



"When you join a Patrol you become part of a worldwide brotherhood in which every member has promised to keep the Scout Law. Because of this it doesn't matter if they speak different languages, are of different colours or hold different religious beliefs. When you meet Scouts at large gatherings, remember that they are your brothers and show by your actions that you regard them as friends."

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting

29th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

The Asia-Pacific Scout Jamboree is a major Scouting event which aimed at giving additional opportunity to young people between the ages 12 to 17 years old. For 2012, the Sri Lanka Scout Association will be hosting the 29th APR Scout Jamboree in conjunction with the 100 Years of Scouting in Sri Lanka.

Date: 1 – 6 April 2012. Participants are requested to arrive on 31 March 2012 and should leave the Jamboree site on 7 April 2012. International Service Team (IST) will arrive on 30th March and depart on 08th April.

Venue: Gam Udawa & Kandalama sites Dambulla, Matale District in the Central Province of Sri Lanka. 121 kilometres from the Bandaranayke International Airport (CMB).

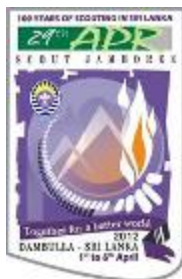
Fee: USD 150.00 for all participants & Staff, USD 100.00 for IST. Jamboree Registration Fee will cover transportation to and from airport, tent accommodation, food (from 31st March to 7th April) and Jamboree souvenirs.

Eligibility: The Jamboree is organized for young people both male and female aged 12 to 17 years old. International Service Team (IST) should be above 18 years old and ideally not above 45 years old.

Programme Highlights: Opening and Closing ceremonies, adventure park (horse riding, archery, water activities), Youth Forum, friendship programme, camp Fires, APR village, sight seeing to places of World Heritage sites, etc.

Home Hospitality: Maximum of three days before or after the Jamboree will be arranged for overseas participants who are interested to extend their stay in Sri Lanka on request.

Climate: Warm and sunny weather



JOTA-JOTI 2011

From the few reports that have been received, it seems as though JOTA-JOTI was very successful in some locations. It was disappointing to have so few reports though.



The pre-event registrations saw Queensland with many more registered groups than any other state. This is probably in part due to the comprehensive information booklet that is distributed beforehand throughout the Branch.

The number of registrations were: ACT 2, NSW 26, NT 2, QLD 40, SA 13, TAS 10, VIC 14, WA19; a total of about 120. On this basis, we estimate that Queensland had about one-third of the Australian JOTA-JOTI activity. Only two official reports: from Robertson Group, Archer District and Central and Coastal Region.



Robertson Scout Group ran a JOTA Only activity. They used Echolink because of the stormy weather conditions and made 16 contacts, including Gilwell Park, England. Central and Coastal Region ran an activity with both radios and the Internet at

Rowallan Park, Mackay. 84 members from three groups participated in what appears to have been a wonderful weekend.

The Scouts made electronic flashing devices and made many contacts throughout the weekend. They made contact with 6 JOTA radio stations and an amazing 177 internet contacts from 44 countries. Even so, they aim to improve on this next year. Here are some photos from Central and Coastal Region:



JOTA & JOTI – Ian Lightbody Qld Coordinator jo-ta@qldhq.scouts.com.au

23rd World Scout Jamboree 2015 Japan

The Jamboree will be located on Kirarhama or Kirara Beach in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The Japanese word "kirara" means mica: Kirara Beach offers a beautiful landscape in front of which the Seto Inland Sea glitters in the sunlight just like mica.

This kanji symbol means unity, harmony, a spirit of unity, cooperation, friendship, peace, and total, and also encapsulates the culture of Japan.



Located in the westernmost part of the Honshu Island, Yamaguchi Prefecture has been active in trade with the Asian continent from ancient times, representing a meeting point of Japanese culture and foreign cultures. Access to the site is easy by high-speed transportation systems such as airplanes and Shinkansen bullet trains.



「和」WA : a spirit of unity



The theme for the event is Wa: A Spirit of Unity," of which the Japanese kanji symbol is also a part. In Japanese symbol (see picture) means unity, harmony, a spirit of unity, cooperation, friendship, peace, and total, and also encapsulates the culture of Japan. This theme was proposed because it can be incorporated into all the aspects of the Jamboree, and specifically that the following be the key words for this theme:

Peace Harmony Solidarity

Join-in-Jamboree

We are planning to have **advanced "Join-in-Jamboree" (JIJ)** programme for youths around the world. What means "advanced" is that we are planning to use some high technology and network to connect youth around the world. Our JIJ programme will aim not only Scouts around the world but also non-Scouts youth, so that all the Scouts as well as the youths who are not able to participate in the Jamboree can benefit from the programme we develop.

Welcome the World Project

Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) has started a new project that is to build new friendships for Scouts through Scouting. Welcome The World Project (WTW) ties up Scouts in your country and the local Scout groups in Japan. They may communicate on the Internet or exchanging letters, launch a project together, and visit each other. Project Contents of their WTW may vary, but we hope such new links between Scouts in our countries will foster bond of Scout family-hood among us.



Home Hospitality

We will try to have the "Home Hospitality" programme before or after 23WSJ to deepen understanding of the Japanese way of life and culture, and cultivate mutual understanding.

<http://www.23wsj.jp/>



Scout International Student Exchange Program

For more information on the Program both as a potential Exchangee or Host Family, please email me at sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au I will then send you more information and Expression of Interest Forms.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Scott Edwards Youth Program Support Branch Advisor (International) – SISEP Coordinator - Qld(Scout International Student Exchange Program) sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA) 2013

ADVENTURERS WANTED !

Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it aint your fathers jamboree. We're



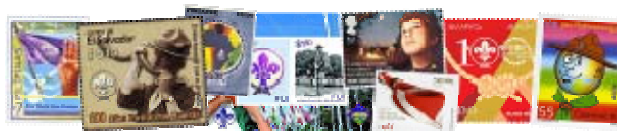
talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountasin biking, hiking, and more at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.

Scouts Australia will be sending a contingent of Scouts and Venturer Scouts to the 18th Boy Scouts of America National Scout Jamboree in July 2013.

Scouts and Venturers (boys only) who will be between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to attend. For more information click the link below to find out about BSA 2013. All youth members are encouraged to read about the activities that will be on offer as part of this experience. <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=22134551>

APR Ticket to Life Project

TICKET TO LIFE is a flagship project currently being implemented by the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. This project integrates street children to society, through Scouting, in eight countries: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. The Mission of Scouting is "to educate young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society."



International Pen Pal program

Contact penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

See the exciting events we have in the Asia-Pacific Region.

March 2012—* 29th APR Scout Jamboree, 31 March - 6 April, Sri Lanka

***July 2012**—Danish Jamboree, 21-29 July

***January 2013**—New Zealand Venture

***April 2013**—New Zealand Moot

***July 2013**—APR Jamboree, Japan, 27 July- 8 August

***August 2013**—14th World Scout Moot, Canada

2014—*40th World Scout Conference, 12th World Scout Forum, Slovenia

World Wide

***2013**—30th APR Scout Jamboree, Sri Lanka

***2015**—23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan

2017—*15th World Scout Moot, Iceland

2019—*24th World Scout jamboree, North America

International Visitors - Reminder

Just a reminder to all members/ groups/ formations/ regions, if you have someone contact you from overseas requesting assistance, you should always refer this back to the International Team

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Chinese New Year—2012-Year of the Rabbit

ORIGAMI BUNNY

Keep kids hopping with this Origami Rabbit - that actually hops! It's a quick and easy craft for Easter and doubles as a fun variation on traditional origami.

What you'll need:

A 3" by 5" piece of cardboard.

How to make it:

1. Place the card in a *portrait* orientation. At the top of the card take a corner and fold it down till the top edge and the side edge meet.
2. Open card flat.
3. Repeat with the other corner. Now you have an 'X'.
4. There should be two creases on the top of your card. If you did steps one and two correctly, they should form an "X" at the top of the card. Now make a crease that runs through the middle of the "X". Mountain fold (fold back) the top right through the middle of the 'X'.
5. Collapse the paper on the pre-made creases.
6. Fold the outer corners of the triangle to the top.
7. Fold the sides to the middle.
8. Fold the bottom edge to the top.
9. Fold the top edge of the front layer to the bottom edge.
10. Turn over.
11. Glue or tape two bunny ears to the top.



To make your bunny hop, loosen the front and back legs so that the bunny is not flat. Tap at the back, and the bunny will jump.

CHINESE NEW YEAR RED ENVELOPES

What you'll need:

Redfelt, roughly 6" x 8"
Hot glue gun
Gold glitter glue
Green construction paper
Black marker & Scissors
Chinese characters pattern



How to make it:

- From the longer side of the rectangular piece of craft foam, fold the bottom up about 1". Glue in place.
- Fold one of the 6" sides toward the middle, fold the other side over the top of that. Glue in place.
- Use gold glitter glue to draw on lucky Chinese symbols. Set aside to dry completely.
- Cut a small rectangle from green construction paper. Use a black marker to draw "\$1" in the corner and the word "ONE" in the center. When the glitter glue is dry, insert the green "dollar" into the red envelope and glue in place.

DRAGONS ON PARADE



What you'll need:

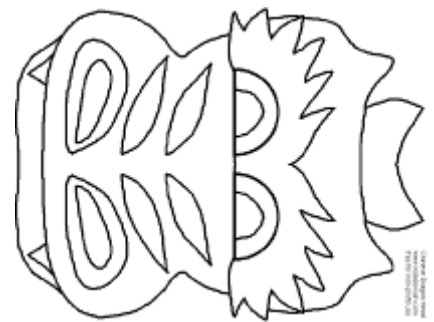
- Tempera paints, in colors desired
- Paint Brushes
- Wide crepe paper or streamers (at least 3 1/2" x 3')
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons to decorate the head
- Heavy paper/cardboard (1" x 7")
- Stapler
- Printed pattern (see below)

How to make it:

1. To make the body of the dragon, cut a strip of wide crepe paper 3 1/3 - 4" wide and between 3 and 6 ft long (3 ft for preschoolers, longer for bigger kids).
2. Have the child dab an assortment of spots and lines on the crepe paper with a paintbrush. Let dry. If desired, hang the crepe paper on a clothesline or some place so it can dry.
3. Print one Dragon Head for each dragon: (pattern below)
4. Color the dragon head as you wish.
5. Cut out the dragon head.
6. Staple the handle across the back of the head (made from a 1x7" piece of cardboard).
7. Staple the wide body strip of crepe paper to the back of the dragon head (once it is dry!).
8. Grab the handle with one hand and hold your dragon high.

Have a dragon parade! Give the kids lots of room to make their dragons dance!

Tips: Choose crepe paper colors associated with Chinese New Year, like red and gold.



This month's ideas have been contributed by the following people and places:

- Queensland Branch International Team
- <http://chinesenewyear2012.net/chinese-customs>
- <http://crafts.kaboose.com/chinese-new-year-welcome-door-hanger.html>
- <http://crafts.kaboose.com/lantern1.html>

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CHINESE NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

Giving the Gift of Prosperity

Angpao is a tradition that involved giving money to parents. In many families it is customary for the children to give the parents money, which the parents often return in greater portions. It is important that the money the parents give to the children is their own money, instead of returning the same bills that they have received from their children..

This tradition is one of the responsibilities of a son or daughter at Chinese New Year, but occasionally parents or employers give angpao without children returning the gift. In China, monetary gifts are given in red envelopes to ward off back luck and ensure prosperity.

The responsibilities of a son or daughter at Chinese New Year vary from country to country. For example, Angpao is given in Taiwan, while red envelopes are more commonly passed from the older generation to the younger generation in China.

Honoring Ancestors

During the first day of the New Year celebration, children follow the lead of the parent to honor their ancestors. One of the responsibilities of a son or daughter at Chinese New Year is to offer gifts and perform the ceremony to offer food and gifts to five generations of ancestors.

Children wait for their parents to begin the ceremony, then bow three times in front of the alter to honor their ancestors. The entire family participates in this ceremony, and may visit the temple to honor gods during the first day of the new year.

DO'S & DON'TS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY:

- Greet others with "Gung Hey Fat Choy" which means "Wishing You Prosperity and Wealth".
- Give two *lee see's* to each child. Because happiness comes in two's, do not just give one. This is your way of passing good luck to the next generation. Business owners also give *lee see's* to employees and associates.
- Wear brand new clothes - preferably in red. Children should wear new clothes and new shoes.
- Don't wash your hair.
- Don't sweep the floor.
- Don't greet people who are in mourning.
- Don't drop your chopsticks.
- Don't say the number 'four' (Chinese homonym for death) or mention death.
- Don't borrow or lend money.

As you prepare for this important holiday, think of the changes you want to make in your life ... perhaps spend more time with your family, reduce your credit card debts or pursue a new interest. Gung Hey Fat Choy ... and Happy New Year!

DOOR HANGING CRAFT

What you'll need:

- Red foam door hanger
- Gold glitter glue
- Orange foam circles in various sizes
- White craft glue
- Pattern



How to make it:

1. Print out pattern of Chinese letters. This spells out "Welcome."
2. Use pattern and a pencil or pen to draw the Chinese letters onto the door hanger.
3. Using gold glitter glue, carefully trace the Chinese letters. Decorate the rest of the door hanger as you like. We drew a border around the hanger and decorated the corners.
4. Allow the glitter glue to dry for at least three hours.
5. When glitter glue is dry, glue the orange circles onto the lower half of the door hanger. The larger circles are oranges and they represent wealth. The smaller circles are tangerines, which are symbolic of good luck.

CHINESE PAPER LANTERN

What you'll need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors & Tape
- Stapler & Ruler
- Pencil & Glue, glitter, sequins, if desired to decorate your lantern



How to make it:

1. Use your ruler to measure and cut one inch off the short end of your paper. Set aside to use as the handle.
2. Fold your paper in half lengthwise.
3. Draw a line one inch from the end of the long edge of the paper opposite the folded edge. This will be the line where you stop cutting.
4. Measure and mark lines one inch apart starting at the folded edge and moving towards the "stop cutting" line. (see photo)
5. Cut on the marked lines up to the "stop cutting" line.
6. Unfold the paper.
7. Re-crease the paper in the opposite direction. This will hide any pencil marks.
8. Match the long edges together on the lantern and use tape to hold it in place.
9. Staple the handle to the top of the lantern. (see photo)
10. Make as many lanterns as you wish and display them around your home.
11. If you wish, add glue, glitter, sequins or other things to decorate your lanterns.

Special Duties

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Deputy Chief Commissioner - Special Duties
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The First Christmas Tree

We are coming to the end of another action-packed year, filled with all manner of exciting challenges and activities. As you take the tie to wind down over the Christmas break, take a moment to reflect on the following story.

In a forest in the far, far East grew a great many pine trees. Most of them were tall trees, higher than the houses that we see, and with wide, strong branches. But there was one tree that was not nearly as tall as the others; in fact, it was no taller than some of the children in the kindergarten. Now, the tall trees could see far, far out over the hilltops and into the valleys, and they could hear all the noises that went on in the world beyond the forest, but the Little Tree was so small and the other trees grew so high and thick about it that it could not see nor hear these things at all; however, the other trees were very kind and they would stoop down and tell them to the Little Tree.

One night in the winter time there seemed to be something strange happening in the little town among the hills, for the trees did not go to sleep after the sun went down, but put their heads together and spoke in strange, low whispers that were full of awe and wonder. The Little Tree, from its place close down to the ground, did not understand what it was all about. It listened awhile, and then lifted its head as high as ever it could and shouted to its tall neighbour: "Will you not stoop and tell me what is happening?" And the big tree stooped down and whispered: "The shepherds out on the hilltops are telling strange stories while they watch their sheep. The air is filled with sweet music, and there is a wonderful star coming up in the east, traveling westward always and the shepherds say that they are waiting for it to stop and shine over a humble stable in their little town.

I have not heard why it is going to stop there but I will look again and listen." So the tall tree lifted up its head again and reached far out so that it might hear more of the wonderful story.

Bye and bye it stooped down again and whispered to the Little Tree: "Oh, Little Tree, listen! There are angels among the shepherds on the hills and they are all talking together. They seem to be awaiting the birth of a little child, who will be a king among the people and the beautiful star will shine above the stable where the little king will be laid in a manger." The tree again raised its head to listen and the Little Tree, much puzzled, thought within itself: "It is very strange, indeed. Oh, how I wish that I could see it all!"

It waited a little longer, and everything grew quiet and a great peace came upon the forest. Then suddenly the town, and even the forest was illuminated with a strange, white light that made everything as bright as day and the air was filled with the flutter of angels' wings and with music such as the world had never heard before.

The people and the trees, even the stars in the heaven, lifted up their voices and sang together and the whole world was filled with music and joy and love for the little Christ-child who had come to dwell upon the earth. The Little Tree was filled with fear and wonder, for so great was the excitement that the other trees had almost forgotten it and it could not understand the mysterious sounds; but bye and bye its tall friend said, "Listen, listen, Little Tree! Such news I have to tell! The Christ has come--the King! And the whole world is singing such beautiful music. There are wise men coming from the East, bringing beautiful gifts to the Christ-child. The angels, too, are upon the earth and they bear gifts of gold and rare, beautiful stones. Wait! I will tell you more."

The tall tree had scarcely lifted up its head when it stooped again and whispered to the Little Tree, "Look! Look! Little Tree! They are coming this way; the angels are coming here, into our forest! Lift up your head high and you will see them as they pass." The Little Tree lifted up its head and saw the white flutter of angel robes and heard the weird, sweet voices of the heavenly host who came with precious gifts into the forest. "Oh," said the Little Tree, "they are coming here, toward me! What shall I do?" And in fear it bent its head so low that it almost touched the ground.

The music came nearer and nearer, and the Little Tree felt a tender hand upon its branches, and a soft, gentle voice said to it, "Arise, Little Tree, and come with us, for we have come into the forest to seek you. Yes, you, the very smallest among the trees, are to be our gift-bearer. Come; lift up your head."

In fear and trembling the Little Tree did as the angel bade it. But when it looked into the angel's face and saw the love and kindness there, all fear was gone and it said to the angel: "Yes; make me ready. I will come with you to the little Christ-child in the manger."

So all the angels brought their gifts of precious jewels and shining gold and fastened them upon the branches of the Little Tree. Then the leader of the angels' band took up the Little Tree from the ground and bore it, laden with its precious burden, to the feet of the Christ-child.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very holy and blessed Christmas.— Good Scouting,

THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER POLICY UPDATE

Annual Census and Membership Fees 2012/2013

The purpose of this communication is to outline the procedure for the collection of Membership data (Census) and the payment of Membership Fees in 2012/13. As Group Leader or Team Leader you have the responsibility to maintain the Membership data for your Formation. This memo also outlines the alternate ways this can be done.

You will also note that discounted fees are offered to Chartered Formations.

Please read this policy update carefully.

In the 2005/06 Scouting Year we changed the way Membership was charged to bring the Membership renewal date back to a common due date. Whilst this change caused a few minor hiccups in the main the transition went well and was well received by most Formations.

One of the main reasons for changing to a common due date was to reduce the time put in by Group Leaders to ensure that the Members of the Group were financial.

The Group Leader is the person responsible for ensuring that Membership Fees are paid whilst not necessarily carrying out the tasks themselves. The Group Executive Committee should also have a responsibility in this regard and they should be of great assistance to the Group Leader by doing the necessary chasing up whilst ensuring that the Group Leader is kept advised of any matters which require their attention.

These considerations have not changed and the practice of Membership falling due on a common due date will be continued. All Members have a Membership renewal date of the 1 April each year.

In 2004 the system of Chartering of Formations was introduced into Scouting in Queensland and many Formations have taken up the challenge and become Chartered. In fact a number of Formations are now in their seventh year of being Chartered.

Unfortunately some Formations have not taken up the responsibility and remain un-Chartered, others have let their Charter lapse.

It has been decided to continue the practice of providing an additional incentive to Formations to be Chartered for the first time or to be Re-Chartered. We will therefore once again have a scale of Membership fees for Chartered and non Chartered Formations.

In order to ensure that our records are as accurate as possible in preparation for the raising of Membership invoices, Formation Leaders are required to complete the annual Census Return either electronically or by the paper version. The paper version of the annual Census Return will need to be completed and returned to the Queensland Scout Centre by **24th February 2012**. The Census Return produces a very heavy workload at Branch Headquarters and it is important that the census return if being lodged in a paper form is received at the Queensland Scout Centre by the due date. Further amendments can be made by email, fax or post and will be accepted until the close of business on the 31 March 2012. Please read the instructions on the paper census as forms are still required to be completed.

The 2012 annual Census will not be distributed in paper form unless requested. All Group Leaders, District Commissioners and Region Commissioners have access to the Scout Membership System to make the necessary changes required. For those Formations completing Census electronically the due date for all changes is **31st March 2012**. If no paper Census is received it will be taken as an indication you have completed your changes online and are happy with your Membership data.

For those Formations which have a Leader In Charge (LIC) a paper Census will be sent. A policy update regarding the nomination as a Leader In Charge can be found within this issue of Encompass. If you cannot complete your census online, a paper copy of your census can be requested from the Branch Headquarters.

If you are completing your census electronically an instruction booklet was distributed and has been sent to all newly registered Formation Leaders. You can download a PDF version of this booklet from the Members Only Area of the Branch website under the heading of "Scout Membership System (SMS)"

Formation (Group) Leaders will be aware that a Membership check is done whenever a Member applies to attend a Branch, National or International event. If the applicant is found not to be a Member then a parent of the applicant will be contacted with the view to correcting the situation. If it is subsequently proven that the applicant has never resigned from the Movement the applicants Membership status will be reinstated and a Membership Invoice for the Membership Fee plus a \$5.00 surcharge will be raised to the Formation to which the applicant is attached. If the Member is found to be unfinancial they will be ineligible to attend the activity until such time as all Membership fees owing have been received at the Queensland Scout Centre.

YOUTH AND ADULT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICES

Membership Invoices for Youth and Adult Members will be raised in April 2012 and will be distributed in the Formation (Group) mail out. Invoices will be for Membership from 1st April 2012 until 31st March 2013.

All invoices for 2012/2013 include a new levy from the National association for the implementation of the eLearning system.

Membership Invoices will be raised and charged to the Formation Account. The invoice will be addressed to the Formation to which the Member belongs with the invoice details advising the Member's name and registration number.

Once the invoices have been processed no credits will be raised. Payment of the Membership Invoice will be the Formation's responsibility. **Please do not instruct parents to send payment direct to Branch Headquarters**

Payment for Membership Invoices will be required to be at the Queensland Scout Centre by the **31 May 2012**. This will in fact mean that there will be a two (2) month period for the Group Leader and the Members of the Group Executive Committee to work on the collection of these fees so they are forwarded to the Queensland Scout Centre by the due date. **Rebates exist for meeting the laid down timelines.**

The method of payment to the Formation will be determined by the Formation to which the fee is payable. In order to make this process as easy as possible for the parents of our Youth Members it is strongly recommended that Formations use as many payment methods as possible i.e. cheque, internet transfer directly into the Formations Bank account or by credit card using the pro-forma available on the website. The credit card Performa can then be forwarded by the Formation to Queensland Scout Centre for processing. **Payment by credit card will incur a surcharge of 1.5% on top of the Membership Fee. Credit Card Performa's are not to be forwarded directly to Branch Headquarters by Members.**

REBATE FOR PAYMENT BY DUE DATE

If the **total of all Membership Invoices raised to a Formation for that year** is paid by the due date the Formation will receive a rebate by way of credit to their Debtor Account. This is not a discount to be taken prior to payment but a rebate given once the account has been paid. Youth Fees will be treated separately to Leader fees for rebate purposes and the rebates will be applied and processed separately. To claim the rebates please complete separate A67 forms for Youth and Leader rebates which is available from the forms section of the Branch website.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES

Invoices for Youth Members who are listed on the Formation's records as at 1st April 2012 will be charged in accordance with the following scale.

Youth Members	Non Chartered Formations	Chartered Formations
Youth Member No 1	\$ 127.00	\$ 121.00
Youth Member No 2 (Within the same family)	\$ 122.00	\$ 116.00
Subsequent Youth Members (Within the same family)	\$ 76.00	73.00

Rovers pay the above membership fees plus the \$10.00 Rover Levy.

A Rover who is also a Leader in the same Group will only have to pay the \$10.00 Rover Levy as their Group pays their Leader Fee. Rovers who will reach their 26th birthday within the Scouting year will pay a pro-rata Membership Fee. That fee will include the National Fee, National eLearning levy, Rover Levy, an insurance component and a proportion of the balance of the Membership Fee.

FAMILY CODES AND CONCESSIONS

Please ensure that the Family Code is the SAME for all Youth Members in the same family. This code can be updated within the Scout Membership System with the access given to Group Leaders. Confirmation of correct family codes is the responsibility of the Group leader. If the family code is not correct then the appropriate family concession will not be reflected on the invoice. Credits for family concession will not be issued.

The Family concession is only available on the renewal of the Annual Membership Fee for the second, third and subsequent registered financial Youth Members. In calculating eligibility for the family concession Adult Members, Rovers and Youth Helpers who are not Youth Members in a Section are not included.

NEW MEMBERS

There is a sliding scale for Youth Members joining the Movement. This fee will consist of an insurance component plus a monthly fee which will be multiplied by the number of months still to go within the financial year to calculate the total fees payable.

Youth Members who join the Movement between **1st January 2012 and 31st March 2012** will be required to pay the full 2011/12 Membership Fee being \$119.00 for Chartered and Non Chartered Groups. This fee will cover the period until 31st March 2013. This should eliminate applications received at Formations early in the New Year being held and submitted to the Queensland Scout Centre following the end of the Scouting year.

Youth Members joining the Movement from 1st April 2012 will be required to pay fees in accordance with the scale below.

FOR EXAMPLE, if a Member joins in May 2012 the fee payable is the fee shown under May 2012. The same fee will apply to both Chartered and Non-Chartered Formations. **The fee payable is calculated from the date which is indicated on the A5 form in the field titled "Date commenced with Group".**

This payment can be made by completing the Credit Card segment of the Youth Application Form (A5) or by attaching a cheque to the form and forwarding to Queensland Scout Centre. **Payment by credit card will incur a surcharge of 1.5% on top of the Membership Fee. PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH IN AN ENVELOPE AND MAIL IT TO BRANCH HEADQUARTERS.**

We will also be continuing with the policy which allows for a full refund of the Membership Fee for a Youth Member who withdraws from the Movement within six (6) weeks of joining. The application for a refund must be made in writing to Queensland Scout Centre within one (1) month of the Youth Member leaving.

New Members joining

Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturer Scouts

Chartered and Non Chartered Formations:

Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012
\$ 119.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 119.00

April 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012
\$ 127.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 77.00

Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013
\$ 67.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 127.00

New Members joining

Rovers only (Includes Rover Levy)

Chartered and Non Chartered Formations:

Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011
\$ 129.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 129.00

April 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	Aug 2011	Sept 2011
\$ 137.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 87.00

Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012
\$ 77.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00

LEADER/ADULT FEES

Invoices for Leaders, Fellowship Members and Adult Support Members will be charged in accordance with the following scale.

All invoices for 2012/2013 include a new levy from the National association for the implementation of the eLearning system.

Category	Non Chartered Formations	Chartered Formations
Leaders	\$ 113.00	\$ 108.00
Adult Support Members – Uniform	\$ 82.00	\$ 78.00
Adult Support Members – Non Uniform	\$ 82.00	\$ 78.00
Youth Helpers – who are not Youth Members	\$ 110.00	\$ 105.00
Youth Helpers – who are Youth Members	Nil	Nil

Fellowship Members:		
New Member	\$ 53.00	\$ 51.00
New Member - with a Certificate of Appointment	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00
Existing Member	\$ 43.00	\$ 40.00
Existing Member - with a Certificate of Appointment	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00

New Leader applications:

must be accompanied by the Basic Training Resource Folder fee only . There is no registration or enrolment fee for Leader but a fee for their resource folder.

Basic Training Resource Folder, including Sectional Handbook	\$ 81.00	\$ 78.00
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All the above categories are “Members of the Movement” and therefore in addition to covering the Member under our Personal Accident Insurance Policy, the Branch is required to pay the World and National Membership fee to the National Headquarters and the National eLearning levy. In order to clear up some of the misnomer’s in relation to some of the above categories of Membership I would draw your attention to the following:

Leaders	Signed up on an A1 Must sign Code of Conduct Must have Blue Card Must wear uniform
Adult Support Members - Uniform	Signed up on an A1 Must have Blue Card Must sign Code of Conduct Wear Uniform Ex Leaders and adults who can not give a full commitment to a leadership role but wish to continue to wear Uniform and assist where ever possible Can not be in charge of a Section without the written consent of the Chief Commissioner May be Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers of Formation Committees Can do/have specialists training/qualifications i.e. abseiling, canoeing
Adult Support Members - Non Uniform	Signed up on an A1 Must have Blue Card Do not Wear Uniform If Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer of a Formation are not an Adult Support Member - Uniform then they must be an Adult Support Member - Non Uniform Adults who wish to be Members of the Movement and are prepared to support Leaders but do not wish to give a commitment to Training Can do/have specialists training/qualifications i.e. abseiling, canoeing
Fellowship Members	Signed up on A1 Must have Blue Card Must sign Code of Conduct Personal choice as to whether to wear Uniform or not
Adult Supporters - Adult Helpers Badge Examiners	Sign up on A60 Adults who do not wish to be Members of the Movement and who are prepared to give support Do not wear a uniform Must have Blue Card Must sign Code of Conduct Can help at any activity under supervision of a person holding a Certificate of Adult Leadership

OFFICE BEARERS - CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer must be either an Adult Support Member Uniform or Non Uniform.

The registration fees for the new office bearers taking up office during 2012 will be waived if your Formation has a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer registered as an Adult Support Member Uniform or Non Uniform as at 31st March 2012 and the renewal invoice is paid. If one or more of those office bearers changes at your Annual General Meeting in 2012, then complete a new A1 for each of the new office bearers and write on the top of the front page of each form "Replacement Office bearer" and forward the form to the Branch Headquarters.

CHARTER STATUS

For those Formations that are not yet Chartered or should have been Re-Chartered it also gives you some time to become Chartered or Re-Chartered thereby being able to take advantage of the discount. Fees will be charged in accordance with the Charter status contained within the Branch records. Formations are required to be Re-Chartered on an annual basis. The date on which the invoices are run, is the date for which the Charter status is obtained.

If you are not sure of your Formations Charter status either check it through the Scout Membership System (SMS) or please do not hesitate to contact the Adult Membership Support Officer at Queensland Scout Centre by email on adult.membership@scoutsqld.com.au or by telephone on (07) 3870 7000 for assistance.

GENERAL

This advice is forwarded to you so that you may prepare your Formation for the changes and to give you as early as possible advice in relation to Membership Fees for the next Scouting year. Should you experience any challenges with the implementation of this policy please do not hesitate to contact your District or Region Commissioner who will be only too pleased to provide any assistance necessary.



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POST

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your Group Name, Snail mail
address and whether you are
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section Link to**

penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

**International Activities
Scouts Australia Queensland Branch**

SCOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM- SISEP



***** Expressions of Interest 2012 - 2013 are now open for the Scouts Australia
International Venturer Exchange Program!
For more information and to apply contact
Scott Edwards Youth Program Support Branch Advisor (International)
- SISEP Coordinator - Qld(Scout International Student Exchange Program)***
sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au**

An international Venturer exchange is the experience of a lifetime! The Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP) provides Venturer Scouts (15-17 years of age) with the opportunity to experience a different way of life... by spending their summer holidays with a Scouting family in Denmark, England or Japan! SISEP also allows Aussie Scouting families to host Danish, English or Japanese students for 6-8 weeks in winter.

THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER POLICY UPDATE

2012 Adult Recognition Awards

Enclosed in the Formation mail out is a printout of Leaders eligible for consideration for an Award in your area of responsibility and a copy of the "Recommendation for an Adult Recognition (Good Service) Award" form – nomination year 2012. If you would like this form electronically, please visit the members only section of the website and you'll find the form in the form section. Alternatively please feel free to photocopy the enclosed Recommendation form.

Details and timetable for the processing of the Adult Recognition Awards for the Queensland Branch for 2012 are as follows:

- Nomination form and candidate report forwarded to the above distribution list. **December 2011.**
- Completed nomination forms with citations and documentation to be received at the Queensland Scout Centre **no later than 2 April 2012.** It is imperative that nomination are received by this date as the recommendations need to be checked, collated and reviewed by the State's Award Committee prior to being forwarded to the National Office by the due date.
- Nominations received after 2 April 2012 will **NOT** be accepted. **No exceptions.**
- Nominations received on a 2011 (or earlier) nomination form will **NOT** be accepted. All nominations **MUST** be on the current 2012 nomination form.
- Awards forwarded to National Office for approval no later than **30 April 2012.**
- The Awards will be announced on World Scout Day on **1 August 2012.**
- Adult Recognition Awards are awarded to persons who have given especially valuable Service over a considerable period. Awards are granted for good Service beyond the level of Service normally expected of a person in carrying out the responsibilities of the appointment held.

Certificates and distinctive cloth emblems (for wearing on uniform) are issued with the Awards as appropriate. Distinctive lapel pins for wear in civilian dress are issued. (Lapel pins are not to be worn on the uniform).

Details and criteria for the Adult Recognition Awards are outlined in pages 4-6 of the enclosed nomination form.

Nominations for Awards with citations should be sent direct to the Chief Commissioner's Office or via the line management structure, marked "Confidential".

It is imperative that citations are as descriptive and accurate as possible. An example of a good citation is enclosed for your consideration.

EXAMPLE CITATION

Detail evidence under these headings typed on pages 1 and 2 or an attached sheet.

Carries out the responsibilities of his/her current Certificate of Adult Leadership or non-uniformed management role to the highest standard to contribute to youth membership growth since the last Award.

Bill is regular and punctual in his attendance and involvement in all of his Scouting activities.

His preparation is of the highest order and he ensures that others with whom he works are involved and fully prepared to play their parts.

He is committed to helping the other Scout Leaders in the District develop their skills and Leadership abilities.

Through his involvement in the DTMs, this also flows on to the benefit of Leaders in other Sections.

He visits other Troops and organises joint meetings and activities between his and one or more of the other Troops.

Bill responds promptly and effectively to requests from other Leaders for assistance, as well as being able to recognise and respond to a perceived need.

A team player and has shown commitment to mentoring fellow Adults in Scouting since the last Award.

He leads the team of Scout Leaders in the District and involves them in the organisation, planning and running of District events e.g. the Annual District Camp.

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Bill has developed and nurtured the Scout Section Leaders of the District into a cohesive and co-operative group which works in with other community groups and also arranges joint activities between Troops. He also assists Leaders to co-ordinate their Programs, provides them with programming and resourcing ideas and materials, and monitors Leaders to ensure that the Scouts of the District are receiving relevant and enjoyable Scouting.

Demonstrated leadership which inspires of enthusiasm among other Adults in Scouting since the last Award.

Bill's enthusiasm for, and commitment to Scouting has not diminished during his entire time to date in the Movement. He exemplifies the true Scout spirit in his private and public lives.

He is a positive role model, not only for his Scouts, but also for the Parents and other adult Leaders with whom he comes in contact.

Bill has developed a great level of trust with the Parents (and the Scouts themselves) who are all happy with the Leadership he exercises, the example he sets and the way in which he quietly, but efficiently, shows the real Scout spirit.

He has always been committed to the Scout Method as a successful way to train and develop young people in accord with the Aim and Principles of the Movement.

Bill has been particularly supportive of the District Commissioner and Group Leaders of the District in relation to the welfare and development of their Scout Section Leaders and Scouts.

He is able to recognise the strengths and talents in other people, and to work with them to develop these further.

Bill has the ability to recognise issues that may arise and have the potential to cause problems. He is able to work through these situations to where almost always, a satisfactory outcome is achieved.

Bill works in a spirit of co-operation and is able to be tolerant and work in situations where there may be differences of opinion or method.

Provided ideas for the future direction of Scouting and how the ideas can be implemented to contribute to the better development of youth and/or adults lives since the last Award.

Bill continually encourages other Leaders Scouts and Parents to think and act positively, to plan for the future to ensure the continuity of Scouting in the District. He does this by regular recruitment plans, ongoing training and development, and regular and detailed Programming.

He also supports and encourages Cub Scouts Leaders to prepare Cub Scouts for going-up to Scouts.

He is also actively involved in the dialogue with the Hicksville community in supporting and working through issues preparatory to the establishment of a Scout Group there.

Contributes to the wider Association forums and formations by involvement in activities beyond the level of responsibilities normally expected in the appointment or management role held since the last Award.

Given the small and somewhat transient nature of the population of the village of Hicksville, Bill is a firm rock of the foundations of youth work there.

In fulfilling the role of Scout Leader at Hicksville (as well as his District role) Bill has ensured that Scouting has continued in Hicksville, in contrast to the situation where Scouting does not exist in a number of towns of similar size in Queensland.

Bill assists Regional Skills Leaders in Canoe Courses Level 2.

Bill has also been an Abseiling Instructor, and Canoe Instructor and Examiner.

Bill also puts many hours of voluntary labour into the building of the District campsite.



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JET SIMULATOR

The Scout Air Activities Formation invites Rovers, to participate in an interesting, realistic and challenging low risk air activity at competitive and value for money rates. *Could you take over the controls and land a jet airliner?*



The simulator is a static simulator of a Boeing 737-800 aircraft. It is used for pilot training and is located at *Flight Simulator 737*, Hanger 3, Qantas Avenue, Archerfield Airport.

The Jet Simulator (JS) activity includes a free pre-flight briefing (20 minutes) and a simulator session (60 minutes). The simulator session incorporates basic instruction and from a flight control seat the take-off, flying and landing of a jet aircraft simulator.

Individual half hour and one hour sessions are recommended providing a very rewarding and informative flight experience in handling a jet airliner for anyone interested in how to pilot a Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

The minimum session time is one hour. An individual participant may purchase a full hour or part of an hour (15 minute increments) sharing with other Rovers. A maximum of four participants may fill a one hour session bringing the Participant Cost to \$50.00 per participant.

PRICE FOR 2011

- Pre-flight Briefing Included - no separate charge
- Simulator Sessions \$200.00 per hour (share this cost with up to 4 participants)

ACTIVITY DATES

A mutually agreeable date / time will be made for your simulator flight. Times need to be co-ordinated by the *JS Activity Co-ordinator* with *Flight Simulator 737* as the simulator is used for both professional pilot training and other flight experience purposes.

BOOKINGS

To make a booking please:

- Contact the Air Activity Bookings Officer on reception@scoutsqld.com.au who will send you the required forms. (G2b – for over 18 years; G2a - for under 18 years and a C4);
- The Jet Simulator Co-ordinator will contact you and advise of available dates;
- Once a date has been chosen, and agreed with the JS Co-ordinator, all applicable forms and the total fee, (\$200.00) MUST be presented to BHQ within seven days to confirm your chosen date / time slot.

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as we can check it out to see if they are legitimate and see if the request is reasonable. There are many people who prey on Scouting and their generosity. Many requests come from people claiming they are Scouts but they aren't registered. We have had two such instances in the last two months.

Additionally, if an international group wishes to travel to Australia and meet with you or organise an event, you should also contact the International Team so we can once again see that they are a legitimate group and are registered with WOSM. Once again we recently had a group coming to Australia and flights were booked, activities organised etc.

This group were claiming to be Scouts but were not registered with WOSM. In fact they were using the Scout name illegally and pretending to be Scouts. What this means is that Scouts Queensland will not endorse such a visit and in fact will not permit our youth members to have any contact as we do not know anything about these people attending. Allowing such unauthorised visits may also contravene the Child Protection Act.

In Closing

Being part of a world-wide brother and sisterhood is really exciting. You don't have to leave Australia to feel part of it. You can participate in international Scouting right here at home! There are plenty of options, and here are just a few ideas:

SISEP (Scout International Student Exchange Program) –Scott Edwards SISEP Coordinator QLD sisepe@qldhq.scouts.com.au

JOTA & JOTI – Ian Lightbody Qld Coordinator jo-ta@qldhq.scouts.com.au

International Pen-Pal Program –Susan Rogers Qld Coordinator penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

Hands Across The Water Program (Joey Scouts) penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

If you **would like to know more about what is happening internationally in Scouting** or

would like to participate in an overseas event, visit Scouts Australia's Website at www.international.scouts.com.au and it will open up many more links for you to explore?

If you have International stories and pictures to share, or require further International information please contact Paul Rollason, BC International, via Branch or E-Mail bc.international@qldhq.scouts.com.au or visit the Queensland website at www.scoutsqld.com.au and click on "Events" and then "International".

What are you waiting for???? **GET INVOLVED NOW and ENJOY.**

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year from Paul and the team.



Brisbane Gang Show Cast Applications 2012

Hi everyone I am really excited to advise that if you want to be a part of the 2012 Brisbane Gang Show Cast – you can still audition. The first round of auditions have been completed and the production team have decided to run a second round in Early 2012 – Sunday 5th February

So if you were thinking about auditioning and maybe did not get your application in on time- you still have a chance. We are still looking to increase our 2012 cast so we anxiously await your application.

Perhaps you saw the show at Triple S scout Camp, perhaps you came on Rover night, - why not come and join your friends on stage and have a great time.

Simply go to our website using this link <http://brisbanegangshow.scoutsqld.com.au/> Or fill out the attached application form

Once completed send it to the address on the form by January 31st – and we will be in touch to advise Audition venue and time Look forward to your application being received and you enjoying this wonderful Scouting activity.

Geoff Doo
Production Director
Brisbane Gang Show 2012



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aj2013.scouts.com.au

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QUEENSLAND BRANCH ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

Month	Joey Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Venturer Scouts	Leaders/Rovers
February	4			18-19	11 CS Leaders Boomerang Tests 10 & 11
March	❖ 24	3 WW	10		
April		21	• 28		
May	5	• 12		26-27	18-20
June					
July	• 21	7 28WW	14		
August	11	18WW ❖ 25	4		
September			8-9 Weedbust	8-9 Weedbust	TBA - Leaders Townsville
October		6 27WW	20		Rover/OP Guides 13-14
November	• 10	3	17 • 24	On request after exams	

- Rocky Creek Campsite, Landborough
- ❖ Wirraglen, Darling Downs
- WW Waterwise

Costs: Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts - \$12, Accompanying Leaders - \$4

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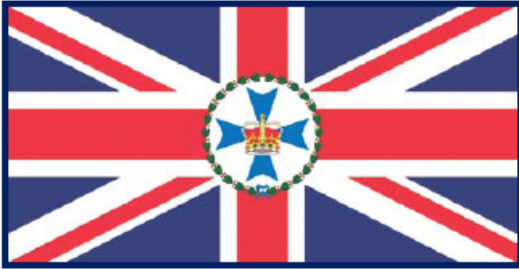
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LEADER COURSES, COURSE CONTENT and GENERAL INFORMATION:

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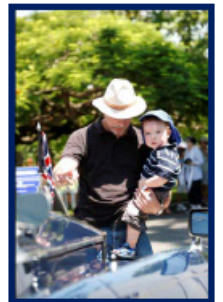
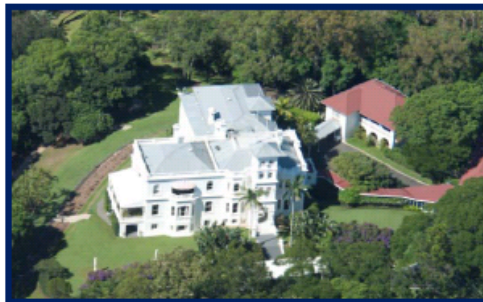
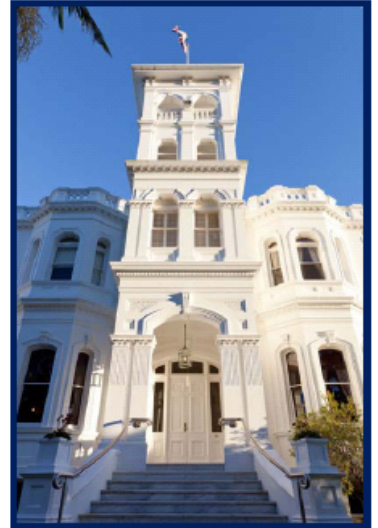


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