

Bracken Ridge Scout Group

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Youth Financial Fact Sheet

Joining Fee: \$160 (Includes OAS Badge Book) Weekly Fee: \$14

To help ease the financial burden of being involved in Scouting, Bracken Ridge Scout Group has a policy of a one off “Joining” fee and a weekly fee known as the Subscription Fee (Subs).

The **Joining Fee** is split between Membership of Scouting and Insurance for the new Youth Member.

Weekly Subs is divided into 4 parts:

- Membership \$5
 - This money is put aside to pay the following year’s membership.
 - Should your child wish to discontinue with Bracken Ridge Scout Group, the balance of your Membership account will be returned once you have notified us in writing.
- Adult Memberships \$1
 - This money is used to renew Youth Program Supporters (Parents)
- Group Fundraising Levy \$4.50
 - This money goes towards general funds that pay for Den insurance, Leader training and equipment. (we still have to do some fundraising)
- Section Resource Fee \$3.50
 - This money pays for consumables and equipment that the section uses on a weekly basis.

Supporters: At least one parent per Youth Member must be signed up as a “Adult Members”, which enables them to acquire a Blue Card through Scouting or have their current Blue Card linked to Scouting.

Leaders: Youth Members of Leaders receive a reduced Weekly Subs of \$7/week

- Membership: \$3.50 (Scout Group sponsors the additional 70 cents other Youth Members pay)
- Section Resource Fee: \$3:50

Payments made to the Group Account can be made by multiple online methods (You will be invoiced by email).

Parent/Family Responsibilities

Scouting is a volunteer organisation, with only a few paid staff at Scout Headquarters in Toowong. This means all the Leaders and Members of the Committee have volunteered their time to ensure your child/young adult has the best possible Scouting experience. To assist these wonderful volunteers we ask that all families take an active interest in the Scout Group and help out if and when you can. Listed below are some key areas that we ask for your assistance with:

Communication: To help ensure that your Youth Member has a great Scouting experience it is important to communicate openly and freely with the Leaders in your section and the Group Leader. We can't help resolve any issues if we don't know they exist.

Subscription Fees (Subs): Subscription Fees are due for all section nights, even if the Youth Member doesn't attend as it is essentially a payment plan for Group Levies and ongoing Memberships. All Youth Members (their parents) will be emailed an invoice through our accounting program Xero. It is important to read the invoice to ensure that you pay it correctly and on time. Please remember that all those administering our Group are volunteers and no one signed up to chase payments. If you do have financial stress, please speak to your sectional Leader or Group Leader to make some arrangements.

Notices/Permission Forms: Shortly after joining our Group you will be asked to join Operoo, an online program and app that we use to distribute most notices and all permission forms for upcoming events and camps. All activity payments are made through Operoo. Please note the RSVP dates for each activity as they generally aren't flexible as arrangements and payments need to be made.

Participate in:

- **Parent Patrols:** All families will need to sign up as a Leader, take an executive position on our Group Committee or join one of the Parent Patrols. These Parent Patrols look after the Scout Den and equipment, help organise fundraisers and Scout Group events, support and recruit Leaders, and generally help to reduce the work load of our Uniformed Leaders.
- **Cleaning/Parent Roster:** Where applicable, we ask that you take part in Cleaning and/or Parent Rosters as these greatly reduce the work load of our volunteer Leaders.
- **Fundraising:** Unfortunately, it costs more to run the Scout Group than we receive in fees, which means we must run fundraisers on a regular basis.
- **Group Committee:** All parents are part of the Committee, but we also have an Executive Committee that coordinates the efforts of the Parents and Supporters of our Group. All parents are encouraged to attend such meetings and have their say in how the Scout Group is run.
- **Leaders:** Leaders are all volunteers and we encourage any parents interested in becoming a Leader to speak to a Leader about what is involved and consider signing up.