

Bracken Ridge Scout Group

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Dear Interested Parent,

Thank you for your interest in Scouting, and Bracken Ridge Scout Group in particular. I would like to take this opportunity to share a little of the exciting opportunities that Scouting has for your child, in terms of both education and life experience.

Scouting provides its Members with opportunities to build upon the education they receive through the school system in a safe and enjoyable environment; not by sitting in front of a white board, but by actively participating in activities designed to teach and inspire young minds.

Aside from the educational aspects, Scouting offers a myriad of social and life experiences, with more “bang for your buck” than any other organisation. Within Scouting you can abseil, rock climb, learn to fly, visit community services, meet successful and interesting people and travel the world; just to name a small percentage of the opportunities open to your child.

Additional information about Scouting in general can be found on the back of this letter or by visiting www.scouts.com.au; meeting times, Den location and basic costs can be found below.

Location: Tomah Road, Bracken Ridge (beside Bracken Ridge State School)

When: Joey Scouts (5-7 years): Tuesday and Wednesday – 5:45- 6:45pm
Cub Scouts (7-11 years) Tuesday and Wednesday – 7- 8:30pm
Scouts (10-14 years) Thursday and Friday – 7-9pm
Venturers (14-17 years) Friday – 7-9pm
Rovers (18-25 years): Sunday 6-8pm

Costs: One off Membership: \$160
Weekly Fee: \$14 (\$7 for Youth of Leaders)
Uniform: \$100-120

Note: See Financial Fact Sheet for more detailed information

To gain access to these opportunities, the first step is to contact me at your earliest convenience (full contact details at the top of this page) and we can organise for your child to join the world’s leading youth organisation.

Yours sincerely

Jeffrey Gridley
Group Leader

About Scouting:

Scouting, also known as the Scout Movement, is a youth organisation for children and young adults aged 5-25; which aims to help young people develop themselves physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually so that they may become active and constructive members of society. Founded in England in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell. Scouting has spread across the world and now has nearly 40 million Members across 216 countries, including some 60 000 Members here in Australia.

To achieve its goal of developing youth Members into responsible and proactive members of society, Scouting uses what is known as the Scout Method, which consists of 8 primary principles:

- **Law and Promise** - Although the Scout Law and Promise may vary slightly from country to country, the essence of it always remains the same and every Scout, regardless of their race, religion or nationality accept it when they are invested into the Scouting Movement.

Scout Promise

On my honour
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to my God, and
To the King of Australia,
To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law.

Or

I promise that I will do my best,
To be true to my spiritual beliefs,
To contribute to my community and our world,
To help other people
And to live by the Scout Law

The Scout Law

Be respectful

Be friendly and considerate
Care for others and the environment

Believe in myself

Learn from my experiences
Face challenges with courage

Do what is right

Be trustworthy, honest and fair
Use resources wisely

(Younger Scouts only use bold lines)

- **Learning by doing** – enables a practical, hands on way of learning that develops self confidence whilst having fun
- **Patrol (Team) system** – builds team and leadership skills whilst unifying members
- **Symbolic framework** – creates a stimulating and enjoyable environment
- **Personal progression** – enables Members to improve themselves regardless of their current level of knowledge and ability
- **Nature** – provides contact and understanding of the natural world we live in
- **Adult support** – enables a stable, safe environment
- **Community Service** – develops awareness of others in the community and the opportunity to contribute in a real way to the greater community

Overall the Scout Method provides Members with the opportunity to develop self confidence, self reliance, character and practical skills that will enable them to become the leaders of tomorrow.