

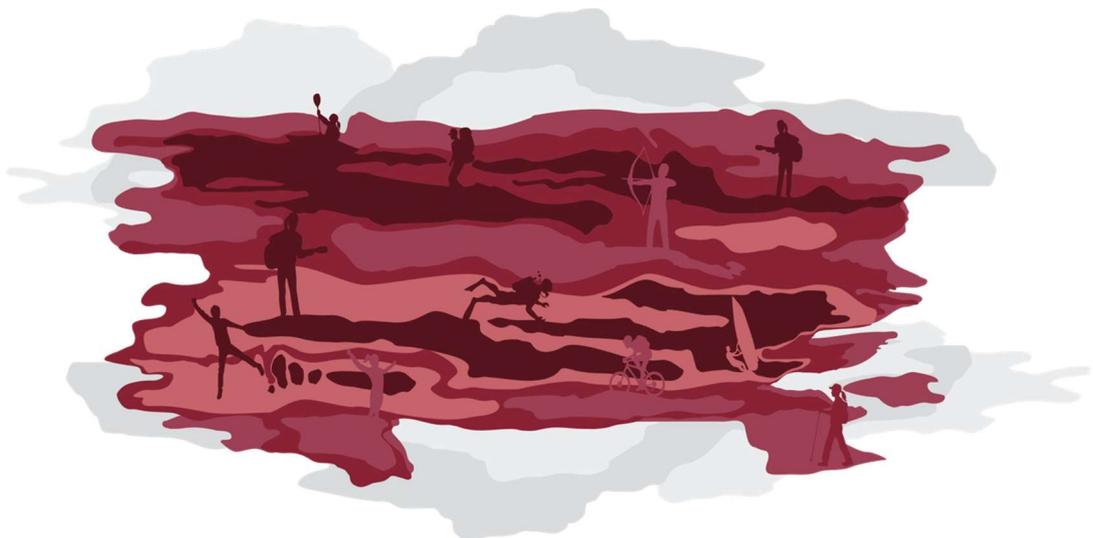


# **Bracken Ridge**

## Scout Group

# **Welcome Pack**

Welcome to the Bracken Ridge Scout Group, where young people grow, lead and discover their best selves through adventure, teamwork and community involvement. This pack provides everything you need to know about joining and participating in our group.





## Welcome from our Group Leader

Dear Family,

Thank you for your interest in Scouting and in joining the Bracken Ridge Scout Group. Scouting is a safe and inclusive environment that empowers people through fun, friendships and real experiences – from bushcraft and adventure to community service and developing real world teamwork and leadership.

Becoming a Scout offers your child the opportunity to go on outdoor adventures, be involved in your local community, meet successful and inspiring people, travel the world, and so much more.

Our Leaders and Committee are dedicated volunteers committed to helping every Youth Member reach their potential. We invite you to visit us and experience the spirit of Scouting for yourselves.

Yours sincerely

**Jeffrey “Kanga” Gridley**  
**Group Leader**

## What you need to know

### Where we meet

Bracken Ridge Scout Den, Tomah Road, Bracken Ridge (next to Bracken Ridge State School)

### When we meet

Unit	Day	Time
Joeys (5–7 years)	Tuesday / Wednesday	5.45–6.45pm
Cubs (7–11 years)	Tuesday / Wednesday	7–8.30pm
Scouts (10–14 years)	Thursday / Friday	7–9pm
Venturers (14–17 years)	Friday	7–9pm
Rovers (18–25 years)	Sunday	6–8pm

### Costs

One-off membership fee: \$160

Weekly fee: \$14 (\$8.50 for youth members of Leaders)

Uniform: \$100–\$200 (We have a second hand uniform pool with cheaper options)

### How to get involved

Contact us on 0413 596 873 or email [gl@brackenrdige.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:gl@brackenrdige.scoutsqld.com.au) for a free trial.

## Why choose Scouting?

Scouting, also known as the Scout Movement, is a youth organisation for ages 5–25 that helps young people build confidence, resilience and practical life skills while making lasting friendships. Through hands-on learning and outdoor experiences, members gain valuable personal growth opportunities.

Founded in England in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell, Scouting has spread across the world and now has nearly 60 million members across 176 countries, including around 70,000 members here in Australia.

### Key benefits include:

- Adventure and outdoor fun
- Lifelong friendships
- Practical leadership and teamwork skills
- Connection to community and environment

## The Scout Method

To achieve its goal of developing young people into responsible and proactive members of society, Scouting uses the Scout Method. This consists of 8 primary principles:

1. **Law and Promise** – The Scout Law and Promise are Scouting values that underpin all of our activities and interactions. There are two versions of the Scout Promise, and members can choose which version they wish to make

### 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.

### 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)*

2. **Learning by doing** – encourages a practical, hands-on way of learning that develops self-confidence while having fun.
3. **Patrol (Team) system** – builds team and leadership skills while bringing members together.
4. **Symbolic Framework** – a structure of themes and symbols that create a stimulating and enjoyable environment.
5. **Personal progression** – allows Members to improve themselves regardless of their current level of knowledge and ability.
6. **Nature** – provides contact with and understanding of the natural world we live in.
7. **Adult support** – creates a stable, safe and inclusive environment.
8. **Community service** – develops awareness of others in the community and encourages practical contribution to our wider society.

The Scout Method allows our members to develop self-confidence, self-reliance, and the character and practical skills that will enable them to become the leaders of tomorrow.



## What it costs

**Joining Fee: \$160**

**Weekly Fee: \$14 (Discounts for Leader's children)**

To help reduce the financial pressure on families, Bracken Ridge Scout Group uses a simple fee structure: a one-off **Joining Fee** and a weekly **Subscription Fee (Subs)**.

What the Joining Fee covers:

- Scouting Membership
- Insurance

What Weekly Subs cover:

- Membership (\$7.50)
  - Saved to cover your child's membership fee for the following year
  - If your child decides to leave Bracken Ridge Scout Group, any remaining balance will be refunded once we receive written notice
- Group fundraising levy (\$3)
  - Supports general group expenses such as Den insurance, leader training and equipment
  - Please note some fundraising is still required throughout the year
- Section resource fee (\$3.50)
  - Covers consumables and equipment used in weekly section activities

### **Fees for children of Leaders**

Youth members whose parent/carer is a Leader pay a reduced weekly Subs of **\$8.50/week**, which covers

- Membership (\$5 – the Scout Group covers the extra \$2.50)
- Section resource fee (\$3.50)

### **Payments**

Invoices will be emailed to you, and payments can be made through several online methods to the Group account.

### **Event refunds**

- Refunds are available up to the RSVP date of an activity.
- After this date, refunds are at the discretion of the Group Leader and depend on costs already incurred.
- Refunds are issued as a credit note that can be used for weekly fees.

## Parent and family responsibilities

Scouting is run almost entirely by volunteers. To keep our program fun, safe and sustainable, we ask all families to support the Group in a few key ways:

### **Communication**

Please keep open communication with your Section Leaders and the Group Leader. Let us know early if you have questions or concerns so we can address them quickly.

### **Weekly fees**

Weekly fees apply for all section nights, even if your child is absent. Invoices are sent via Xero – please check them carefully and pay on time. If you're experiencing financial stress, your Section or Group Leader is happy to have a confidential discussion.

### **Notices and permission forms (Consent 2 Go)**

You'll receive an invitation to our online platform Consent 2 Go after joining. We use it for permission forms, notices and event payments. RSVP dates are usually firm due to booking requirements, so please make sure you respond on time.

### **How you can help**

Each family is asked to take on one of the following:

- Become a Leader
- Hold an Executive Committee role
- Join a Parent Patrol

#### *Parent Patrols*

Parent Patrols help maintain the Den, organise fundraising and events, and support our Leaders.

#### *Cleaning / Parent Rosters*

Where applicable, please join cleaning or parent duty rosters to share the workload.

#### *Fundraising*

Fundraising is essential to cover costs not met by fees. Your participation helps keep Scouting affordable.

#### *Group Committee*

All parents are members of the Committee and are encouraged to attend meetings and contribute to decision-making.

#### *Leaders*

Leaders are the backbone of Scouting, and new adults are always welcome to volunteer. Speak to a Leader if you're interested – training and support are provided.