

Welcome to 1st Balgownie Scout Group



What is a Scout Group?

Scout Groups are formed and maintained by the community, because parents believe in the benefits and teachings that Scouting has to offer and want to make it available to their children.

1st Balgownie Scout Group consists of Four Sections called:

Joey Mob (6-8yrs)

Cub Scout Pack (8-11yrs)

Scout Troop (11-15yrs)

Venturer Unit (15-18yrs)

Each Mob, Pack, Troop, or Unit is managed by a qualified Leader who is helped by qualified Assistant Leaders. In the Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections, parents are encouraged to become Parent Helpers to support the Leader. The Group as a whole is managed and guided by the Group Leader. The Group Leader is supported by a committee of parents, ex-Scouts, and community members.

Scouting is a voluntary organisation and we rely heavily on parent support.

A Scout Group is entirely self-funded. The expenses of a Scout group are various, including the cost of maintaining camping and other equipment in first class and safe condition, purchase of new equipment, hall maintenance, electricity, insurance, badges etc. Leaders must ensure their qualifications are current in the activities in which they lead the youth, and these training costs are met by the Group. Note: the term 'Scout' below refers to youth members of any of the Scouting sections.

Joining – how does it happen!

Your child is welcome to attend Scouts on a trial basis for six weeks before any commitment. A Joining Fee will then be required as well as complete an

“Application for Youth Membership” form (Y1) online at:

<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/for-parents/newyouthmember/>

Scout will be invested as a member after the forms and fees are paid

You will need to purchase a uniform at this time. From Scout Shop at Port Kembla.

The Scarf and badges will be provided by the group at investiture.

Your section Leader will advise you on the investment ceremony.

Family members are welcome to attend this ceremony.

Joining Fee

Joining Fee is a once off fee of \$120 this includes your term fee.

Joining fee is due prior to investment

Term Fees

First child \$85, Second \$80, \$75 thereafter

Fees are to be paid direct into the Group bank account or Fees box in the Hall

Group Treasurer will send out a reminder email but it remains the parents responsibility to make payments.

Payment is required in the first 3 weeks of each term. Members not up to date with the fees will be resigned from the group if not rectified by the end of that quarter, as the group can not afford to be paying State and other outgoing member costs with no input fees

Our group is charged the State Fee based on who is registered in our group the first day of each quarter (ie Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct). If we are not notified by parent / guardian that a member is not returning prior to each of these dates, then the state fee will be required to be paid to cover any State fee costs to the group, even if your child is not longer attending.

If a member would like a term off, but intends returning, we will still need the State Fee to be covered for each Term. Even if a member is resigned and returns 6 months later, State will still charge us their fee to the group for those missing terms. We can Suspend the group component of the fees for members taking a complete term off but the group can not afford to cover the State fees.

So, please keep your fees up to date and if your child does not intend returning, could you please let us know prior to the end of that quarter so we can all save.

Methods of Paying Fees

- 1st Balgownie Scout Group bank details for direct deposit (Commwealth Bank)

BSB 062-624

Account No. 00911848

Your child name & Purpose as the Reference - eg. (lisa smith T2Fees)

Need to take some time off?

- Youth members can take 'time off' Scouts if needed.
- With advanced notice the group component of fees can be waived for that period (a complete term) however the state fees (\$41) component will still need to be paid.

Camps

All Parent's are welcome to attend, however you must have a Current Working With Children Check, which must be provided to Barry "Eagle" Scolnik prior to the weekend.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of our Leaders from the various sections:

- Group/Cub Leader - Barry Scolnik (Eagle/Kaa) barry.scolnik@balgowniescouts.org.au
- Joey Leader - Kathy Patrick kathy@kidzchildcare.com.au
- Scout Leader - Keith Garrash (Mang) keith.garrash@balgowniescouts.org.au
- Venturer Leader - Alex Varga (Keego) alex.varga@balgowniescouts.org.au