

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). Tuesday Night 5.15 - 6.15pm

Cub Scout Pack (8-11yrs). Tuesday Night 6.30 - 8pm

Scout Troop (11-15yrs). Thursday Night 6.30 - 8.30pm

Venturer Unit (15-18yrs). Thursday Night 6.30 - 8.30pm

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

Using your Active Kids Voucher for your Joining Fee, then all you pay is \$20 to Balgownie Scouts

Active Kids Vouchers

Two vouchers are now available annually, ensuring families who want their children to enjoy the Scout program can send their children to Scouts.

Families can apply for their 2020 Active Kids voucher via Service NSW from 1 January. The second voucher cannot be redeemed until 1 July. Both vouchers cannot be redeemed in the same term.

Our Group will not be given the \$100, in full by Scouts NSW. It will go towards Scouts NSW membership fees.

For this reason, we ask you to still pay part of your fees for the following terms,

Term 1 Fees are \$95. Minus \$50 Scouts membership fee

Balance to pay \$45. Term 2 \$45

Follow the steps below to use your Active Kids voucher with Scouts.

Step 1 – APPLY: Head to the [Service NSW online portal](#) and log into or create your MyServiceNSW account. Fill in the [Active Kids form](#) to apply for your Active Kids voucher. If your application is approved, a voucher will be displayed at the end of the transaction and emailed to your nominated email address.

Step 2 – DOWNLOAD: Download a copy of your voucher. Keep note of your voucher number, as this is important for redeeming the voucher with Scouts.

Step 3 – REDEEM: Visit the [Scouts NSW website](#) and complete the Active Kids Voucher Redemption Form with your voucher number. If you are a current member of Scouts NSW you will also be asked for your Membership Number.

If you don't know your Childs membership number its in your Caremonkey account under Sharing its ID Number or please ask your leader or email me.

Organisations
1st Balgownie Scout Group (ID:.....)

2nd Active kids Voucher

Your second voucher can be redeemed any time from 1 July.

To redeem your second Active Kids voucher, follow the exact same process that you have done in the past to redeem your first Active Kids voucher. Vouchers must be redeemed in two different terms.

Term Fees

First child \$95, Second \$90, \$85 thereafter

Fees are to be paid direct into the Group bank account or the fee 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 a State Fee of \$50 for each child 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 by our group, even if your child is no 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, Scouts NSW will still charge us their fee to the group for those missing terms. It would be appreciated if you could notify us of your Childs intentions so that we can manage these expenses .

Our group can not afford to cover the cost of State fees. So we ask you to still pay the \$50 that State charge us.

Methods of Paying Fees

o 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 T2 Fees)

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 (\$50) will still need to be paid.

Notes

All our notes for camp and activities go out in Caremonkey

CareMonkey is a parent-controlled Electronic Health Form (EHF) for organisations with a duty of care. Parents can easily update medical information and provide consent for activity attendance with the click of a button, while providing Scout Groups with the ability to create electronic permission forms and instant access to this emergency information if it is required.

Camps

All Parent's are welcome to attend, however you must have a Current Working With Children Check and fill out a Parent helper form 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
0407785317
- Joey Leader - Simon Lee simon.b.lee@outlook.com
- Scout Leader - Keith Garrash (Mang) keith.garrash@balgowniescouts.org.au
- Venturer Leader - Alex Varga (Keego) alex.varga@balgowniescouts.org.au