



## First Term of Scouting, 2012 - Supplement

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Further to my letter of 8 February, we have re-scheduled a couple of activities, due to campsite availability, with further upcoming events as follows (**and please note the Jamboree registration and initial instalment payment deadline**):

**Saturday 3 March:** Bushcare work with the Pemberton Street Bushcare group. This provides an opportunity for scouts to meet part of their Citizenship Badge requirements. Scouts can also work towards the Landcare badge. I strongly urge all scouts, but especially those intending to go to Jamboree to attend. This activity is free. Nonetheless, a permission note is required to be brought on the day, and this will be forwarded soon.

**Sunday 4 March:** Day hike to Resolute Beach and Mackerel Beach (Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park). This is a fun day out (from 8:30 in the morning to about 4:30 in the afternoon), including a couple of swims, lunch on a beach, easy hiking and visiting the quirky sculptures located around the homesteads at Mackerel Beach. A permission note **is attached**. Family and siblings are welcome to come along, although siblings (including Cubs) **must** be accompanied by a parent and permission notes must be completed for everyone attending.

**Sunday 11 March:** Troop Council (Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders only).

**Sunday 11 March:** Deadline for handing to me printouts of on-line registration forms for Jamboree, and for attending to depositing your first Jamboree instalments (\$250 per youth member) into the 1<sup>st</sup> Parramatta bank account. You will recall from the Jamboree information handout that the first instalment and registration forms must be handed in to our Regional Office **by me** by 15 March, with our cheque covering this. As mentioned at the Jamboree information afternoon tea, we will therefore require the printed registration forms and money paid by 11 March (**actually, we need to know that the money has been paid by this date**, so you will need to either attend to payment beforehand or send us a copy of the e-receipt by 11 March), so that we can get the paperwork and a cheque covering the first instalment to Region Office by 15 March. If you have any questions or difficulties in this regard, please contact me by e-mail or at home (90290861).

**Friday 23 March:** (New) Early Bird registration deadline for Scout Hike. This is a great event, although not cheap: cost is \$60 with the early bird discount of \$10, and this does not cover transport or food costs (although this is an overnight lightweight hiking exercise, and costs are therefore not high). Further information will follow, and will be discussed with the Scouts.

**Sunday 25 March:** (Rescheduled) Tent pitching, and camp setting practice day. This will run most of the day, and preferably youth members will be able to attend the full day (with a sausage sizzle provided for lunch), although part-day attendance will be possible (but discouraged). No permission note will be required for this activity.

**Saturday 7 April:** Bushcare work with the Pemberton Street Bushcare group. Although this is in the middle of Easter festivities, Saturday is actually not a part of Easter. Bushcare will therefore be happening!

**Friday (evening) 13 April to Sunday 15 April:** Troop camp. Currently proposed only, and possibly at Berrima Scout camp. Further information and permission note will be sent out soon. This event will include a Troop Council. Venue and date may be changed, subject to campsite availability.

**Tuesday night 24 April to Wednesday morning 25 April:** Anzac day dawn service. This is an activity which the Scouts and Cubs sections combine for each year. Youth members will stay in the hall overnight, and then leave the hall before sun-up to be at the Parramatta Cenotaph for the dawn service, followed by Breakfast at Parramatta RSL for those wanting to come along. A permission note, including information as to times and gear to bring, will be provided closer to the date.

**Saturday 28 April to Sunday 29 April:** (Rescheduled) Overnight hike to North Era in the Royal National Park. This is an inexpensive but fun activity (about \$6-10 plus own food expenses), and a nice entry level hike for beginners. We walk in from Otford train station to North Era and camp near the beach. Further details and a permission note will be sent out soon, and we will be discussing packing requirements with the scouts before then.

Yours in scouting



The Count (David Myers)