



Second Term of Scouting, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Scouting in term 2, 2013, and I apologise for the delay in getting this letter out. We have already held a number of activities over the school holidays, including 3 of our Scouts going on a two night/three day hike with 2 North Rocks Scouts, as a Green Cord hike, as well as the ANZAC dawn service activity (well attended by the Scouts, and also by 1st North Rocks Scouts). More recently we have sent six of our Scouts to Scout Hike in Wingello state forest, where they came 25th out of 186 patrols – well done! Even more recently, our Scouts participated in Rosie McCann's Grey Wolf hike (the highest Cub Scout award), which was an afternoon hike during which we invested 3 of our Scouts (Vijay, George and Gordon), and even more recently we attended the Ermington Venturer-organised Science and pyrotechnics night with 1st Ermington Scouts and 1st Rydalmere Scouts.

We also sent Gary Chen on the Parramatta District Patrol Leadership course run by 1st Parramatta, and ably assisted by many of you parents. Thank you again to those of you that helped with catering for that course, which ensured the smooth running of the course.

We have a number of activities yet to come this term (and early next term). Although we have not yet finalised this term's activities, the following activities are certainties or in planning.

Saturday 1 June morning (8:30am to 10:30am): Bushcare work with the Pemberton Street Bushcare group. Permission note attached.

Saturday 1 June morning/afternoon (11:30am to 3pm): Dundas Community Fair at Yates Avenue public school. We will be demonstrating setting up of a standing camp site, and this will be valuable practice for Jamborette (the following weekend), as we will be setting up the site much the same as we will be doing for Jamborette. It would be great to have as many of our Scouts there as possible. This is a great opportunity to recruit more youth members, and to have the Scouts on display at a community function, although I appreciate that this is very short notice (the Scouts were not exactly forthcoming on volunteering, so I have decided to take control of this one!).

Friday evening 7 June to Monday 10 June: Greater Western Sydney Region Jamborette. As some will recall, this is a great, fun, standing camp event held over the Queen's birthday long weekend each year, and which the Scouts have always thoroughly enjoyed. We have eight Scouts registered for this event, with camp fees and permission notes submitted.

However, we still require payment for food and sundries: we have estimated these costs at \$45 per Scout – please bring this payment to me as soon as possible, and no later than next Thursday Troop meeting (6 June).

Sometime between Jamborette and 30 June: Our Scouts are supposed to be organising a visit to

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the Fire Brigade or other community facility. This will occur on a Troop night and a permission note will follow soon. We are also contemplating joining 1st Wentworthville Scouts on an indoor rock climbing night on another Troop meeting night, and further details will follow as they become available.

Sunday 30 June: Troop Council at The Count's place (Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders only).

Saturday 6 July: Bushcare work with the Pemberton Street Bushcare group. Permission note to follow.

July sometime: The Scouts are considering running an overnight hike, with destination yet to be decided. Further information to follow.

Early Next Term

Sunday 28 July: Troop Council at The Count's place (Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders only). This may be rescheduled if the overnight hike (see above) is held on this weekend.

Friday 2 August to Sunday 4 August: NSW Branch State Rally. This is an activity similar to Scout Hike (held back at the beginning of May), which is lightweight hiking combined with Patrol activities which require problem solving and teamwork. Like Scout Hike, this event provides a great opportunity for the Scouts to learn to work and interact in a patrol, and to see how successful patrols work. Fees for attendance are yet to be confirmed (which do not include food or transport) but were \$20 per Scout last year. The deadline for registering (and paying fees) is also yet to be set. Permission note and additional information, and Patrol Leader information will follow.

Yours in scouting



The Count (David Myers)