



## 1<sup>st</sup> PARRAMATTA SCOUT GROUP

March 2014

Dear Parents,

**1<sup>st</sup> Parramatta is in urgent need of more Leaders**, particularly in the Joey and Cub sections.

To address this need, we will commence **paying the Group fee for the children of Leaders**.

100% of Group fees for a Leader's first and second child will be paid for.

50% of Group fees for a Leader's other children will be paid for.

TERM FEES are made up of:

\$36 Registration fee to NSW Scouts

\$20-30 Group fee to 1<sup>st</sup> Parramatta (depending on section and sibling discount)

### Example of savings

1<sup>st</sup> child, Scout, usually pays \$30 in Group fees per term (\$120 per year, Group will pay \$120)

2<sup>nd</sup> child, Cub, usually pays \$25 in Group fees per term (\$100 per year, Group will pay \$100)

3<sup>rd</sup> child, Joey, usually pays \$20 in Group fees per term (\$80 per year, Group will pay \$40)

***That's a saving of \$260 per year!***

The Group already pays for Leader training, quarterly Leader fees to NSW Scouts, and for Leaders to attend most events, even Jamboree which costs in excess of \$1000.

### When you will receive payment

On completion of training, you will be reimbursed for the Group fees for the terms during which you did your training. Leader training must be completed within three school terms. Group fees for Children of existing Leaders will be paid commencing term 2, 2014.

The continuation of this offer is at the discretion of the Group Support Committee and will be dependent on the Group's financial position.

### What's involved in becoming a Leader?

- Leader Training involves two e-learning modules to be completed at home, then one weekend of training.
- Attendance at weekly meetings
- Weekend activities if you're available

Our Joey section only has one Leader and can only remain open if a parent roster is running. This is a temporary solution. If the Leader is unwell we have to cancel the Joey meeting. The section is full and we need at least two adults to commence training.

Our Cub section only has one fully-trained Leader and if she is absent, parents must all stay with the children. Our current Leaders can not attend weekend events, so the Cubs miss out on activities.

Our Scout section is full and discipline is becoming a problem. Because we have no female Leader we have to team up with another Group when our girl Scouts wish to go on an overnight hike.

We need a Group Leader. David is temporarily filling the role of Leader-in-Charge but would like someone to take on this role so he can concentrate on his duties as Scout Leader.

### **Why YOU should come forward**

- It will enable all our sections to continue running.
- It will enable the children to do a broader range of activities, discover new places, develop new skills, make new friends. They will benefit from their Scouting experience throughout their lives.
- It will give you these experiences too – why should adults miss out?
- Scouting is one of the few activities in which your whole family can participate, for you and your child to grow together.
- The Scout Association is fortunate to own some very beautiful campsites which you can experience at minimal cost – very cheap holidays!
- Groups with current parents on their team of Leaders tend to be stronger Groups.
- It is often said that everyone should fit some sort of volunteering into their lives, so here is your chance.
- Scout Leader training is a recognised business management qualification.
- Too busy? Talk to our current Leaders – they may even be busier than you! They manage to fit Scouting into their busy lives and wouldn't give it up for anything!
- Your Scout Group is as good as the parents make it. Have you done all you can to make it better?

If you are interested in training to become a Leader, please speak to one of our Leaders or contact me by phone or email.

Yours in Scouting,

David Myers

Leader-in-Charge

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