



NORTHBRIDGE NEWS



Term 2 - 2014

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Diary Dates

June

17th

Group Committee Meeting

20th-22nd

Intro to scouting, Cubs 10yrs+

22nd

BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

July

4th

Term 2 ends

21nd

Term 3 starts

22nd

Group Committee Meeting

31st

Australian Scout Medallion, Baden Powell & Queen Scout Award application deadline

August

8th-10th

Cub Leadership Course (Sixer & Secondar)

10th

BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

19th

Group Committee Meeting

25th-31st

Scout in Action Week

29th-31st

Branch Scout Hike

September

3rd-6th

Scouts Shouts – Performances

6th

BBQ Fundraiser @Parafield

16th

Group Committee Meeting

23rd-27th

Adelaide Gang Show - Performances

26th

Term 3 ends

October

13th

Term 4 starts

14th

Group Committee Meeting

17th -19th

Group Camp@ Port Hughes

November

7th-9th

Mallee Rover Mud Camp, Scouts

16th

BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury

18th

Group Committee Meeting

28th-30th

Minisplash, Scouts

December

5th-7th

Supersplash, Venturers

12th

(last day term 4) Christmas break up/ End of year celebration

Any feedback in regards to the newsletter is very and always welcome. What would you like see in it? Please e-mail submissions, feedback, suggestions, photos etc. to craig.4@bigpond.com.

Hi and welcome to Term 2 newsletter. All Sections have busy time tables. Time passes quickly and term 2 comes to an end in only a few weeks. Winter arrived on time but that doesn't stop scouting. Enjoy reading and see what did happen and is happening in our scouting community.

...also visit our website at www.northridgeparavista.sa.scouts.com.au

From the Group Leader

Welcome to another Scouting term. We are well into a new year, and with each new year comes the sweet fragrance of opportunity and adventure. Scouting provides heaps of opportunities

I hope you all had a restful school holidays and Easter break and are ready for more exciting Scouting. Term 1 was very busy for our Group as you will read in this issue of our Newsletter. Thanks to everyone for a great term!

*Welcome to New Members The start of 2014 has seen us once again welcome new youth members and their families to our Group. It is with great pleasure that we add you to our family, and we hope you have a long and happy association with Northridge Para Vista Scout Group.

*Changes in the Team During the new term you will be seeing some changes in the team. Chantelle has decided that she would like to broaden her horizons and try something different, so you will probably see her around the Venturer Section. Dee Vojnovic, who has been helping out with cubs for a little while, has decided to take the next step and become a Leader - Welcome Dee, and finally, Ann (Kingfisher) has been approached to become a Program Advisor for the Scout Section. This of course doesn't mean that we lose one of our star team members, we just allow other Groups to share in the wealth of knowledge that Ann (and our other Scout Leaders) have to offer.

*The Group As discussed in the last newsletter, the Group is continuing to grow, and we are rapidly reaching critical mass, particularly in the Cub and Scout Sections. This growth is due, in no part, to the excellent programs run by our awesome team of Leaders. As we continue to grow, we must continue to explore innovative ways to accommodate our youth members in the 'Game of Scouting'. Regardless of the direction we take, the foundation for a successful Scout Group is adult support. Our Leader team is very strong, with an average 'service' to Scouting of 6.8 years (the normal average is around 3) - having such an experienced group of Leaders delivering our program is a great thing. We do need more Leaders, and in particular, female Leaders for the Scout Section, and this is a major focus of our Group this year. Additionally, we always on the lookout for new Committee Members, Adult Helpers in the sections, Helpers around the hall and many other roles.

*Whole Group Activities

REVOLUTION - In March a large number of our Cubs and Joeys, along with their Leaders, attended Revolution 2014, which is the biggest Scouting event for South Australia in 2014. This combined Hoporee and Cuboree joined forces to create one awesome action-packed weekend of fun! Ask any of the Cubs or Joeys about their weekend. It's worth hearing about it! Our Cubs and Joeys were ably supported by a contingent of our Venturers and their Leaders, to ensure that fun was had by all.

AGM - The Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday the 7th of May 2014, with a good attendance by parents and interested parties - thanks to those who attended. I am pleased to say that Christine was re-appointed to the position of Group Committee Chair. Andrew will remain our Group Treasurer and Di will continue on as Secretary. Sylke, Mish and Amy will stay on as Committee Members.

*As Always...

The support of our members and their families is critical to enable our Group to continue to grow - please help us out - your support will mean that we can continue on our main objective - that is helping young people to flourish and do it all with Scouts! Please feel free to drop me an email

(gl.northridge@sa.scouts.com.au), give me a call or grab me to have a chat at the hall if you would like!

Please keep yourself updated by checking our notice board regularly and also visit our website at www.northridgeparavista.sa.scouts.com.au

Remember...

Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass ... it's about learning to dance in the rain!

Joey Mob

Well! What a busy Joey mob we are.

We began the term just in time to prepare a little something for all of our mums out there and for the first time decided against holding a meeting coinciding with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This decision was not taken lightly as we know a meeting missed is a meeting lost. Past experience has been that Joeys can be distracted with the goings on around an AGM and our interactions interfere with the AGM at the same time.

Weather and a lack of response saw the Jamboree of the Trail being postponed (may be able to be rescheduled) but the most exciting event to date this term was the successful visit to the Millswood Rail Park. We combined this with rail transport to and from to make a rewarding experience for not only the Joeys but parents, carers and leaders. There were enough miniature engines and carriages to cater for all in attendance and having two 'stations' meant that even at the busiest times, delays in riding the trains was minimal. Fantastic venue and those involved with the park are to be commended for their tolerance and attention to their customers. Picnic lunch and more than reasonable kiosk prices topped off a wonderful day.



Joeys on Rail Trail Excursion to Millswood Rail Park

As is our custom and practice we held a Scout night where the Joeys are shown and practice the three basic knots of scouting i.e. reef knot, bowline and clove hitch. They also had some basic map reading instruction around grid lines and how to locate a position.

A week or so later, the Joeys took well to a 'treasure hunt' in the hall utilizing their newly acquired map reading skills to find each message which gave the map reference e.g. 'A6' to the next location. Each location had a leader's name and they needed to write that down and report back when they had eight names. They were then given the reference to the 'treasure' and had to locate the tag which rewarded them with real gold coins. Well choc covered ones at any rate.

We have more to come with a sleep over (Haunted House theme) and preparations for that. A dress up night with emergency services in mind although I wouldn't be at all surprised to see a Spiderman or Batman costume make an appearance.

A visit to the Adelaide Metropolitan Fire Station in Wakefield Street should just about see us out this term.

Gecko

Pic's from the Cub Pack



Caitlyn, Sarah, Morgan, Bowden, Jack & Aidan - our team at the District Cub Cook off





Eve, new cub



Thomas, linking cub



warm & fuzzy things at warm and fuzzy night



Scout Troop

Hello fellow Scouters. We are currently at 22 scouts. Our newest member of the troop is Aidan a linking cub from Ridgehaven. His dad Andrew (Assistant Scout Leader) is in the process of transferring to our group now. The troop is running well with Leah, Kata and Rhys taking control of their patrols and troop activities. As usual we have been busy in the last view months. We had a cultural cooking night where leaders were served interesting dishes from Italy and Mexico. We got our patrol tents out from the store room and set them up in the park for inspection. We went gliding, land yachting, built and launched model rockets at Armstrong Air Field air activity camp. The scouts liked seeing Blanchetown and people waterskiing on the Murray from the air. At the beginning of second term we did badge work and a few APL's went to the leadership camp at Roonka. While on Photo treasure hunt at TTP we took pictures of scouts in shop windows, hot dogs, Barbies, LEGO pieces and many other things which were on the photo shopping list. At branch sailing day we took 'Rebel' to the Port River and had a race with four other sail boats. Although the wind let us down big time, everyone settled for a cruise and enjoyed the playful river dolphins. We learnt how to start and put out a fire during our back woods cooking night. Sausages on sticks (very tricky as many scouts found out the hard way), baked potatoes and apples were devoured by all. Comedy capers night saw Emma, Mitchell, Caelum & Ronan from our scout section among other Northridge performers strut their stuff in an awesome performance. Well done.



Air Activity Camp @ Armstrong Field Flying Club



Camp fire cooking night



Sailing day

Epic at the Venturer Section



After a very successful Epic Burger in 2013 venturers had Sushi on their epic list this term. And long it certainly was. With a total length of 3.5m it is probably the longest Sushi roll in Northridge scouting history. Well cooked & Yum!

From the Committee

AGM Our Group AGM was held on the 7th of May at our hall. Thanks to all leaders, committee members and families who took the time to come along. Special guest was the new Ridley District Commissioner. Group leader, chairperson and treasurer gave their 2013 reports and we had presentations from all scout sections showing off their activities from the past year (and there were plenty).

The old committee was relieved and the new one confirmed. We would like to thank Christine (chairperson), Andrew (treasurer) and Diane (secretary) for their ongoing commitment. Amy, Mish & Sylke are staying on as members and we welcome Heather on board. Trevor left the committee at the beginning of the year and moved to the scout leader 'side'.

Here are some of the things the committee organized and achieved in 2013:

- electrical work & repairs in and around the hall,
- installation of air conditioner, smoke alarms & emergency exit signs,
- tagging of all electrical items in the hall,
- termite extermination (hopefully for good for a while),
- replacement of the alarm system (to the relieve of the neighbourhood),
- building inspection report to deal with the floor problem (hereafter issue unfortunately put on hold / passed on to Scout Headquarters due to enormous task and poor luck of obtaining quotes)
- catering for the group camp and end of year celebration
- various fundraisers throughout to finance the expenses

The committee is open for anyone to attend. We would love to have more members but if you just want to come along to find out what is happening in and around the hall you are more than welcome.

Fundraising

* A big thank you to all who supported our group with **KYTONS Easter Fundraiser**.

* The **Chocolate Egg Count Fundraiser** - The lucky winner of the big jar filled with 162 chocolates (kindly organised & donated by Mish & family) was won by Caitlyn from the cub section.

***People's choice community lottery tickets**. Thanks to all who took a book or more home to sell and already returned it and the money. For those who haven't yet please return the booklet sold or un-sold as soon as possible.



*The **BBQ sausage sizzle fundraiser** in March at Modbury Bunnings went smooth. A big thank you to everyone, who came along and helped out on that day. (Thanks Trevor for being there the whole day.) The profit made was approx. \$800.

The next BBQ fundraiser dates:

June 22nd at Bunnings @ Modbury
August 10th at Bunnings @ Modbury
September 6th at Bunnings @Parafield !!!
November 16th at Bunnings @Modbury

All rosters are placed on the entrance door. If you can help on one of these dates, please put your name and contact on the roster. Your help is greatly appreciated.

... and this is how a cub scouts (from Albany Creek Cub Scouts) remembered his time as cub on his final night before moving up into the scout section.

If A Kid asked me why he should join scouts I'd say "because your missing out on great experiences, Amazing personalities, astonishing things to learn, beautiful places to go and the minor details on the excellent journey of the jungle book." 18 months ago I was a shy, medium temperat and unhelpfull boy after spending my time at Cub Scouts. I have become a confident, well behaved and helpful MAN! Cub Scouts has taught me the meaning of honour, doing me best and helping other people. The honour of wearing the yellow and blue shirt. Being the best I can be at all things from knots to cooking and helping lets say... Senior peop~~le~~ across the street. For the littles some of these words don't mean much or nothing to them but still 2 words go along way... FUN, Games. When I came to Cub scouts I was indulged by the Wonders of Dynamite. Throwing over there uhh ohh here it comes. TOOOT, our nuts. Well im out Goodbye and Thank you.

by Liam Milner and I'll miss you! 19/08/09