

NORTHRIDGE NEWS



Term 4 - 2014

Contacts

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Parent Committee

Chairperson

Christine Ward

Secretary

Diane Holty

Treasurer

Andrew Bryker

Mish Hooper Amy Horne Sylke Roberts Heather Price

Diary Dates

2014

November

14th-16th Pack Camp, Cubs @ Woodhouse
15th Salisbury Christmas pageant, Joeys
16th BBQ Fundraiser @Modbury, Venturers

18th Group Committee Meeting **23**rd District Beach Day, Cubs **28**th-**30**th Minisplash, Scouts

December

5th**-7**th Supersplash, Venturers

12th Christmas break up/ End of year celebration

(last day term 4)

2015

January

2nd- 13th Australian Venture, Venturers @ Woodhouse **15th-22nd** Jack Roberts Camp for Youth with Disabilities

Venturers @ Oakbank Racecourse

26th Australia Day **27**th *first day of term 1*

February

22nd Founders day

March

April

3rd-6th Easter Venture, Venturers

10th last day of term 1 **25**th ANZAC Day

27th *first day of term 2*

2016

3rd-14th 24th Australian Jamboree @ Cataract Scout Park

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 the last newsletter for this year.

Term 4 started big with the annual group camp in Port Hughes. Don't miss the fantastic display in the hall with snap shots from that weekend. The reminder of this term is packed with activities and many more camps throughout the sections. Have fun!

A big thank you to all our leaders and committee for their ongoing commitments and efforts in providing great scouting experience to our children and youths.

FROM THE GROUP LEADER

Hi All and welcome to Term 4 – not long now and it will all be over for the Scouting year, and what a busy and exciting year it has been.

Our Group continues to grow and develop – over the last term we have welcomed a number of new families into the Group, as well as investing new Leaders. Welcome to you all and we hope you will enjoy your experience at Northridge Para Vista Scout Group.

As with all things in life, change brings new challenges, and our continuing growth is presenting us with the problem of fitting everyone in, particularly within the Cub and Scout Sections. The Committee and Leader team continue to explore options for the future in order to address this issue, and your input would be most welcome in our quest to provide a quality Scouting Experience for your children.

As always, we do need more Leaders, and in particular, female Leaders for the Scout Section, and this is a continuing focus for our Group. Additionally, we always on the lookout for new Committee Members, Adult Helpers in the sections, Helpers around the hall and many other roles.

The Rest of the Year

Although the end of the year is rapidly approaching, things are not slowing down, all sections have a busy program planned from hikes at Morialta Falls for the Joeys to Woodhouse camps for the Cubs, and from Halloween activities for the Scouts to the famous end of year 'Super Splash' for the Venturers – the fun never stops.

Whole Group Activities

Our Group camp took place over the first weekend of term 4, at Port Hughes Accommodation Centre.

This was my first experience of a Northridge Group Camp, and what a great experience it was!! Thanks to all of those that attended, as well as to the Leaders for making this a great activity.

Planning is already underway for 'Group Camp 2015' and I am expecting this to equal or better this year's camp, if that is possible – so to those that were unable to attend this year – I hope to see you all next year.

Our next Group event will be our Christmas Breakup, planned for 12th December, so hope to see you all there.

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 on 0417 095 059 or grab me to a 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



Gary (Eagle) ASL receiving his Gilwell Woggle



Halloween night @ scouts



Horizontal Pole, 1 out of 15 activities @ Mallee Rovers Mud Camp

Group Camp, 17th -19th of October













...great ideas + great design + great art skills = 6 very spectacular team banners

On the first weekend of term 4 we had our group camp themed "under the sea" - a fun and activity packed weekend for joeys, cubs, scouts and venturers. Late Friday evening a large group of Northridge "Scouters" arrived at the very spacious (indoors and outside) Port Hughes Accommodation Centre. At a quick meeting and supper in the dining hall the group was as usual split into patrols/ teams - this year there were 6. Then it was off to bed. On Saturday morning after breakfast the camp was officially opened. Throughout the day and in between meals there were many activities to participate in and team tasks to complete. The competition for the Group Camp Trophy was on. Dressed up in 'Sea' based costumes - from all sorts of sea creatures to plenty enough pirates - everyone settled down for a delicious fish/ chicken dinner. After the 3 course meal it was time for the skit performances. And what a great and fun show it was at the end of the day! Not for the venturers as they made a fishing trip to the jetty and even caught a fish. Sunday morning started off with bacon and egg breakfast. After a very welcome water fight it was packing up and cleaning time. Short after lunch the group gathered for the announcement of the winning team - the trophy went to the purple team, the flag went down and the camp was closed. Escaping the midday heat everyone headed back to Adelaide.

A big thank you to all leaders and Mish and her kitchen team and Committee for their time and effort preparing,

organising and running this camp.





















...construction with a twist



...be happy and have fun, fun, fun!

SA Branch Annual Awards Ceremony



back: Andrew, Hawk, Kingfisher & Baloo front: Emma, Melissa, Leah & Jo

In August 2014 many leaders and supports of scouting have been awarded Adult Recognition Awards to recognise their outstanding achievements and contributions to the scouting movement. Amongst them 3 Leaders from Northridge - Ann (Kingfisher) ASL, Craig (Hawk) SL, Daniel (Baloo) CSL and our treasurer Andrew received an award. The Awards were presented at the Branch Awards ceremony which took place on Sunday 26 October 2014 at Adelaide Arena. Part of the Ceremony was the presentation of the Scout Medallion Award (highest achievement possible for scouts). This year Emma, Jo, Leah & Melissa earned that reward. Congratulations! Well done! Thanks to all who came along to clap and cheer their support and respect to our Northridge 'Awardies'.

Fundraising

*Many thanks to all who helped out at any or all fundraiser Sausage Sizzle BBQ throughout the year. Your help was and always is very much appreciated. Special thanks to all who assisted the BBQ on the 6th of September at Bunnings Parafield. It was a hard task to fill the roster and in the end we were lucky that many stayed on longer than a 2 hour shift. Trevor (Albatross-ASL) even managed to hang/ work out the whole day. The day was a big fundraising success as a profit of about \$2500 was made for our group.

Now only one more BBQ is still outstanding this year and it will be in the hands of our venturers.



*On the 8th of September 5 members of our scouting community made the trip to the Adelaide Show "Sheep Shed muck out" a Scout SA organised fundraiser. For their shovelling, scraping & cleaning sheep pens for one evening our group received \$500. Thank you!



*KYTONS: Fundraiser order forms are out now. If interested please fill out and return & pay not later than 24/11/2014. Orders will be available on the 12 of December (same day as Northridge Christmas break up/ End of year celebration).

* Donations: the committee would like to thank all who already kindly started to fill up the Christmas Raffle donation box - all donations until the end of November are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be sent out soon. The Raffle will be drawn on the 12th of December 2014 during the Christmas celebration / break up. Money raised will go towards the Scout Group and Running costs of the hall.



Super Splash

This is the biggest Venturer event for Scouts from 13yrs 10mths (try venturing) and Venturers. . It is held on 6^{th} - 7^{th} of December at Roonka.

Activities include ski tubing, rock climbing (inc. competition), canoeing, swimming and archery. Your weekend is fully catered by some of the best caterers in town and we assure you will not go hungry. You choose your music all weekend and there are movies at night.

For more information contact the event organisers via supersplash@sa.scouts.com.au.

Visit <u>venturers.sa.scouts.com.au/supersplash</u> to download the application form. A standard fee of \$70 applies for all applications received after 31st of October.

Australian Jamboree 2016 http://www.aj2016.com.au

eligble scouts:

- must be 10 1/2 years old before 1st of January 2016,
- not have 15th birthday before opening ceremony of Jamboree,
- must have completed 10 nights under canvas with 3 of those being consecutive,

For more info's talk to our Scout Leaders and/ or visit the jamboree website.

- Scout Fee will be \$1850
- Leader Fee will be \$1350
- Venturer Fee will be \$1600

Applications are now open. applications.aj2016.com.au/login.asp

