



NORTHBRIDGE NEWS



Term 1 - 2015

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Parent Committee

Chairperson

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Diary Dates

March

14th-15th

4 corners of the globe sleepover, Joeyes
'Hunger Games' District Camp, Scouts

20th-22th

April

3rd-6th

Easter Venture, Venturers

3rd-6th

Easter

4th-5th

AJ Fundraiser – Clare Races, Scouts

10th

Term 1 ends

24th-25th

ANZAC sleepover & city march, Scouts

27th

Term 2 starts

May

6th

AGM

17th

BBQ Fundraiser @ Modbury

24th

Cook off, cubs

22nd-30th

Comedy Capers Performances, Shedley Theatre

30th-31st

Cohen Cup, Scouts

June

12th-14th

Croup Camp @ Woodhouse

12th-14th

Intro to scouting, Cubs

20th-21st

Shooting training Camp, Scouts & Venturers

July

3rd

Term 2 ends

3rd-5th

Scout Leadership course, Roonka

20th

Term 3 starts

31st

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

August

September

2nd-5th

Scouts Shouts Performances, Golden Grove Arts C.

21st-26th

Adelaide Gang Show Performances, Scott Theatre

25th

Term 3 ends

October

2nd-5th

AJ Shake down camp, Scouts

12th

Term 4 starts

17th

Cub Scouts Aventure day (branch), Woodhouse

November

13th-15th

Mallee Rover Mud Camp, Tapio Station, Scouts
Minisplash, Scouts

December

4th-6th

Supersplash, Venturers

11th

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

2016

January

3rd-14th

Australian Jamboree @ Cataract Scout Park

...don't forget and come along

Northridge Scout Group AGM 6th of May, 7pm at the hall



'Medieval' Group Camp (all sections) -
12th to 14th of June at Woodhouse



From the Group Leader

Welcome all to 2015 - and what a year it has been already!

The year was kicked off with AV2015—the 16th Australian Venture held here in South Australia! We had a strong contingent of Venturers attend from Northridge Para Vista and I am sure they all had a “heaps good time” at this great event. We also had a number of Leaders and other members of our Group involved in the running of this event - to all these people thank you for the time you gave up to be involved in this important national event.

I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our members and families to another year of Scouting at the Northridge Para Vista Scout Group. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year to give Scouting a go - we look forward to your involvement in our Group for many years to come!

This year will be a busy year for the Group with some major events to take place - we have the 25th Anniversary Hoporee in November for our Joeys and at the end of the year Scouts will be off to Sydney for the 2016 Australian Jamboree. All of our sections have exciting programs planned for Term 1, we hope everyone enjoys them.

During Term 1 we will also be engaging the parents and families of our Youth Members and in particular those who have recently joined our Group. Our Scout Group relies on the support of parents in a number of ways with such things as assistance with fundraising, helping at working bees, helping out with transport to and from camps/activities, as well as helping out week by week on a Section night or by joining our Group Support Committee.

Coming up during Term 2 we will be holding our Scout Group AGM on 6th May 2015. We are always looking for people to join our Group Support Committee, and this year in particular we are seeking to fill one of the key positions on this important team. We are looking for a new Treasurer to work on the finances for our Group allowing the Group to continue its role in the growth of our fine young people into the future. If you are interested in taking on this or any other role, or learning more about these roles, please contact me.

Also during Term 2 we will be holding our Family Camp (Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June) and more information will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

As always I ask families to please keep yourselves updated by checking our noticeboard regularly and also please visit our website (link below).

<http://www.northridgeparavista.sa.scouts.com.au/>

Joey Mob

Welcome back to all from the Joey Section for 2015.

What a great start to the year for this section. We had a full house for week one which is fantastic for us. Always hard to plan activities for the first night back due to the unknown factor of how many will attend and traditionally it has been low. Normal thing of what did they all do and how many returned there wetlands project from the end of 2014. Remarkably we actually got a return but importantly it was one that had a lot of effort put in which was gratifying.

Best thing for us was week two, 'Bring a friend wet night'. Wet nights for us have met with the arrival of a cold spell in the middle of summer but this year was successful. Combination of fill the bottle, 'sumo wrestling' (well push each other off the slippery slide at least) and water balloons made for a great fun night. More importantly the night saw us inundated with eight friends taking our numbers for the night to 17.

District 'Zombie Camp' preparations the following week saw Gecko 'attack', with a little too much pleasure for some, the old shirts brought in by the Joeys after they had spilled 'blood' on them. It all started because one of them had a dark shirt which didn't show the blood. Suddenly *everybody* wanted their shirts stabbed.

The weekend 13 - 15 Feb, saw us at Roonka for the District Joey Zombie Camp. The forecast of 41 degrees on Saturday raised concerns but a decision handed down that the camp was going ahead saw those of us who attended survive. The 'swimming pool' otherwise known as the billabong was well patronised during after lunch activities by which time any resemblance to zombie's had well and truly been washed or swatted (not a real word) away. Still we all enjoyed watching 'Despicable Me' in the relative cool of the dining room on Sat night with most of the Joeys and some of us in our jimjams. Roonka in February twice now has raised concerns for Joey level scouts and there needs to be further conversations about this.

A great start to the year with us commencing 2015 with 9 invested members and already celebrated the investiture of four new Joeys on Wed last, 4 March.

Gecko on behalf of the Joey Section



...knots, flags and compass -
Joeys doing Scout 'stuff'

Cub Pack



down hill night

Go carts, water slide and ice blocks. In three groups the cubs played through the activities. They raced up and down the hill all night and at every station they all complained that they had to move to the next activity. Baloo got wet and Raksha slid on the ice blocks but nothing tempted Singum to have a go on the Go carts. The night was about how to have fun out doors and be able to do it on a budget. The ice blocks were made in a freezer in a 4 litre ice cream container and froze solid in 24 hours. The Go carts were made from recycled timber and found parts and the water slide was made from a garden hose and black plastic (Detergent for good measure).

Grey wolf

Sarah and Caitlyn worked hard this year and their families worked harder in the last couple of months to earn their Grey Wolf badges. They organised hikes, finished projects and had a great time doing it all. Father Wolf and Vader presented the certificates to the two cubs on the 24th Of February. Well Done!!!



Sarah and Caitlyn

Scout Troop



Minisplash at Cobdogla (End of November'14) was awesome. Scouts turned up in great numbers and the weather was perfect. Some of the activities were: shooting, tubing, sailing and raft building.

Term 1: With Cooper's recent investiture we now have 27 Scouts in our troop. Soon Sarah, Caitlyn and David will start to link from Cubs. The patrol leaders have organised wide games and sports activities. Most of our Scouts have earned their water activity badge at Elizabeth Aquadome. At one of the meeting nights each patrol designed and built free standing flag poles. Upcoming activities and events are: GPS Navigation with Mawson Lakes scout group, a VET visit at the hall, hiking with 1st Gawler scout group and rock climbing, District camp at Woodhouse themed 'Hunger Games', ANZAC sleepover at Tea Tree Gully RSL and marching in the city. Look for us on TV.



Flag pole constructions



Water safety

Joined night with Joeys (Nov '14)



Upcoming event for Venturers

Easter Venture (3rd - 6th of April) is a four day competitive hike, run by the South Australian Venturer Branch, this year held in the area of Kuitpo Forest (Adelaide Hills). Teams of hikers compete to win as many of the five trophies as they dare. During the evenings, teams will be able to relax and socialise with other entrants, enter more fun activities to win extra points. On the final night a hot meal will be served, freshly prepared and then go to the outdoor night club. The theme for 2015 is 'A Hike at the Museum'.

Break up/ End of year celebration 2014



Can you remember?

...the perfect weather,
...the great turn up,
...the going up ceremony of Morgan and Jaxon (from Cubs to Scouts),
...the tucker war in the park,
...the sausage sizzle,
...the pressies and hugs from Santa's helper,
...the raffle,
... Kingfisher winning the lolly guessing competition.

Many big thanks to all who made the event happen and to all who came along and took part at the celebration.

Kind thanks also to all who donated raffle prizes - Fiona you are a champion. Thanks Mish, for donating & organising the lolly jar.

Fundraising

*Our first and so far only BBQ sausage sizzle fundraiser this year was allocated to us by Bunnings Parafield on the 17th of May. If you are able to help on that day please write your name and contact on the roster on the entry door. It's a busy spot and many helpers are needed. All your help is always and will be greatly appreciated.

*AJ Fundraiser at Clare Races - clean up & Sausage sizzle on the Easter weekend.

*proposed fundraiser throughout the year: Cadbury Chocolates, People's Choice Lottery tickets, KYTONS...

Got Fundraiser Ideas? - We'd like to know!

For Sale \$500 - \$700



Northridge's People's Choice Lottery Price '14 - estimate value \$1000
Cougar Black Cat Full Set with bag and buggy,
Golfcraft 3 ¼" Golf Tees,
Cougar Hyper Grip Glove,
12 Cougar Tour Spin Golf Balls,
Niblick golf shoes men 9.5 (10US),