



GORDONVALE SCOUT GROUP

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACK

Hello and welcome to the Gordonvale Scout Group. The information found in the following pages has been put together to help you understand a little about Scouting and how everything works.

Group Levy & Annual Membership/Insurance Fees

Unfortunately providing Scouting is not free and we do not receive any subsidies, thus we need to charge fees on a school term basis. The fee structure is as follows:

New Members: \$200.00 upon joining. This covers registration to Scout Association of Australia Queensland Branch Inc. and the Term Subs for current term. (This pays the membership fee and insurance).

Term Fees: Each term you will receive an invoice for the term fees. Currently the term fee is \$100.00 for the first youth member, \$95.00 for the second youth member and \$90.00 for the third and subsequent youth members. The money is split up as follows:

Membership Renewal	\$40.00
Section Subs	\$20.00
Hall Expenses/Badges etc	\$40.00

Some activities will incur additional costs e.g. camps, outings, canoe courses etc. and this amount will vary depending on the fees and length of the camp. Your child's Section Leader will advise you of these fees if/when they are needed.

All youth members are insured against accidental injury while on Scouting activities. This cover also extends to Leaders and Committee members. (Parents are automatically considered members of the Group Committee and are therefore covered while on Scouting activities, including fundraising and working bees. However, **siblings who are non-members are not covered.**)

All other expenses incurred by the Group e.g. Insurance, equipment purchase etc are paid by fundraising activities.

Youth Enrolment & Indemnity Forms

Please ensure that the attached form is completed and returned to the Group Leader together with the Membership fee. Please note that **both parents or guardians must sign this form.** If this is not possible, please write the reason in the space provided. Please also ensure you read the fine print about

photographs and media and social media by signing this form you agree for your child to be involved if you don't agree to this talk to the group leader and make arrangements with group to exclude your child from photos

Uniform Requirements

The uniform consists of –

Shirt
Shorts (Navy Blue Required for section nights)(Sand Coloured for Special events)
Scarf
Woggle
Joggers
Wide Brim Hat
Water Bottle

Badges are presented to the youth members by their Section Leaders. May I suggest that you give your child a few sewing lessons!

The uniform will cost in the vicinity of \$53.00 and all items are available online from www.scoutshop.com.au.

In addition to a uniform, Cub Scouts and Scouts will require the following books to record their badge achievements. (These are supplied by the Group).

Cub Scouts “The Cub Scout Record Book”

Scouts “Scout Record Book”

If any parent has difficulty meeting these requirements, please contact your child's Section Leader or myself.

Resource Survey

It is very important for us to know what resources we have in our Group. Please take a few moments to complete the attached Resource surveys and return them to your child's Section Leader. One survey should be completed by each parent/guardian.

We need your help!

Health Care

To assist us to ensure that we are aware of your child's special health requirements, please complete the Health Care form. These details are kept on file by the Section Leaders to ensure that they are fully aware of specific health needs.

What you can do

To assist the Leaders in the Sections we ask that families get involved by –

- Supporting your youth member in their everyday scouting by encouraging them to complete any tasks they are set.

- Help out the section your youth member is involved in. This may be as a helper on a section night, transport to/from a camp or many other interesting activities.
- Perhaps consider becoming a leader yourself?
- Join the Group Committee (Parent Committee)if there is no committee then there is no Group.
- Help at working bees.
- Help out with fundraising. For Gordonvale this includes Monthly Markets we need at least 3 adults and 3 children.

Leader Contacts

The Leaders are here to be of assistance to you at any time, so please feel free to contact myself or your child's Section Leader should you have questions or concerns.

Group Leader	Mike Wilkinson	Louie	0417 618 802
Cub Scout Leader	Toni Wilkinson	Raksha	0448 101 828
Cub Scout Leader Asst.	Annelies Brown	KAA	0474 349 296
Scout Leader	Anna Johnson	Waitara	0403 185 743

We trust you will enjoy your time with Gordonvale Scout Group and encourage you to get involved by helping us to continue to provide the best scouting possible for your youth member.

If you have any further questions, please ask your section leaders or contact myself.

Yours in Scouting

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Group Leader

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WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS

Objectives:

In line with the aims and principles of the Scout Association the Cub Scout Section provides opportunities for children between 7 years 10 months and 11 years to develop Physically, Intellectually, Emotionally, Socially and Spiritually through participation in an exciting, educational program based on individual needs.

History/Theme:

Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded the Scouting Movement in 1907, with the Cub Scout Section (then known as Wolf Cubs) commencing in 1916.

The Cub Scout Section Theme is based on the Jungle Books by Rudyard Kipling from which the training scheme was originally derived.

Scout Motto:

The motto of the Scout Association is BE PREPARED! The first letters of which, are of course, the Founder's initials also.

Structure:

The section is open to girls and boys. A Cub Scout Pack is made up of Sixes – small groups of Cub Scouts who are each given a colour patch denoting their Six. Each Six is led by a Sixer and a Second. Cub Scout Leaders are known by Jungle Names, such as Baloo.

New Chums:

Before becoming invested members of the Pack, new recruits are known as New Chums and will be taught those things necessary to be invested into the Pack. They will learn how Cubbing began, the Jungle Stories, ceremonies, the motto and the salute and handshake. They will be helped in this by their new Sixer and Second as well as the Leaders. Once invested they will receive a yellow passbook which records all the tests and badges that they can achieve.

Award Scheme:

The main part of badgework in the Cub Scout Section is through the Boomerang Scheme which is in three levels each related to the age of the Cub Scout as follows:

- 8 years Bronze Boomerang
- 9 years Silver Boomerang
- 10 years Gold Boomerang

Once the Cub Scout is invested he/she may begin work toward the gaining of their Boomerang Badge. Training specific to both the age and topic of the tests required will be given throughout the year, usually through "theme based" programming. There are also parts of the Boomerang tests which each Cub Scout chooses to do as an individual, or can only partly be covered in our regular program.

Achievement Badges:

Each Cub Scout is challenged to explore avenues of interest which appeal to them individually and to try to extend themselves to further knowledge in these areas through the attainment of Achievement Badges. There are two levels that can be earned. If a Cub Scout feels they are capable of doing the higher level then that is fine. These badges are not age based.

Special Badges:

In addition to Boomerang and Achievement badges, Cub Scouts can earn several "specialist" badges. Some include Scout Link Badge, Landcare, Local History, Waterwise, Their Service-Our Heritage Badge, Language Emblem, Faith Awareness and World Conservation Badge.