



1ST Braidwood Scout Group

Newsletter - Term 3, 2018

Group Support Committee news:

Our committee has seen some changes this term, as we farewell some members and welcome some new volunteers!

As some of you may already be aware our Group Chair Person and Treasurer recently resigned. We thank Jen and Peter for all the behind the scenes work they have done, in our Group and in the Committee.

We welcome Kerri, who as agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. We also welcome Patti who has taken on the roles of secretary and Membership Officer.

We need to fill the following vacant positions on the committee and as such we are asking for volunteers:

Chair Person, Deputy Chair Person, Quartermaster (equipment manager), and Facilities Manager.

Our meeting times are evolving, to suit all those who attend, so please bear with us as things change. We are working towards holding our meetings every two months, with email communication between those times to reduce the amount to nights out for those involved.

Our next planned meeting is on Tuesday 21st August from 5pm at the Scout Hall. We do our best to keep these meetings short, to avoid any late nights. Please feel free to attend these meetings as this is our way to provide support to the Group, the Leaders and the Youth Members.

There will be plenty of opportunities to help with various fundraising activities throughout the second half of this year-Father's day raffle, Wood raffle, and Car boot sale in spring. See Louise for more details.

Our Committee members are:

Chair – **vacant**

Leader in Charge – Mal Campbell

Treasurer – Kerri Wells

Secretary and Membership Officer – Patti Kruger

Publicity Officer – Chris Campbell

Fundraising Coordinator – Louise McKendry

Quartermaster – **vacant**

Facilities Manager – **vacant**

Anyone interested in becoming more involved with our volunteers needs to have a completed Working with Children Check, and complete an Adult Helper Application Form, and provide details of where and how you would like to contribute. Scouts Australia and 1st Braidwood Scouts are absolutely committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our youth members, and these are the requirements for anyone working with children in any capacity.

Thank you to all those who have contributed in time, donations, washing up, tidying up, sweeping etc. and in so many other ways, all this help is greatly appreciated -our Scout Group can't function without the support of parents and friends!

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Scout news:

Joeys - 6 – 8yrs

At this stage, we are still waiting on leader training and another potential leader before we can commit to starting up a Joey Mob. Joey Scouts is the first Section of Scouts. It focuses on fun and friendship, and is a gentle introduction to a world of challenges and adventures through Scouting. Joey Scouts are encouraged to express themselves creatively, through games, stories and craft activities. From building monsters and spaceships from scrap items, to growing plants from seedlings and singing songs together, all Joeys develop a strong sense of belonging and an understanding of the world around them. There is a possibility that Joeys will be on Thursdays from 5 to 6pm, before Cubs and Scouts, but this is subject to leader availability. If this is something that you would like your child to be involved in, please contact us.

Cubs – 8 - 11yrs – Thursdays 6.15 to 7.45pm

Cubs focuses on exploring the outdoors and living an active lifestyle in a safe and friendly environment. Cub Scouts learn valuable life skills such as leadership and taking responsibility for themselves. They are taught the value of citizenship and how to give back to their communities. Each Cub Scout collects special badges to demonstrate their skills and achievements. Cub Scouts have a lot of fun doing a lot of interesting things! This term we will focus on engineering activities to co-inside with the upcoming Sci-Scouts day. This year Sci-Scouts is on Sunday 19th August at Melrose High School. There will be engineering workshops running in conjunction with an Engineering Expo. More information to follow shortly. We have pre-purchased limited tickets, so get in quick!

Kaa

Scouts – 11 - 14yrs – Thursdays 6.00 to 8.00pm

Term three sees Scouts having another busy program of activities:

- State Rally is our first activity, which is coming up next week (3rd to 5th Aug). This is the biggest annual State-run Scouting event and will be held at Cataract Scout Park. Good luck to those attending.
- We are lucky enough to have a visitor Steve Blacka coming along to talk to our future Venturers about the Queen's Scout Award and planning Venturer activities etc.
- There are plans for a walk to the Marble Arch, as well as a scavenger hunt around town.

Loki

Venturer Scouts – 14 - 17yrs

We plan to start up the Venturer unit half way through term three. There will be planned visits to nearby Venturer units, as part of the linking process. SKIP and LOKI will be attending Advanced Venturer Leader training in October. As mentioned above, the future Venturer's will be learning from our guest speaker about planning activities, maintaining records and what is required to earn the Queen's Scout Award.

Skip

Become a leader . . .

The continued growth in our youth members, means the group need additional leaders. All Scout groups run on volunteer labour. Our leaders make their time available to develop and deliver the weekly program of activities for our cubs and scout sections. Being a scout leader is a rewarding experience. But there are times when it can be hard work, especially when there are not of lot of people around you to share the workload. We are now at the stage where our leaders would really appreciate some extra help with running the weekly program.

Becoming a leader is a great way of supporting a community-based and community-focused group that aims to nurture and develop useful life skills for our children. Training is available and there is great support from our existing group of leaders. Please consider volunteering for a leader role and help to keep Braidwood Scouts healthy and active. Call our Leader in Charge – Malcolm Campbell on 0429 455 483 outside of normal business hours if you would like to discuss a leader role.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- We ask that adults please accompany youth members into the hall or to the activity each week, and also that adults enter the hall or go to the activity to collect their youth members.
- Youth members must wear uniform (including scarf).

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