# JIMBOOMBA SCOUT GROUP



**Parent Information Book** 

# Prepared For Adventure Since 1986

To Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the Jimboomba Scout Group.

The group was founded in 1986. Since that time hundreds of youth members have enjoyed scouting at Jimboomba. Our group continues to provide quality scouting across four sections with youth members ranging from five to eighteen years of age.

Our Group Leader is a uniformed member of the Scout Association and is in control of the entire group. The Group Leader is supported by the Group Council and the Group Executive Committee. All adult members are volunteers.

This booklet provides new members with basic information about our group. For more detailed information, please check out our website, request it from our Leaders or Committee Members or please feel free to email on gljimboombascout@gmail.com.

We trust your child will enjoy their time as a member of the group.

Yours in Scouting



Andrew Farrawell
AGL Jimboomba Scout Group



Michael (Chil) Gray Group Leader



# **CONTACT DETAILS**

Group Leader, Section Leaders and Committee Members can be contacted via <a href="mailto:gljimboombascouts@gmail.com">gljimboombascouts@gmail.com</a> which is our preferred contact method.

Phone: 0412 742 900

Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/jimboombascouts</u>

Web Site: http://jimboomba.gcscouts.com.au

https://jimboombascouts.wixsite.com/jimboombascoutgroup

Scouts QLD: <u>www.scoutsqld.com.au</u>

Uniform Shop: <u>www.scoutshop.com.au</u>

Scouts Australia: <u>www.scouts.com.au</u>

# SECTIONS



Joeys meet every Monday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and is for ages 5 to 7 years. The Joey leader is

Joeys form a "mob" and their theme is "Help Other People." They have fun learning skills to help others and enjoy craft, games and excursions.



Cubs meet every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and every Friday from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and is for ages 8 to 10 years.

Cub Scouts for a "pack" and the general theme of the section is based on Kipling's Jungle Book. Each cub pack is divided into "sixes" and distinguished by colour patches. Each six has a cub scout as a leader, a "sixer", and the second in charge is known as a "seconder". The cub moto is "Do Your Best." There are many badges, the highest being the Gold Boomerang and the Grey Wolf award. The badge system give your cub the skills to confidently move up into Scouts.



Scouts meet every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and is for ages 11 to 14 years.

Your scout will join a patrol of 6 to 8 scouts. Each patrol has a patrol leader and an assistant patrol leader. Each patrol can choose their own programs and activities. There are many badges to earn, the highest honour being the Green Cord and the Scout Medallion. Scouts is all about learning to become self-managed while having fun, like hiking, camping, rock climbing and constructing. Scouting, through the patrol and badge system teaches responsibility and leadership.



Venturers meet every Tuesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and is for ages 15 to 17 years.

Venturers form a unit and are encouraged to run the unit themselves, with a unit council elected in an administrative role. The unit council consists of venturers in the roles of chairman, secretary, treasurer etc. along with the leaders in a supervisory capacity. They are given the freedom to choose their own activities depending on their interests. The venturer award scheme consists of four awards sections, which culminate in the Queens Scout Award.



Rovers is for ages 18- 25 and is the adult section of the movement. The Jimboomba Scout Group currently does not provide for a rover crew however expressions of interest are always open.

For further information about the aims and principles of scouting, the history of both scouting in general and the Jimboomba Scout Group specifically, and the scout law and promise, please refer to the Jimboomba Scout Group website <a href="http://jimboomba.gcscouts.com.au">http://jimboomba.gcscouts.com.au</a>.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **FIRST MEETING**

The new youth member and parents will be introduced to their section leaders. Parents or guardians are required to sign a Non-member Indemnity form for the first night. This form covers the child for insurance purposes. The Scout Membership Forms and the arrangement of payment of the membership fees are required to be completed by commencement of the third night. Should the youth member not to continue before 6 weeks is completed, the membership fee will be refunded by Scouts QLD.

### **INVESTITURE**

A scarf, woggle, scout record book and scouting Australia badges and region badges will be issued to your child once the full registration process has been completed and your child is invested. This generally occurs within 4-6 weeks of starting and once membership fees have been paid. The uniform shirt can be worn before investiture, although it is not mandatory. The investiture ceremony is short and sincere and parents are encouraged to attend and bring a camera.

### **UNIFORM**

All youth members are required to have a section shirt, scarf and woggle and wear the uniform with pride and dignity. Shirts can be purchased from the scout uniform shop. Please refer to their website for further information. There are shirts at the den to gauge your child's required size — ask a leader about this if required. The scarf, woggle and scout record book can be purchased directly from the Jimboomba scout group and will be included on your first bill. Youth members are required to have stone coloured knee length shorts or long pants. It is also necessary for members to wear enclosed shoes at all times. Badge placement diagrams for each section are included on our website or in the badge book. It is expected that all invested youth members are in correct scout uniform for meetings and when travelling to and from any scout activity or camp.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Each section meets one night per week during the QLD state school terms. The sections do not meet during school holidays. Individual section leaders may modify these based on factors including public holiday and planned activities. Youth members are required to arrive 5 minutes before youth meetings to ensure parade starts on time. Prior to attendance of activities (other than normal section nights), a C4 permission form must be signed by the parent or guardian.

### SIGN IN/OUT

Parents or guardians are required to sign in the youth member upon arrival at the Den or activity. They are also required to be signed out at the end of the night or activity. Parents are asked to leave the den between drop-off and pick-up of youth members, so as to minimise disruption to planned activities. Youth are not permitted to leave the den or activity until a parent or guardian has signed them out. This is a safety requirement as the sign in sheet is used as a checklist in case of an emergency. Advance notice is required if the youth is to be collected by anyone other than the parent or guardian. Please ensure leaders are aware of any custody arrangements.

### **PARADE**

Opening and closing parades are an important part of the evening, and as such should be treated with respect. Prayer will be said on both parades and youth will sometimes be asked to read or say a prayer at this time. The Australian flag will be raised during the meeting and all members, adult and youth, will salute the flag. Youth arriving late, after parade has started, should stand to one side of the parade until invited by a leader to join. Latecomers may still join in prayer and salute the flag.

### COMMUNICATION

The leaders are at the Den normally 20 minutes prior to set up, and are available at this time to answer any questions or alternatively see them after closing parade. Parents are encouraged to read notices about upcoming events on the family notice board located in the den. Sections have their own Facebook group to share photos and important information relevant to the section. Please see section leaders for details on how to be added to the Facebook group.

All parents and guardians are required to keep their contact details up to date. This is important should parental contact be required in the advent of an emergency. We also distribute membership fee invoices, group newsletters and fundraising updates via email. Please check your email regularly and respond as required.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

Parents make scouting happen for their children. We rely heavily on family participation to operate safely and efficiently. To summarise how parents or guardians can help us to provide a rewarding and memorable scouting experience for your child, our expectations are:

- You help with fundraising activities whenever possible
- You help on working bees or can assist if you have a useful trade or skill when required
- You help with transport to camps and activities as required
- You pay your fees on time
- You support our leaders as necessary when dealing with unacceptable behaviour
- You help maintain our den in a safe and clean state
- Attend the annual general meeting.

Parents or guardians who wish to assist leaders during meeting nights, camps or other outings, need to register with the group as a adult helper and have a blue card, a cost of \$58 covers enrolment costs with scouts QLD. Please see the group leader for further information.

Parents and guardians are also encouraged to become section leaders or group committee members. These roles require registration with Scouts Queensland and a blue card. These roles are vital to the efficient running of our scout group and add tremendous value to the quality of scouting we can provide to our members. Please speak to the section leaders or group leader for further information about these roles.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Scouts Queensland requires each youth member, leader and adult helper to be registered. There is a yearly registration fee due in March of each year. Timely payment of the registration fee is compulsory for involvement in any scouting activities. The invoice for this will come directly from the Scouts Queensland Branch.

The Jimboomba Scout Group term fees per child, covering provisions and consumables, group expenses such as insurance and den maintenance, and helping to subsidise camps and activities. The group treasurer will distribute invoices detailing fees payable and payment options via email at the start of each term. Term fees are to be paid regardless of your child's attendance during the term. Discounts are available for section leaders, sitting committee members, parent helpers and families with multiple youth members (subject to group leader approval). If a family is having financial difficulty meeting any of the costs associated with their child's scouting life, please speak to the group leader.

Camps and certain activities may incur an additional fee, to be advised prior to the activity.

### **FEE SCHEDULE\***

Scouts Queensland Registration Fee (RENEWAL) for 2020	\$150.00
Jimboomba Scout Group Section Term Fee	\$70.00 (per child)
Jimboomba Scout Group Term Fees	\$10.00 per term per child
First scarf, award book, 1st set of group, district and world scouting badges	\$35.00
Jimboomba Scout Group Term Fee Discounts (section leaders, sitting committee members, parent helpers)	\$10.00 per term, per child

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Category	New Members														
category	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Youth Member	\$77*	\$77*	\$77*	\$217	\$206	\$197	\$186	\$174	\$164	\$153	\$145	\$135	\$79	\$79	\$79
Rover Scouts	\$90.50*	\$90.50*	\$90.50*	\$230.50	\$219.50	\$210.50	\$199.50	\$187.50	\$177.50	\$166.50	\$158.50	\$148.50	\$92.50	\$92.50	\$92.50
Leaders	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$23	\$23	\$23
Adult Members, Adult Helpers, Fellowship, Youth Helpers	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$23	\$23	\$23
Youth Program Supporters	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$10	\$10	\$10
Category	Renewal - Rovers turning 26														
	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Rovers turning 26				\$34	\$37.50	\$54	\$73	\$81	\$89	\$99	\$108	\$117	\$127	\$139	\$145

<sup>\*</sup> All Youth Members and Rover Scouts enrolling in January, February and March will pay the enrolment fee and will then be invoiced the renewal fee in April in line with renewal fees. Rover Scouts pay the enrolment fee plus the Rover Levy of \$13.50

### **BEHAVIOUR**

Youth members are required to show respect for themselves, other youth members, leaders and parents at all times. Whilst we all want to have a good time, rudeness, disobedience, excessive roughness and inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Bullying or harassment of any kind will also not be tolerated. Time out will be enforced if necessary. If inappropriate behaviour persists, parents or guardians will be advised with the expectation of this behaviour ceasing. Failure to comply with this requirement is taken very seriously and consequences will be enforced.

Please refer to the Jimboomba Scout Group website for further information regarding our policies on smoking, alcohol, drugs, religion and politics. If you have any other queries or concerns please email to the group leader on <a href="mailto:glimboombascout@gmail.com">glimboombascout@gmail.com</a>.

### **MEDICAL**

If your child is required to have medication or has a medical condition, please consult with your section leader.

A Youth Member who withdraws from the Movement within six (6) weeks of enrolling is eligible for a refund. The application for a refund must be made in writing to the Branch Support Office within one (1) month of the Youth Member leaving.

# Jimboomba Scout Group Shirt / Supporter Wear



# **Jimboomba Scout Group Dilly Bags**



\$10 a Bag, Stock is limited and colours can vary