



Palm Beach Scout Group Parent Information



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Welcome

Welcome to Palm Beach Scout Group. We aim to provide programs to our youth members that are fun, adventurous, inclusive and build character. While Scouts may be better known for providing adventure in the outdoors, our purpose is:

The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

This is a lofty goal that any parent would want for their child.

We also ensure that our programs are provided in the safest possible environment.

Scouting can offer many exciting experiences and I am sure that with your support we will be able to provide fantastic activities and adventures for your child.

This Parent Information Kit aims to provide you with some information about Scouting in general and more specific information about Palm Beach Scout Group that will help you become part of the action at Palm Beach. Please read through this information and if you have any questions, please ask.

Beyond the information provided in this kit are many ways in which you can become actively involved with the Group. At Palm Beach we promote the concept of 'Group family', by this I mean that not only does your child/children become part of the Palm Beach Group, so do you!

Scouting is not a place where you just leave your child for others to look after for a few hours but rather a place where you can be actively involved in your child's Scouting journey. All the Leaders and Committee want you to be part of this as well.

Don't hesitate in talking to our Leaders or join in the activities and camps; with enough helpers the load can be shared fairly amongst us all. Please get involved, your friendship and support are critical to the success of our Group and through your participation you will be able to share in your child's Scouting experience and you will learn more about the world of Scouting.

We hope to see you at the Den joining in or just helping out.

Cindy 'Waiburra' Wimberley

Group Leader Palm Beach Scout Group

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Organisation of a Scout Group

Each Scout Group operates under the guidance and support of a Group Leader. The Group Leader has a responsibility to parents and the Scout Association for the overall management of every facet of the Group, including delivery of the Scout Program.

The Scout Group is broken down into two major areas, each with a different scope of responsibility. These are the uniformed Leaders and the Group Committee.

Uniformed Leaders

Uniformed (or Section) Leaders do the hands on work each week either at the hall or out and about in the community. They are delivering the Scout Program and the focus of these activities is on development of the youth of the Group. Section Leaders provide the weekly excitement and adventure and during the year run camps and outings for their Section.

All uniformed Leaders at Palm Beach Scout Group are **VOLUNTEERS**, giving up their time and energy so that the youth members of the group enjoy exciting programs and activities. They have all undergone an extensive training program before they are allowed to actively supervise your children. For those who deliver the more adventurous aspects of our program they undergo additional specific training and hold VET or Outdoor Recreation qualifications.

Section Contacts.

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Group Leader

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Joey Scout Leader

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Scout Leader

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Venturer Scout Leader

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Group Committee

The Group Committee is responsible for the management of the group behind the scenes. The Committee is made up of parents of the Group and led by the Group Committee Executive. The Executive is comprised of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other supporting roles as may be required by the Group. The committee is responsible for resourcing and managing the Group in terms of finances, infrastructure, equipment and Leader recruitment.

Resources such as camping equipment, consumables (pens, paper, glue, ropes, and other craft type materials) for weekly programs and insurances are all necessary for the delivery of the Scout Program. This all costs money and whilst a strategy has been put in place to minimise some of these overheads additional funds are still required and your assistance will be needed from time to time to help raise funds and our expectation is that you will avail yourself to assist.

Current Group Committee Members

Chair	Jack O'leary (Jana Jana) 0412 676 446 chairman@palmbeach.scoutsqld.com.au
Treasurer	Byron Vallentine (Osprey) 0414 659 616 treasurer@palmbeach.scoutsqld.com.au
Secretary	Lee-Ann Bramley (Banksia) 0416 531 985 secretary@palmbeach.scoutsqld.com.au
Fundraising	Tina McCann (Wren)
Co-Ordinator	0448 594 593

[Member and Supporter Application - Scouts Queensland \(scoutsqld.com.au\)](https://scoutsqld.com.au)



Where we Meet

Palm Beach Scout Group has a Den (as they are known in Scouting) located at Salk Oval Sarawak Ave, Palm Beach It can be accessed from Sarawak Ave as indicated on the picture below. There is limited off street parking as we share this entrance with the sports club. You can park on the grassed area next to the den. Entry is through the road next to cricket nets.



Signing In/Signing Out

As part of the risk management of all our members it is compulsory that all youth members are signed in on arrival at the den and sign out on departure at the end of the night.

Please note that NO youth member is to be dropped off in the car park and left to enter the hall alone. The car park at the hall gets extremely busy, and to help minimise risk to all please ensure you accompany your child into and from the hall.

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Youth Sections

Scouting offers a progressive developmental program for our Youth Members. This is spread across five different age ranges, known as Sections. In this way the program caters to the current developmental stages of every Youth Member.

The following table list the Sections and meeting times for our members

Section	Meeting time
Joey Scouts 5-7years old	Leaders needed
Cub Scouts 8-10 years old	Tuesday 6:30 – 8:00pm
Scouts 11-14 years old	Thursday 6:30 – 8:30pm
Venturers 15-18 years old	Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30pm
Rovers 19-25 years old	Meet with another local Group

JOEY SCOUTS “Start the Adventure”

Joey Scouts are aged from 5 to 7 years old. By the time they reach their 8th birthday they progress on to the next adventure as a Cub Scout.

A Joey Scout will:

- Discover what challenge means for them
- Explore the world around them
- Start to be active in the community
- Share new adventures with others
- Start to develop outdoor skills
- Discover what teamwork means
- Begin to learn how to lead activities
- Participate in a Unit Council, supported by adults



CUB SCOUTS “Create the Path”

Cub Scouts are aged from 8 to 10 years old. By the time they reach their 11th birthday they progress on to the next adventure as a Scout.

A Cub Scout will:

- Set their own challenges
- Lead some activities on their own
- Give back to their local community
- Become more confident in outdoor skills
- Assist in the running of their Unit Council
- Form long term Patrols
- Develop resilience when faced with challenge
- Talk about what’s important to them



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SCOUTS – “Explore the Unknown”

Scouts are aged from 11 to 14 years old. By the time they reach their 15th birthday they progress on to the next adventure as a Venturer Scout.

A Scout will:

- Take charge of their own expeditions
- Lead the Unit Council
- Develop more complex outdoor skills
- Support their local communities
- Start to be active in their national communities
- Form teams that last for life
- Build Project Patrols
- Develop their life perspective



VENTURER SCOUTS – “Look Wide”

Venturer Scouts are aged from 15 to 18 years old. By the time they reach their 18th birthday they progress on to the next adventure as a Rover Scout. If they are still in year 12 at school they may stay until the end of the year in which they turn 18.

A Venturer Scout will:

- Take the lead in their Units
- Take on bigger challenges with Scouts from other Units, sections and non-Scouts
- Specialise in areas they're passionate about
- Mentor people with less experience
- Find new communities interstate and overseas
- Help make decisions at more levels of Scouting
- Discover more independence
- Discover their roles in the wider community
- Build resilience and find the meaning of courage in day-to-day life
- Discover the strength of their voice and stand up for what they believe



ROVER SCOUTS – “Beyond the Horizon”

Rover Scouts are aged from 19 to 25 years old. By the time they reach their 26th birthday they leave the movement as a Youth Member. Many Rovers move on to Leadership roles or apply their learnings to furthering careers, exploring the world or taking active roles in their community. A Rover Scout will:

- Be completely autonomous in their Unit
- Overcome complex challenges
- Refine specialist skills across areas they're passionate about
- Build long term relationships as mentors and advisors
- Form the leadership of their section nationally
- Contribute to the leadership of Scouting in Australia
- Refine their global and personal perspectives
- Build personal strength in their voice, ideals and health
- Develop and support their local, national and international communities



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Communication

At Palm Beach Scout Group we try to communicate with you as much as we can. We do this in a number of ways:

Website www.palmbeach.gcscouts.com.au

Facebook The Group has a public Facebook page that is open for all to like and follow. This is where photos and events are shared.

<https://www.facebook.com/PalmBeachScoutGroup>.

Each Unit also has a private page for sharing of information with members of that Unit only.

Email Invoices and notes will be sent to your email address. Please you advise us of your correct email address and ensure it is one you regularly check.

Operoo Operoo is used to manage your child's personal medical information and to distribute permission notes. Details will be provided from Scouts Queensland on how to access this information. Please ensure that any special dietary conditions are kept up to date in your child's profile.

Personal Contact Our Leaders and Committee are available to talk to you anytime. Please be aware that on Section nights this may be difficult, as our Leaders are getting ready to run the program for the night.

Whatsapp All Section Leaders communicate events and weekly plans to the parents using Whatsapp once you join you will be invited to join the section page. This is also for parents to communicate with each other

SMS This is our most common form ,please ensure that we have your correct Mobile number at all times

Uniform



The Scout uniform consists of a shirt, scarf, woggle and belt. Below the waist is stone, sand or beige long pants, shorts or skirt, and black or brown closed in shoes or joggers.

NO board shorts, denim or camouflage shorts. No thongs for footwear please

The Uniform is very distinctive and each Section of Scouting has its own version. Each Section is identified by the colour of the 'yoke' or shoulder of the shirt. Colours are indicated in the Section paragraphs above.

Uniform is not required for the first few weeks but once you have decided that your son or daughter want to become a 'fully invested' Scout then you will need to purchase a uniform.

Uniform can be purchased online from the Scout Shop, www.scoutshop.com.au

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Fees

Branch Membership Fees

Membership Fees are charged by the Scouts Queensland Branch. This fee covers membership administration and insurance for your child. It is charged bi-annually and is due by the 31st March and the 30th September each year. Membership needs to be current to participate in Scouting activities.

When initially joining Scouting there will be a once off administration fee charged by the Branch. The initial joining fee will be invoiced by the Branch with successive renewals being invoiced by the Group.

Membership fees are pro rata depending on the joining date.

Group Fees

To assist with the function of the Group a term fee is charged which is made up of two parts:

Subscriptions (Subs) This fee goes directly to your child's Section to cover the weekly costs for consumables used in activities. Any surplus funds are used to subsidise the costs of camps or other outdoor activities. Subs are currently \$30 per term.

Group Levy This fee is used by the Group for electricity, maintenance, insurance, Leader training and membership. The Levy is currently \$50 per term.

Both of these items will be invoiced directly from the Group prior to the beginning of each term.

Region and District Levies

These levies are to assist with the costs of running Gold Coast Region and Lamington District. They are invoiced by the Palm Beach Scout Group who pay them to the Region and District. They are charged twice each year in Term 1 and Term 3 and are approximately \$1.50 each time.

Activity Fees

Fees for special activities such as camps, major events or visits to third party providers are charged at cost for each particular activity. Costs for activities will be advised prior to the camp or activity.

Due to the need to purchase food or pay non-refundable deposits it may not be possible to fully refund an activity fee if you withdraw after a certain date.

Play On Vouchers

Parents, Carers or Guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$200 for eligible children and young people. Vouchers can be used towards the cost of membership.

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Payments

Our preferred method of payment is by direct credit to the Group account, although EFTPOS, cash and cheque is also accepted.

The details are:

Bank	Bank of Queensland
BSB	124 001
Account No	1123 8457
Account Name	The Scout Association of Australia Palm Beach Scout Group

Please use your **surname or invoice number as reference**, so we can identify your payment.

Payments at Bank of Queensland

If you are making a payment at a BOQ Branch please ask the teller to put a reference on the deposit.

Cheques and Cash

If you find you have to pay by cash or cheque, please ensure that it is placed in an envelope clearly marked with:

- Youth member name
- Activity or what the cash/cheque is for
- Amount

Please place all payments into the lock box for processing.

Cheques are to be made out to 'Palm Beach Scout Group'

EFTPOS Payments

Please see a leader or one of the committee members

Fundraising

The fees charged do not fully cover training, insurance, maintenance and costs to equip the sections with camping equipment etc. This is supplemented by fundraising in an effort to keep the out of pocket costs as low as possible.

All families are expected to participate in the fundraising activities of the Group. By raising funds in this manner, it will prevent the need for additional levies to be charged or increases in the section subscriptions.

Most of our funds are raised through a small number of activities and events such as sausage sizzles at Bunnings, raffles, chocolate drives, etc, but we are also open to other suggestions anytime.

Your help in this area is vital to the success of the Group.

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Helping Out at Palm Beach

Like all volunteer Groups we rely on parents to be involved and be part of their child's Scouting journey. The old adage that "it takes a village to raise a child" has a lot of merit to it.

There are many volunteer jobs within Scouting, such as being a member of the Group Committee working in the background or helping out as one of our Parent Helpers. These are important Scouting jobs but there is no more important or rewarding a role in Scouting as being part of the Leadership team that delivers the Scouting program to our youth.

Being a Leader with Palm Beach Scout Group can be very rewarding in lots of ways including the satisfaction of helping young people grow and become active members of our community. It is also a lot of FUN.

Many hands make light work and the more Leaders we have for our Group the lighter the load for all and more importantly the better our programs that we deliver to our youth the more FUN everyone will have.

TAKE THE VOLUNTEERING CHALLENGE.

Volunteering for Scouting is easier than you think. Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, there are hundreds of opportunities both behind the scenes and working with young people. With full support and training, you can experience the fun, friendship and adventure of Scouting for yourself, all on a flexible basis.



You may even wish to become part of a Parent Patrol.

There will be Patrols set up for the following

- Fundraising
- Maintenance
- Cleaning
- Social Media

Please speak to the Group Leader or one of the Committee Members about where you are able to assist



What happens from here?

If you have read everything in this manual to this point you deserve a 'cuppa' to consider what you have read. You will need to consider what Scouting can do for your child and how you can be part of their journey at Palm Beach Scout Group. Scouting can build leadership in a young person, give them more self-confidence and teach them to become more self-reliant.

What happens next to your child as they enter Palm Beach Scout Group?

Following is the link to the online membership application form

[Member and Supporter Application - Scouts Queensland \(scoutsqld.com.au\)](https://scoutsqld.com.au)

The first 2-4 weeks is an orientation period where the new child gets to look at the Group and their respective section – to see if this is what they would like to do.

After this they will be invested at a special ceremony. The investiture ceremony is short and sincere. In this ceremony your child will be asked to make a promise to live by the Scout Law and will be welcomed as a fully-fledged member of the Scout Movement. This is a good time to have a camera ready, after all this will only happen once in a lifetime. A uniform is required by the time your child is invested.

After investiture, the Scout participates in the program and progresses through the award scheme for their section. Ask your leader about the award system – this is how they earn badges.

Once nearing the maximum age in a section the youth member then progresses to the next section of Scouting. This process is called linking and they will usually participate in the new Section to get comfortable while still attending their current Section

This is a very important step in a young person's development. This can also be a traumatic time for some; they leave one section where they the big fish in the pond and become the small fish once more. We put a lot of effort into managing this transition to make it a positive experience.

Where do I go for help?

- Want to discuss the content of the programme or badges?
Ask the leaders
- Want to discuss how you can help?
See the Group Leader
- Want to discuss fees?
See the Treasurer
- Don't like what you saw or heard?
Discuss it with the Group Leader or Section Leader
- Want to volunteer your service?
See the Group Leader
- Is there anything else you would like to know?
Ask the Group Leader or your Section Leader