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Dear Leaders and Scouts

BASIC SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE 30-31 March 2019 Camp Coutts Waterfall
INFORMATION LETTER

This is a weekend residential course for Scouts to develop leadership skills they can put into practice in their home Scout troops and other Scout activities. Scouts will be placed in Patrols with Scouts from other Scout groups. The course will focus on the Patrol System and each Scout will act as the Patrol Leader during one or more of the activities.

The leadership skills developed by a young person as a Scout will be of great advantage to them while they are in Scouts including as a current or potential future Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. The skills learnt will also be a benefit as they advance into the Venturer Scout Section, and even in their adult life.

The course meets the Scout Leadership Course requirement of the Australian Scout Medallion.

NUMBERS FOR THE COURSE

Basic Leadership Courses are run in South Met a few times during the year. Numbers for each course are strictly limited to 24 Scouts and not more than 4 Scouts from the same home troop.

Places will be allocated in order of receipt of application forms AND payment.

Scout eligibility criteria

For Scouts to be considered suitable to attend the course, they should:

- Have been involved in their Scout troop for at least one year;
- Have completed, or be advancing towards completion of the Pioneer Badge;
- Want to learn more about leadership and be available to participate in all sessions of the course program;
- Be demonstrating that they are doing their best to keep the Scout Promise and Law.

Some applicants will already be a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader in their home Troop but that is not a prerequisite.

Scouts applying to attend the course should be recommended as suitable by the Scout Leader and the Troop Council.

If a Scout leader has any queries about how the criteria apply to a particular Scout, please discuss with the Course Leader prior to the application closing date.

ADULT LEADERS

The Course is conducted on a structured program which is planned and coordinated by the core Course Leader Team. Other leaders from home groups are invited to attend some, or all, of the course to provide support to the core team such as in providing leader support in break-out sessions and assisting with equipment preparation, meals, etc. Male and female leaders are required to be in residence at the course overnight.

Once leader applications are received, the Course Leader will consider specific areas where support is needed and, if appropriate, discuss arrangements prior to the weekend.

If any leader has questions or suggestions about the support they could provide, please discuss the queries with the Course Leader as soon as possible.

APPLICATIONS PROCESS

Applications must be made using the specified documents (downloaded from the website). Application forms and money must be received at South Met Region office before **4pm, Monday 18 March 2019**.

The following need to be submitted to Region Office by the Closing Date –

- Activity Notification Form Part I (E1) for each Scout
- Activity Notification Form Part I (E1) for each adult Leader
- Group Registration Form with all requested details for all applicants
- The cost of the course is \$70 per Scout. This covers all course materials, accommodation and meals.
- Payment by either Group direct deposit or Group cheque. If paying by cheque, make cheques payable to Scouts Australia.

A copy of the completed Group Registration Form must be emailed to:

Peter Jamieson Peter.Jamieson@jensen-group.com

cc: Chris Maher cmmaher@optusnet.com.au

It is essential that the correct email contact addresses are provided for each Scout and leader applicant. These addresses will be used to email confirmation and other final information to the successful applicants prior to the course weekend.

Late or incomplete applications and payments will not be accepted. All E1 forms not fully filled out correctly will be returned to the Troop for correction.

There will be no refund of fees for cancellations unless they are advised before Monday 25 March 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours in Scouting

Peter Jamieson
Region Commissioner – Scouts

Course Leader