



Application for Youth Membership

FORM
Y1
MAY 2016

Note: - Please complete pages 1-3 and return to the Section Leader upon joining

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APPLICANT'S PERSONAL DETAILS

FAMILY NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX: M F

FULL GIVEN NAMES _____ RELIGION/DENOMINATION _____

PREFERRED FIRST NAME _____ NATIONALITY _____
(If different to First Given Name)

HOME ADDRESS _____

TOWN/SUBURB _____ STATE _____ POSTCODE _____

PREFERRED CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PREFERRED CONTACT NO. () _____ MOBILE _____

POSTAL ADDRESS (if not as above) _____

TOWN/SUBURB _____ STATE _____ POSTCODE _____

OCCUPATION * _____ EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL * _____
(e.g. student)

PLACE OF BIRTH _____ INTERESTS/HOBBIES _____

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME (other than English) _____

* Applicant's details (if applicable) - not Parents

Details of the applicant's previous membership of the *Scout* Movement (if applicable)

Membership No (if known)

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PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORITY AND UNDERTAKING

Please register the above applicant as a member of Scouts Australia, New South Wales. The Medical Details statement attached to the application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I/We consent to the applicant's participation in *Scout* activities as generally outlined in the "Information for Parents", and I/we agree to pay such registration and membership fees as required. I/We will use my best endeavours to support the Scout Group and its activities, and its rules and guidelines.

I/We agree to abide by the Scout Law and Promise, Child Protection Policy and Procedures, Personal Protection Policy and Procedures Including the Code of Conduct (which by signing this document, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understand) at all times in my dealings with Leaders and others when attending Scouting activities and functions. I/we acknowledge and agree that any failure to abide by these commitments by me/us may result in a transfer or termination of membership of my child with Scouts NSW at the absolute discretion of the Region Commissioner or the Chief Commissioner or his Delegate.

I/We have received a copy of, or am aware of, the Scouts NSW Privacy Policy which also contains its Photographic and Images policy, and I/we consent to the information collected on this form and through Scouting activities to be used in accordance with the rights and obligations set out in that policy. I/We also acknowledge that any third party, about whom information on this form has been provided by me, has been informed of the Association's collection of their information and that they are aware of the Scouts NSW Privacy Policy. A copy of the policy is available on our website www.nsw.scouts.com.au

SIGNED: _____ Parent1/Guardian1 or Applicant (if over 18) DATE _____

SIGNED: _____ Parent2/Guardian2 DATE _____

FORMATION ENDORSEMENT

	Joey Scout	Cub Scout	Scout	Venturer Scout	Rover	Youth Helper
Please register the above applicant as a:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
with	_____		_____	_____		_____
	<i>Group/Crew (eg 1st Goolgowi)</i>		<i>Formation Type (eg Cub Pack)</i>	<i>Section Name (eg "Koala")</i>		<i>Region</i>

The applicant joined or re-joined on _____ and has paid to my Formation the Joining Fee and Pro Rata Membership Fee as required by the State Office.

Name of GL/Leader-in-Charge _____ Appointment _____
Signature of GL/Leader-in-Charge _____ Date _____

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES**

FAMILY DETAILS

(Not required for Applicants over 18)

The Scout Group is a community organisation. It exists because people like you want to make the individual training and development that Scouting is famous for, available for your children. It is expected that every family that joins the Group will contribute in some way. Some families assist by serving on the management or fundraising committee, others prefer to assist in practical ways such as maintaining or fixing facilities or equipment, while others assist with the running of a Section as an Adult Leader or Parent Helper.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
TITLE (e.g. Mr) _____ **RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (e.g. Father)** _____
 EMPLOYER _____ OCCUPATION _____
 WORK PHONE () _____ MOBILE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 SKILLS & HOBBIES _____
 SPORTING OR LEISURE INTERESTS _____

ARE YOU A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF SCOUTS NSW? YES NO

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (if known)

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EXPERIENCE IN SCOUTING OR OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES _____

What assistance are you able to provide the Group?

assist with transportation to camps	<input type="checkbox"/>	become a Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>
assist with transportation on special outings	<input type="checkbox"/>	be a regular parent helper	<input type="checkbox"/>
become a member of the parents' committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	teach the members special skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
assist at working bees	<input type="checkbox"/>	help with testing for badge work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____			

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
TITLE (e.g. Mrs) _____ **RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (e.g. Mother)** _____
 EMPLOYER _____ OCCUPATION _____
 WORK PHONE () _____ MOBILE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 SKILLS & HOBBIES _____
 SPORTING OR LEISURE INTERESTS _____

ARE YOU A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF SCOUTS NSW? YES NO

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (if known)

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Other _____			

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES**

MEDICAL DETAILS

APPLICANT'S FAMILY NAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER () _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

RELIGION/DENOMINATION _____

MEDICARE NUMBER

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NAME & NUMBER OF PRIVATE MEDICAL FUND (if applicable)

NAME OF AMBULANCE FUND (if applicable) _____

NAME OF FAMILY DOCTOR _____

DOCTOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER () _____

IS THE APPLICANT ALLERGIC TO ANY MEDICATION? YES NO

(give details if Yes) _____

DOES THE APPLICANT SUFFER FROM DIABETES, HEART, ASTHMA, EPILEPSY OR OTHER CONDITION WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? YES NO

(give details and medication if applicable) _____

DOES THE APPLICANT HAVE ANY ALLERGIES? YES NO

(give details if Yes) _____

DOES THE APPLICANT HAVE ANY OTHER DISABILITIES THAT MIGHT LIMIT FULL PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES? YES NO

(give details if Yes) _____

HAS THE APPLICANT BEEN IMMUNISED AGAINST TETANUS? YES NO

APPROXIMATE DATE _____

IN THE CASE OF ACCIDENT AND WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT YOU, PLEASE GIVE THE NAME OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHO MAY BE CONTACTED _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER () _____

MEDICAL AUTHORITY

I authorise any officer, member or servant of The Scout Association of Australia, New South Wales Branch, in the event of any accident or illness, to obtain such urgent medical assistance or treatment for the above named applicant, including the administration of any anaesthetic or blood transfusion as he or she may consider expedient and for this purpose to engage any first aiders, ambulance officers, doctors, dentists, nursing assistance or hospital accommodation and in this event I agree to pay the said Association on demand all such doctors', dentists', nurses', ambulance and hospital fees (other than fees and expenses recoverable by the said Association under any policy of insurance).

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____
Parent/Guardian or Applicant (**only** if over 18)

(Any change to the Applicant's health should be immediately notified to the Group so that appropriate care may be taken).

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(Compulsory Attachment to the Y1 Form)

PARENTS' CHILD PROTECTION GUIDE

SCOUTS – CHILD SAFE AND CHILD FRIENDLY

The Association is committed to providing a child-safe environment for all Youth participating in its programs.

CHILD PROTECTION IN SCOUTS

Scouts NSW has a Child Protection Team comprised of the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Issues Management), the General Manager, the State Commissioner for Member Support and a Child Protection Officer, specifically appointed to oversee any child protection concerns arising in the delivery of the Scouting program.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner (Issues Management) who has the task of overseeing child protection and safety within the organisation, is a qualified professional and has a number of consultants he can call upon when needed. These consultants all have special qualifications related to this area.

The Child Protection Policy and Procedures for Scouts Australia NSW is accessible on the website at <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/leaders/resources-and-policies> and under the parents tab on the home page.

The Child Protection Procedures contains helpful attachments on the nature of and response to child abuse.

SCOUTS DOES NOT TOLERATE ABUSE!

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all of its Members. Scouts have zero tolerance for abuse of any kind – the physical, verbal, emotional or sexual abuse - of its Members.

REPORTING ABUSE

Scouts NSW works with NSW Police, NSW Community Services (formerly DoCS), the NSW Commission for Children and Young People, the Office of Children's Guardian and other relevant authorities to address any child protection concerns.

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the General Manager or the Child Protection Officer at State Office on 9735 9000 or at ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au. Once we receive a notification, the Association will make an immediate report to the relevant authorities.

If an individual has made a report to NSW Police, NSW Community Services, or another relevant authority, they should also report the matter to the Chief Commissioner, the General Manager or the Child Protection Officer. The Association will then make direct contact with the relevant authority about the matter.

Reporting to the Association enables the Association to work directly with the authorities in managing the matter. It enables the Association to take immediate action under its Behavioural Management Policy, in consultation with the authorities.

IMMINENT DANGER

If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to NSW Police on **131 444** or to the Community Services Child Protection Helpline on **132 111**.

SCREENING, TRAINING AND RESOURCE FOR LEADERS

For over 50 years, when there was no legal requirement for the screening of Youth Leaders, Scouts has insisted that all Leaders undergo an interview, have referees and submit to a full Police Criminal Record Check, which are also conducted randomly on an ongoing basis throughout their service at Scouts.

Under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, the Office of Children's Guardian now oversees an important aspect of the screening and standards for those who work or volunteer with children and young people and manages the Working with Children Check ("WWCC") process. Scouts NSW has been phased into the WWCC process during 2015 and 2016. By the completion of the phase in period for Scouts NSW on 31 March 2016, all active Uniform Adult Members, Adult Helper Members and all employees hold current Working with Children Check clearances, which have been verified and recorded by Scouts NSW.

Scouts NSW is in ongoing communications with the Office of Children's Guardian about our policies and practices.

Both during the phase in of WWCCs and after, Scouts continues its current long standing practice of insisting that all Uniform Adult Members are interviewed, have referee checks and submit to a NSW Police Criminal Record Check, which is also conducted on a random ongoing basis throughout their service with Scouts NSW.

Before they are appointed as a Leader, each Uniform Adult Member applicant undertakes specialised training under the direction of skilled trainers. The training covers subjects such as Scouting Skills, Programming and First Aid. Other crucial subjects covered in the courses are associated with the development, protection and wellbeing of Youth Members. These include Child Development, Understanding the Child, "Child Safe" (Child Protection), Bullying, Dealing with Problems and Risk Assessment.

"Fact Sheet 1: Reporting Child Protection Concerns" outlines the standards of care we expect of our Leaders and is available on Scouts NSW website under the [Resources and Policies](#) tab, [Leader Support Guides](#) link.

Parents have their own section on our website under the [Parents](#) tab and [Child Safety](#) link.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROTECT YOUR CHILD

The NSW Department of Education and Training teaches school students in NSW about "Safe Living" through their educational seminars. Safe Living promotes safe environments and practices by teaching young people how to act in ways that will keep themselves and others safe from harm. It covers topics such as child protection, road safety and swimming safety.

The Safe Living program can be found online at <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/>

Parents are encouraged to reinforce these safety measures and behaviours with their children.

The NSW Department of Education and Training uses the safety strategy of "No", "Go", "Tell".

- **NO**- What action can your child take when they feel upset, unsafe or bullied? Say No! When do you say no? Anytime someone suggests or attempts something you think is wrong or not nice.
- **GO**- What action can your child take to leave an unsafe situation?
- **TELL**- What secrets are good to keep? What secrets should be told? Why it might be difficult to tell someone about some unhappy secrets?

Other on line resources on prevention and responding to child abuse include:

The Child Abuse Prevention Service at <http://www.childabuseprevention.com.au>

The Child Wise Organisation at <http://www.childwise.net/page/39/fact-sheets>

WHAT DO I DO IF A CHILD TELLS ME ABOUT ABUSE?

If a child tells you they have been abused:

Stay calm, listen to them, let them know that you believe them, reassure them, do not promise to keep it a secret, tell them that you would like to get some help, let them know that it is private but that you have to tell someone who can help them.

Children should feel confident to raise any concern and know they will be listened to.

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the General Manager or the Child Protection Officer at State Office on 9735 9000 or at ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au. The Association will take action to report to the appropriate authorities.

HOW TO DEAL WITH A CHILD EXPOSED TO A TRAUMA

Online resources for parents and children who have experienced child abuse:

- ReachOut.com, a leading online youth mental health service providing young people with information about topics such as bullying and cyberbullying, abuse, and mental wellbeing: <http://au.reachout.com/>
- The Child Abuse Prevention Service runs free seminars for the ongoing support of parents and young people: <http://www.childabuseprevention.com.au>
- The Child Wise Organisation at <http://www.childwise.net/page/39/fact-sheets>

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FORM Y1 (MAY 16)

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

On behalf of your Scout Group, I would like to WELCOME you, as a parent or guardian, to our World Wide Movement. By your child becoming a member of Scouts Australia, they are joining the largest youth movement in the World with over **26 million** members in **220 nations** around the world.

Scouting's aim is to develop character and good citizenship and this, for the most part, is achieved through fun and experience gained in outdoor activities. Hiking, camping, canoeing, and learning to fend for oneself teaches the young person self-reliance and how to work with others for the mutual benefit of all. In essence, the basis of Scouting's continuing success is that it uses the young person's natural desire for friendship, fun, and adventure to turn them into useful and thinking citizens so subtly that they are unaware of it happening.

Scouting makes full use of the need for adventure and the vivid imagination of young people. Games, outings, camps, hikes, yarns, and skill development activities are combined to form a unique programme for young people of all ages. Activity notification forms will be used by the activity leader to specifically advise parents in advance of all overnight activities and all air/alpine/rock-related/water activities.

An Award Scheme operates in each Section which allows the members a wide variety of activities and skills in which they can participate and receive recognition with the awarding of the appropriate badge. These awards are graded to the person's age and ability and are designed to assist the member in fulfilling our aim. Through all Sections there is the continuing opportunity for young people to work together learning co-operation, responsibility, leadership skills, and the sharing of group experiences.

As a parent or guardian, I am sure you are intensely interested in the welfare, both physical and mental, of your child and we welcome the opportunity to work with you and see your child develop into a respectable and productive citizen. Our Group provides the opportunities for parents or guardians to become involved in Scouting by supporting the Group's many activities.

A most important part of Scouting is our commitment to a set of values in our dealings with others and particularly with our youth members. To assist you and your child/ren, we ask that all parents and guardians acknowledge and accept that in their dealings with Scouts they will comply with the Scout Laws, our Personal Protection Policy, Code of Conduct, and Behavioural Guidelines. Failure by parents to so comply may result in a transfer, or termination, of your child's membership with Scouts NSW at the absolute discretion of the Region Commissioner or the Chief Commissioner or his Delegate.

Scouting, along with home, School, and Religious Organisation will assist your child in becoming a better member of the community. With your help either as a Leader, Committee member, Instructor, or Examiner, your child will enjoy their experiences in Scouting and will benefit greatly from them. Please encourage your child's *active* participation in Scouting, as parental encouragement and assistance make it more enjoyable for everyone.

I am sure both **YOU** and **YOUR CHILD** will enjoy being involved with Scouting and once again I offer a warm welcome;

GROUP LEADER

Leader's Name _____ Phone () _____
Address _____
Name of Scout Group _____
Region _____

SECTION INFORMATION

Your child will belong to the _____ Section which meets on _____
at _____ from _____ to _____

In addition outings take place regularly at times and places of which you will be advised.

The Section Leader is _____ whose Scouting name is _____
The Section Leader's address is _____ Phone () _____

THE SCOUT GROUP

A Scout Group may consist of any or all of the following Sections:-

Joey Scout Mob for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 years,
Cub Scout Pack for boys and girls aged 8 to 11 years,
Scout Troop for boys and girls aged 11 to 15 years,

Venturer Scout Unit for boys and girls aged 15 to 18 years,
Rover Crew for young men and women aged 18 to 26 years.

Each Section has a clearly laid out program of development in order to achieve the Aim of Scouting which is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

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REGISTRATION FEES

Scouting in New South Wales is financed at all levels by various fund raising projects and contributions by its Members.

A quarterly Membership Fee (comprising a Base Fee plus an Insurance component) applies for each member of \$ _____ which covers the year ending 31st March 2017. A Joining Fee is required for new members, plus the quarterly fee from the quarter of joining. Together these fees are used for:

1. Making a contribution to Region and State Office for the administration and development of Scouting in New South Wales, for the provision of campsites and activity centres, the training of adult leaders and the promotion of Scouting generally.
2. Insuring all members for personal accident and public liability.

The fees are payable for your child whether present or not at meetings.

In addition the Group Support Committee may levy a fee on each member or family to be used for such things as:

1. Equipping and financially supporting the various Sections of the Group;
2. Maintaining and insuring the Group's buildings and equipment;
3. Paying rates associated with the Group's buildings;

Joining Fee	\$ _____	due _____	on _____	payable to _____
Quarterly Fee	\$ _____	due _____	on _____	payable to _____
Group Fee	\$ _____	due _____	on _____	payable to _____
Total	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____

Each youth member may also be asked to pay a regular subscription to their Sectional funds which are used to defray the day to day expenses incurred in the running of that Section.

Subscription Fee \$ _____ Due _____ on _____ payable to _____

INSURANCE

The New South Wales Branch of Scouts Australia has affected extensive insurance policies including public liability, and personal accident cover which includes medical and dental expenses etc., for all **registered** youth members, Adult Leaders, Parents and Committee members. Details of these insurances are contained in the "Insurance Programme Summary" publication provided annually to each Group.

NB: To be fully covered for this insurance, a youth member must be registered, which is formalised by submission of the Application for Youth Membership form to your Regional Office by the Group Leader and the entering of the member's details into our membership database.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

Before a person can become a member of Scouts Australia they make a promise which will assist them to develop a sense of self-reliance, loyalty, obedience, usefulness, and of service to others. Individuals taking the Promise may choose either of the following:

*On my honour I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to my God, and to the Queen of Australia
To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law.*

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To do my duty to my God, and to Australia
To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law.*

THE SCOUT UNIFORM

Scouting is a uniformed Movement. You can ask the Section Leader for details of the uniform and advice on obtaining the uniform. Uniforms can be purchased from:

* The Scouts Australia NSW "Scouts Shop" which is located in Port Kembla. They can be contacted on (02) 4274 1193 or by email at sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au.

* The Scouts Australia online supplier 'The Scouts Shop'. You can visit their online store at www.thescoutshop.com.au/about.

1. All outings and meetings must be attended in uniform unless otherwise advised in special circumstances.
2. No part of the uniform with Scouts Australia badges on it may be worn, except at meetings or outings, without the permission of the Section Leader.
3. All badges awarded remain the property of Scouts Australia.

THE GROUP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This Committee consists of parents and other interested persons who support the work of the uniformed Leaders. This support is given in a practical way by the provision of a Group Headquarters meeting venue, equipment and other facilities. The Group Support Committee is important to the wellbeing of your Group. Your support would be greatly welcomed. The Committee meets on: -

Parents or guardians are also expected to support fund raising activities of their Group and of other levels of Scouting from time to time. This support avoids the necessity of having much higher Registration and Subscription Fees.

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WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT)**