



1st Seymour

Scout Group



Family Introduction Booklet

Welcome!

Joining Scouts introduces you or your child to a world of adventure and growth. With over a century of shaping youth, Scouts offers an enriching program focused on life skills and leadership. Boasting 17,000 youth members and 5,000 adult volunteers in Victoria alone, we're one of Australia's largest youth organizations. Our commitment extends to community service, fundraising, and event volunteering.

Scouting welcomes all, with 400+ local Scout Groups across Victoria. 1st Seymour hosts activities every weeknight for different age groups:

- Monday night's 5:30pm – 6:30pm **Joeys** (Aged 5-7)
- Monday night's 5:30pm to 7pm, **Cubs** (Aged 8-10)
- Tuesday night's 6:30pm – 8:15pm, **Scouts** (Aged 11-14)
- Wednesday night's 7:00pm – 9pm **Venturers** (Aged 14-17)
- Alternate Thursday night's 7pm to 10pm **Rovers** (Aged 18-26)

Newcomers are invited to try three nights before deciding. Registration involves fees, completion of the Y4 form, and investiture. The Y4 form ensures contact and injury coverage. Once received by the group leader, registration begins.

Adults

All in the group are volunteers from leaders to adult helpers. Parents/carers are essential to our youth-led, adult-supported ethos. Consider volunteering as a Committee member, Adult Helper, or Assistant Leader to support our mission. Helping us fundraise throughout the year is also essential to the quality of the program and facilities.

In our partnership, leaders will:

- Communicate regularly about your child's activities, requirements, and locations.
- Ensure your child feels welcome in our Scouting family.
- Plan safe activities approved by Scouting standards.
- Provide necessary equipment and teach safe usage.
- Teach and encourage adherence to Scouting's Law and Promise.

Parents will:

- Engage with their child's leaders, sharing information and feedback.
- Foster participation in the group's inclusive traditions.
- Support group activities through various means, including attendance and assistance.
- Contribute to improving group facilities through fundraising and volunteering.
- Uphold the ethos of Scouting at group events, aligning with its values both at home and in public.

As your youth is a part of Seymour Scouts you are required with the running of the group. This is done at a minimum by:

- **10 hours fundraising a year**
- **Or**
- **Helping with our group camps**
- **And helping out on the meeting nights**

Our Group has a commitment to quality Scouting and to your child's physical, mental, social and spiritual development.

Program

In today's Scouts Australia program, we unite as Scouts for a shared journey of growth. Unlike the past, where programs were fragmented, we now have one cohesive program spanning five sections (Joeys to Rovers). Transitioning between sections means embracing new adventures and opportunities, not unfamiliar structures. We honour our achievements using familiar building blocks and uphold our Method, including the patrol system and youth leadership. Outdoor competency is continuously recognised, and leadership opportunities start from day one. Resources are standardised, leaders are trained together, and collaboration across groups is enhanced. Our identity and progression are clear through section names and a symbolic framework.

Each section represents a stage of our journey: Joey Scouts discover, Cub Scouts pave the way, Scouts explore, Venturer Scouts broaden their horizons, and Rover Scouts venture beyond. Our section names reflect who we are and where we are in our journey, fostering a sense of belonging and progression.

Fees

The fees are broken down in the following way:

Starting fees	Continuing member, per year	Per Term (paid per term)
\$276 Scouts Victoria \$57 Group fee \$15 District fee \$45 Scarf, badges and book Total = \$393	\$276 Scouts Victoria \$57 Group fee \$15 District fee Total = \$348	\$20 for materials purchased for each meeting Total per year = \$80

Continuing member (\$348) + Term fees (\$80) = \$428

Starting member fee (\$393) + Term fees (\$80) = \$473

Uniforms

All uniforms can be bought from the Scouts Shop website, <https://scoutshop.com.au/>

Investiture

This is when your child, the new youth member, will make their promise and formally join the group. It happens after registration confirmation, three scout nights and when the child confirms that they wish to join our world-wide movement they will do so by making their scout promise in a formal ceremony. They will receive their 1st Seymour Scout scarf and Scouts Victoria log book to help track their journey.

Equipment

The four most important are a decent sleeping bag, a sleeping mat/stretchers, a torch and a dilly bag (containing cutlery, bowl, plate, cup and a tea towel). A great idea to begin their journey is a camp blanket (100% wool so it doesn't catch a stray ember from a camp fire). Camp blankets are a great way tracking their journey through Scouts as you'll soon begin a huge collection of camp badges that can be sewn onto the blanket.

Useful websites

www.scoutsvictoria.com.au

www.scoutshop.com.au

The Australian Scout Promise



There are two versions of the Australian Scout Promise.
Individuals may select which version they wish to make.



On my honour, I promise
To do my best,
To be true to my spiritual beliefs,
To contribute to my community and our world,
To help other people,
And to live by the Scout Law.

OR

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

The Australian Scout Law



1st Seymour
Be Respectful
Be friendly
Care for others and the environment

Scout Group
Do What is Right
Be trustworthy, honest and fair

Use resources wisely

Believe in Myself

Learn from my experiences

Face challenges with courage