



Albany Creek Scout Group

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Welcome to Albany Creek Scout Group

Thank you for expressing interest in your child joining the Albany Creek Scout Group. The information below should answer a number of questions.

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of youth and adults for over 100 years. Scouts are in every part of our community, and Scouts is the biggest and most successful youth organisation in Australia. By enrolling your child in Scouting you will be giving them the opportunity for a fun educational experience above and beyond what the school system offers. In this respect Scouting is often referred to as non-formal education.

Scouting, which has been in existence since 1907, and in Australia since 1908, is the largest youth leadership development organisation in the world. Children are accepted into Scouting from 5 years of age and may continue through the different sections until they are young adults at age 26.

Our Leaders are volunteers from the community, often the parents of Scout-age children, who have an interest in developing young people's potential. Leaders are put through a rigorous selection and training process. All potential Leaders are given full police and referee checks, must obtain a Blue Card, then supervised and trained fully before they are able to work with young people on their own. Leaders receive no financial reward for the work they do in the Group.

How do we join?

The first meeting at the Scout den is free and as a parent you are welcome to remain at the den and see what sort of activities your son/daughter will be involved in. Prior to this first meeting a Non-Member Activity Release and Indemnity form (F6) must be completed and handed to the Group or Section Leader. Following the first free trial meeting a Youth Member Registration form (A5) must be submitted and registration fee paid to Queensland Branch in order to permit further attendance.

If these forms have not been provided to you they can be downloaded from

<https://scoutsqld.com.au/members/management/forms/>

A six (6) week cooling off period is permitted if the new Youth Member decides that Scouting is not for them.

After submitting the Youth Membership Registration form you will receive an invitation to create a Operoo profile for your child. Operoo is a parent controlled electronic medical form that helps us exercise our duty of care. More information about Operoo can be found at <https://www.operoo.com/>



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Cost

There are several components to the cost of Scouting.

Scouts Queensland Membership

Upon joining a registration fee is payable directly to Scouts Queensland. Details of how to make payment are included in the Youth Member Registration Form. This fee, shown below, is based on the month in which your child joins Scouting.

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
\$163	\$150	\$137	\$124	\$111	\$98	\$163	\$150	\$137	\$124	\$111	\$98

Albany Creek Scout Group Fee

To assist the Group in meeting its running costs, including reregistration of your child with Scouts Queensland each 6 months, there is also a fee of **\$111.50 per term**. Our Treasurer will send you an invoice for this fee each term.

Section activities

Each section runs several activities throughout the year which may vary from a day or evening outing, a weekend sleepover or camp, through to a major State or National Event. There are even opportunities for older members (usually 14yo+) to attend International Scouting Events. Costs of these activities will be advised well in advance of them occurring.

Communication

As a member of the Albany Creek Scout Group you will receive email and social media communications from your child's section Section providing details of programmed activities, events and things that you need to know regarding your child's scouting journey. You will also receive email and social media communication from the Group Leader and Group Support Committee with regard to Group activities, support committee meetings and opportunities for you to be involved in your Scout's development and fun.

Please check your email regularly and respond as required.

The most important form of communication is personal contact. Please remember that our leaders and committee members are here to help and support the Group in providing Scouting to our Youth Members and as such we all share a common objective. Please talk to us!

Also check out our website <http://albanycreekscouts.weebly.com/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Albanycreekscouts/>

Group Support Committee

The Group Support Committee is made up of parents and other concerned parties and is the driving force that enables our Leaders to concentrate on providing fantastic programs to our Youth Members.

The Group Support Committee meets at least twice a term and is responsible to the Group Leader for advertising, member recruitment, fundraising and the provision of materials, equipment, venue and funds that enable us to provide the Scout program.



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This can be a hugely rewarding experience and there is always plenty to be done so new volunteers, regardless of how much time you have to give, are always welcome.

Executive Support Committee		
Chairman	Nicole Lee	chairman@albanycreek.scoutsqld.com.au
Secretary	Christine Redman	secretary@albanycreek.scoutsqld.com.au
Treasurer	Michel Panaioti	treasurer@albanycreek.scoutsqld.com.au
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Your Commitment

To summarize how you can help us to provide a rewarding and memorable scouting experience to your child, here is a list of how you can be involved:

- We need you to help, whenever possible, with fund-raising activities
- Help on working bees (2 or 3 times a year) or be available to assist when required if you have a trade or skill
- Help the Leaders during the year on meeting nights and on camps or other outings when needed
- Help with transport to camps and activities as required
- Pay your fees on time
- Support our Leaders as necessary when dealing with unacceptable behaviour
- Help maintain our den to be a clean and safe place to scout

Scouting is truly a team effort and your involvement in our Group will teach our Youth Members about commitment and team working for the benefit all.

In summary...

There is a cost to Scouting as few things come free in this world. If you have an issue meeting the costs of Scouting for your child don't be afraid to have a private chat with our Group Leader as there may be ways in which we can help you out.

What is more important is that you support your son or daughter throughout their time in Scouting, not just with money but with love and encouragement. We encourage you to get to know the Leaders, and other parents of children in the Group. Don't be surprised if we ask for your help in running a few events and activities throughout the year, as we cannot survive without your help.

Scouting isn't just somewhere else to drop the kids. It's a chance to grow up with them and that's a great experience for both of you. Your involvement with our group can be as flexible as you wish. The only things we do ask is that you show your interest and encouragement and give your time to participate with your child whenever you can.

Once again welcome to Scouting and Albany Creek Scout Group. We look forward to many years of enjoyable Scouting experiences for you and your child.