

Information Pack

PAMPHLETT-TENNYSON SEA SCOUT GROUP



**Pamphlett-
Tennyson**
Sea Scouts

2024



The Mission of Scouting

To contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Promise and Law, to help build a better world, where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

The Aim of Scouting

The purpose of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Principles of Scouting

The Principles of Scouting, as identified by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts serve their God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves, their families and the community in which they live.

Complaints

Sometimes things won't go as expected in your time in Scouts. If you feel there is a need to raise a complaint, please feel free to contact the Group Leader. Your concerns will be taken seriously and will be kept in confidence between you and the Group Leader.

Sometimes Section Leaders cannot offer the time to discuss these matters during a meeting, as they, well, have a meeting to facilitate. Please keep in writing your complaint and to email gl@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au and it will be answered at the earliest opportunity.



Stay Connected with us!

Email: contact@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au

Website: <https://www.pamphlettseascouts.org.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PamphlettTennysonSeaScouts/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@pamphlett-tennysonseascout315>



Welcome

Firstly, I'd like to thank you and your family for your consideration to join Scouts, and importantly our Sea Scout family! It is always a pleasure to be able to meet new families to decide to give Scouting a shot. Whether it's your first time, or you've been a member of another Group or in the past, we are thrilled for you to be part of our Group.

You might've noticed that our Scout Group is a little different from other Groups you've seen. As a Sea Scout Group, the difference between us and other Groups is that we have a stronger focus on water activities such as sailing, canoeing, and kayaking! We are one of two in Brisbane and pride ourselves on delivering both quality sea and land-based adventures with skilled Leaders with years of Scouting experience.

With this experience, Leaders facilitate your child to become responsible citizens through our SPICES principles, the Scout Method and the Youth Lead-Adult Support Model founded on fundamental core values derived from our Scout Promise and Scout Law.



YOUTH LEADING, ADULTS SUPPORTING

Scouting delivers to our communities resilient young people who have gained leadership experience, are physically active, and who care for others.



SOCIAL



PHYSICAL



INTELLECTUAL



CHARACTER



EMOTIONAL



SPIRITUAL

One Program, One Journey

Our new award scheme has changed to follow a simpler format for all Sections.

Program Essentials



These are our Milestones. They encourage your Scout to actively participate, assist, and lead on the weekly program activities that each Unit Council organises for the term.

Outdoor Adventurous Skills



This is the biggest change to the system. From Joeys to Rovers, the OAS system is recognised as you progress through Scouting. Once achieved, your Scout will hold that qualification going forward!

Peak Award Journey



This is the final climb of the Mountain journey. Your Scout needs to lead an adventurous journey, partake a leadership course, and finally, reflect on the journey to where they are.

As a parent, you will learn more about this system as your child progresses. You will also have lots of opportunities to support your child to get the most of what they want from Scouting.

Going Forward

Scouting is an inclusive and diverse organisation, and we proudly support our community through our programs and service. As parents, we will ask for your support from time to time to help us make this possible. We hope our Group is what your child needs to build themselves to be their best selves. Once again, welcome to Pamphlett-Tennyson Sea Scouts :)

Joe Kan – Group Leader



Membership Fees

For 2024, our Group fees totals at **\$530.00/yr.**

The fees cover but is not limited to:

- Branch Membership fees
- Insurance
- Trailer Registrations for Boats
- Leader Training
- Facility Maintenance

You can pay these fees on various payment plans; however, it needs to be arranged with our Treasurer. Fees are calculated on a *pro rata* basis. This means fees will be adjusted when your Scout joins.

We will issue a Xero invoice in due course and allow you to pay in two ways:

- Direct bank transfer
- Credit/Debit card via Stripe

Our bank account details to pay the invoice is:

Bank: Westpac BSB: 034-063 Account: 314627

Operoo

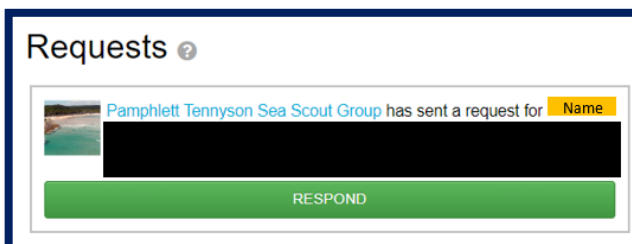


Scouts Queensland licenses Operoo, which is a forms, communication, and health management software. Operoo is very important for our Leaders, especially away from the Hall, to retrieve any medical information that you have disclosed about your child should a medical emergency arise. Upon joining, Operoo will request you to create a profile for your child. Please fill this profile out and maintain it if there is new information.

We also collect responses to activities away from the den as part of our duty of care responsibilities. Whilst this is a convenient system, we ask our parents to check your Operoo regularly to see if your child has outstanding responses to attend to.

We also recommend you create a rule filter to highlight or organise your email inbox for Operoo emails, as they can get “spammy.” You can generally find support pages on your respective email service (such as Gmail’s [page](#)) on how to set these up.

We also require you to indicate **yes** or **no** when an activity request is sent out. This is for our records and to indicate any catering costs if required. If no indication is provided, we will assume the response is **no**.





The Award Scheme

A beloved staple of Scouts is our Peak Awards! From Joeys to Rovers, the completion of the final award of the Section is a fulfilling and rewarding experience. Not everyone in Scouts aims for the Peak Award though!



As we mentioned earlier, the Scheme is broken into three components: Program Essentials, the Outdoor Adventurous Skills, and the Peak Award.

Milestones



The Milestones form the core component of our Program Essentials. Each Milestone is a representation of the active participation, assisting, and leading of normal weekly activities! From participating in a sailboat to leading a pioneering activity, the Milestones are the foundation of our award scheme.

The Milestones can be categorised across four areas:

- Community
- Creative
- Outdoors
- Personal Growth

These are called Challenge Areas and Scouts are encouraged to develop themselves across these areas by aiming their weekly programs to follow the Area themes. This can range from camping to leadership reflective courses!

Special Interest Areas



Scouts recognises that every Scout has personal hobbies and other skills develop each Scout. This is where our Special Interest Areas lie! It's a personal challenge to every Scout in eight areas that build upon your Scout's existing hobbies and skills. For example, if your Scout is good at sailing but teaching sailing is more difficult, your Scout can work towards building his teaching skills! These contribute to the Peak Award in each Section once your Scout completes enough of them.

Outdoor Adventurous Skills



This is the link between our program and the adventurous activities your Scout experiences! These develop the skills for a broad range of outdoor activities such as camping and sailing! There are two types of OAS badges: Core Skills and Specialist Skills.

Camping, bushwalking, and bushcraft are considered Core Skills and are used by Scouts in everyday activities like hikes, first aid, and navigation.

Specialist Skills focus on specific skill streams in six main areas. At our Group, we take great pride to advance our Scouts in the Boating and Sailing Stream!

It's important to know that the skills developed are aligned with the national activity standards and can later be recognised as national and VET competency skills!



Scouts Terrain

Unique to Scouts Australia, [Scouts Terrain](#) is our custom-built digital platform designed for 21st century Scouting and is more than just a platform to record the achievement of our Scouts. Scouts Terrain is a platform that will accompany your Scout throughout their journey and challenges Scouts to explore new adventures, to try new things, and to seek new pathways. A physical record book is still available to purchase if you still prefer that!

Outdoor Adventure Skills

Outdoor Adventure Skills provide structure to experiencing adventurous activities, whether it is refining skills in some areas, exploring new opportunities, or both!

Your Progress

Core skills

3 Bushcraft STAGE 3

6 Bushwalking STAGE 6

7 Camping STAGE 7

Meeting Nights and Locations

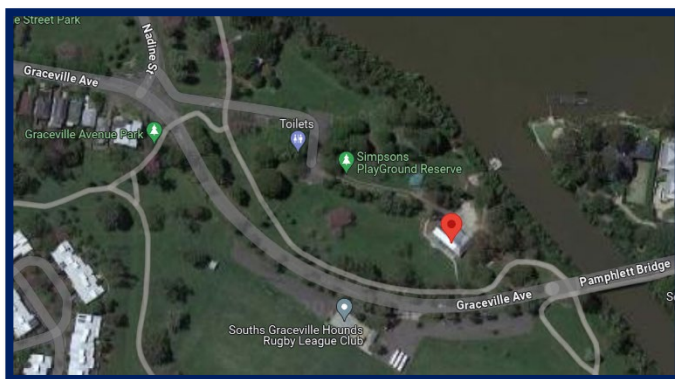
Scouting occurs at regular meetings throughout the school year. Sections usually meet once per week, but this can change depending on the program. The Group Council and Group Support Committee meet once per month. Normally Units meet at Pamphlett Hall.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Council at 7pm (every 1 st Monday) Committee at 7pm (every 2 nd Monday)	Cubs from 6:15pm – 7:30pm (at Pamphlett)	Rovers from 7:30pm – 9:30pm (at Tennyson)		Scouts from 7:00pm – 9:00pm (at Pamphlett) Venturers from 7:00pm – 9:00pm (at Tennyson)	Scouts-Rovers from 1pm – 5pm (every 2 nd Saturday during Term 1 and 4) for Sailing	

Our calendar: <https://www.pamphlettseascouts.org.au/resources/group-calendar>

Our Group has two venues we operate from:

- Pamphlett Hall (284 Graceville Avenue, Graceville)
- Tennyson Site (55 Vivian Street, Tennyson)





Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased online directly from the Scout Shop from this [link](#).

Your Scout is required to purchase:

- Section Uniform (button-up or polo)
- A Light Blue Youth Scarf ([linked](#))
- A woggle
- Queensland Scarf badge
- Sandstone pants/shorts

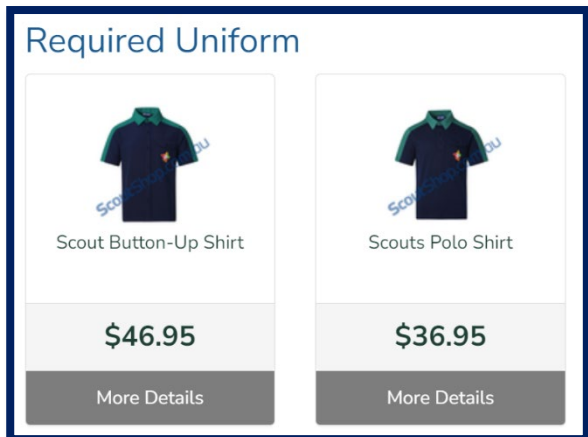
The scarf is a visual difference you will find only in Sea Scout Groups. We are permitted to wear the light blue scarf versus the standard maroon scarf across Queensland.

Sandstone is the official-coloured pants and is recommended to purchase this for official occasions. For regular meeting nights, any appropriately coloured shorts or pants is permitted.

Your Scout has the option of purchasing:

- A Sea Scout lanyard
- A (Sea) Scout belt
- Wide brim Scout hats
- Other associated Scout uniform merchandise

These are not required for the uniform, however, you may wear other Scout branded clothing appropriate to the occasion.



Unique Traditions of Scouting

When Scouts meet, we greet each other by shaking hands with the **left** hand. It is a symbolic gesture of friendship and trust. Its origins refer to the warriors that carried their shield with their left hand, therefore, to shake with the left hand requires discarding the shield and meeting openly and showing trust.

The Scout Salute is a gesture of respect and commitment. The salute is given with the right hand formed to display three fingers only. The three fingers of the Scout Salute represent the three key points of the promise (duty to your God, duty to self and duty to others). We only salute at parade and ceremonies.



Parental Involvement

Scouting doesn't stop when the weekly section meeting finishes! When your Scout is invested, they voluntarily take an oath of how they will live. We expect you to support and encourage them while at home, at school, or elsewhere, by:

- Encouraging completion of badgework
- Encouraging the adoption of the Scout Law and Promise
- Encouraging participation as fully as possible with the program
- Encouraging respect for Leaders, and Scouting in general

If your Scout will not be attending meetings, please notify your Leader at the earliest. If your Scout is regularly missing Scouts, we will begin to contact you to find out why as their safety and success in Scouting is a concern of ours.



All Scout Groups are run by volunteers only. We are no different. As such, we do have an expectation for parents to help out and assist our Leaders at our activities where possible. Your contribution is always appreciated at fundraising, working bees, and with logistics. We do know that not all families can contribute all the time, however, many hands make light work!

Supporting the Group

Do you have skills that you wish to share with us? Or impart life experiences onto our Scouts? We are always looking for more adult leadership to make sure our Group functions smoothly. There are also fee discounts for Scouts' where parents are signed up!

If you are interested in engaging with our Youth regularly, consider signing up as one of our Leaders! Your skills and experiences to support a Scout's development are lifelong and is a rewarding journey for yourself.

You have other skills you'd like to contribute? Consider signing up as one of many Committee members that makes sure our Group is financially stable, supporting our program by supplying resources to our Leaders, and grow our Group!

Talk to the Group Leader or the Chairperson to see what might be suitable for you!



Contact Information

For your ease, we've put some helpful contact information:

Name	Role	Email
Joe Kan	Group Leader	gl@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au
Darren Lelliot	Chairperson	chairman@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au
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Vacant	Treasurer	treasurer@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au
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Joe Kan	Venturer Section Leader	venturers@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au
Sam Lucena	Rover Unit Leader	pamphlett-tennyson@qldrovers.org.au

Interested to volunteer?

Can you see yourself having fun with our Scouts? Or you're interested in helping Scouts in another way? Your generosity means the world to us!

Please fill out this form, or scan the QR Code: [Volunteer](#)

Vacancies:

Leaders

We are always seeking volunteer Leaders to continue growing our Group!

Group Support Committee

- Treasurer (!)
- Quartermaster
- Webmaster
- Grants Officer
- Property Maintenance Officer

Email gl@ptss.scouts QLD.com.au if you have any questions!



Volunteer!

