

# Be Prepared...

to rediscover adventure!

**The most successful Scout Groups are those where there is strong adult support.**

What many people don't realise is that there are plenty of ways adults can get involved with or contribute to their local Scout Group without making the time commitment required for a uniformed Leadership role. Adults can help by:



- Assisting with activities
- Joining the Group Committee and/or assisting with admin
- Helping to fundraise
- Providing transport

- Volunteering for duties such as Scout Hall set up
- Helping with DIY jobs or gardening at the Scout Hall
- Organising a Group excursion to their workplace
- Assisting with food preparation
- Offering their unique talents and skills for a Group theme night

Volunteering for roles such as these helps to 'free up' the uniformed Leaders so they can focus on planning and running activities, and providing youth members with the best possible Scouting experience.

*"Scouting is very worthwhile. You meet so many people and go to so many places. I've never had so much fun in my life!"*

Volunteering with Scouts Australia gives you opportunities to:

- Encourage, mentor and empower young people to be their best
- Contribute to your local community
- Rediscover adventure yourself
- Involve the whole family in new adventure together
- Have fun
- Challenge yourself
- Get active
- Learn new skills
- Be appreciated
- Meet people with similar values
- Gain recognised Leadership and Management qualifications
- Travel within Australia and overseas



## VOLUNTEERS IN SCOUTING

*"I started helping out once a month, went on some camps, and I loved it so much that now I've become a Leader!"*

Adult volunteers can also choose to undertake training and become an Assistant Leader or a Leader with one of the Sections:

- Joey Scouts (6 - 8\*)
- Cub Scouts (7.5 - 11\*)
- Scouts (10.5 - 15\*)
- Venturer Scouts (14.5 - 18\*)
- Rovers (17.5 - 25)



\* Youth members transition to the next Section prior to, or on, the birthday indicated.

Leader roles vary through the Sections, as youth members take more responsibility for their activities as they progress in age.

*"It's so rewarding to know that I'm making a positive difference in the kids' lives and helping them be their best."*

Scout Leaders come from all walks of life, from parents of Scouts, to childhood Scouts, to people with no Scouting experience at all!

Leaders need to be motivated individuals with a commitment to providing varied, exciting and dynamic programs for their Scout Group. Scouts Australia helps Leaders deliver on that commitment by providing training and support in all aspects of Scouting, youth leadership, programming and safety.

Leader training is provided through the Scouts Australia Institute of Training, which is accredited to award nationally-recognised VET qualifications in Leadership and Management.

Normally, Leaders need to commit to Group meetings one night per week during school term, a monthly Leaders' meeting, and a few weekends a year for outdoor activities such as hiking and camping trips.

All of Scouts Australia's adult volunteers must undergo a standard police check to ensure the safety of our young members.

*No other organisation offers such a diverse variety of activities for young people across such a wide range of ages!*



Your local Scout Group:

