

For Parents

If you choose to join the world Scouting movement, your child will start on a journey of adventure, challenge and excitement. Through the coming years, Scouting will offer your child many opportunities to learn by doing and to develop and use the skills of leadership, initiative, self-reliance and independence. We seek to encourage a sense of responsibility and an understanding of what it means to commit to a code of living expressed in the Scout Law and Promise.

General Information and FEES

1st Strathmore Scout Group welcomes all boys and girls aged 8 to 15 to become part of our Cub Pack or Scout Troop.

The fees are presently set as follows:

Fees for the 2015-2016 Financial Year

District fee	\$13.50	This contributes towards the upkeep of the District campsite - Rowallan
Scouts Victoria Registration fee	\$168	Compulsory fee for all members that covers Registration and Insurance
Group fee	\$300	Covers Leaders Training & registration and utilities/equipment/cleaning and maintenance of scout hall
Joining Fee	\$30	Once off when joining - covers scarf, woggle, book & badge

Fees cover the period 1 July 2015 through to 30 June 2016. For new members joining part way through the Scout year, the fees will be pro-rated according to the quarter (School Term) in which they commence. The youth are not covered for Insurance and Registration purposes until accounts are finalised.

The Group relies on all families contributing to the fundraising activities held throughout the year to be able to keep the fees at these levels.

Discounts

Families with more than one child invested at 1st Strathmore will receive the following discount for Group Fees:

\$150	Second Child
\$ 75	Third / Subsequent Child

Leader's 1st Child (after 12 months in role) do not pay any Group Fees,
2nd child pays \$150, 3rd child \$75

Venturers at Park Air will be charged the normal fees by 5th Keilor Group and the Scout Registration Fee by 1st Strathmore group.

Meeting Times

Cub Scouts	8 - 11 year old boys and girls	Thursday	7.00 – 8.30pm
Scouts	11 - 15 year old boys and girls	Wednesday	7.00 – 9.00pm
Venturers	14 - 18 year old boys and girls	Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30pm

Joining Scouts, Cubs or Venturers (boys and girls)

New cubs and scouts generally are asked to attend for four to six weeks before they are invested. We ask that the new chums do this so that they can see what it is like before they make a firm commitment to joining. However, for insurance purposes, an application for membership must be completed as soon as possible. For investiture a scouting uniform will have to be purchased and scouting fees paid.

Helping Out

Ours is a voluntary organisation and we do rely heavily on parent support. If you are not prepared to give this support, you should reconsider your decision to have your child join.

It is expected that every family that joins the Scout group will contribute in some way to its smooth and continued operation.

The support given will depend on the individual circumstances of each family. The group needs to produce scout leaders and assistants, parent committee members and lots of helpers for fundraisers and working bees. (We are particularly keen to get additional leaders for both the scout and cub groups, so if this interests you, please talk to the group leader).

Cubs Information

We require parents to sign the attendance book each night when dropping off and picking up the Cubs.

We require parents to assist the Cub Pack Leaders by attending the Cub session once per term as per the Parent Helper roster and we also ask parents to participate in Pack activities and the parents committee.

Our program follows the school terms and we publish term programs and newsletters.

New Cubs (*New Chums*) aged between 7 to 10½ wear a white scarf for 6 weeks and generally on the seventh week they will need their uniform (sold at Snowgum) so they can be invested and presented with their badges, group scarf and woggle.

Our AIM is to encourage the PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL and SPIRITUAL development of young people,

And we do it through:

**ADVENTURE OUTDOORS CHALLENGE SERVICE
GAMES ACTION FUN HIKES CAMPS FRIENDS**