

Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts

Parents & Carers: What is Our Role?



Welcome to LGSS – part of the largest youth organisation in the world (over 30 million members in 161 countries). Here at LGSS our numbers are a little more modest. We have just over 100 youth members in Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers and more than a dozen qualified scout leaders.

When your child joined LGSS, you also became a member of the scouting family.

The Scout Organisation – A Brief Glimpse

Each scout group runs itself within the Scouts Australia framework. ACT Branch looks after all scout groups in the Canberra region and manages issues such as policy, whole-of-ACT scouting activities, insurance, etc.

Our scout group has a **Group Council** (all the leaders) and a **Group Support Committee**. The Group Council manages and delivers scouting activities and the committee supports these with resources. The Group Council is run by the Group Leader and the Committee by the President. The Group Leader is also a member of the Committee.



All equipment, buildings and fittings are paid for by the Group. Fees and fundraising activities also pay for running costs (heating, water, repairs, maintenance, etc) and much of what we have in place is there because of voluntary work by our members.

Important People

It's all about our youth members! All of us volunteer our time to provide an exciting, challenging, rewarding, safe and enjoyable scouting experience at all levels.

To make this happen, a number of important groups of people are needed:

- **Leaders.** Scout leaders receive accredited training (a combination of on-line, hands-on and supervised on-the-job training) so that they can lead youth members by planning, organising and supervising programmes of activities. Leaders wear a special uniform so that they can be easily recognised.

To become a leader:

- Complete leader training (part-time, on-line, practical, on-the-job).
- Expect to spend around 3 – 4 hours a week. Joeys rarely leave the Scout Hall but other sections have longer activity every term (usually over the weekend).

Interested
in becoming
a leader?

Contact the
Group
Leader

- Leaders tend to specialise in working with Joeys, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers and some of their training is for that section.
- LGSS meets the costs of all leader training. Successful completion of training. The training is fully accredited under the Australian Qualifications Framework. (see <http://www.scouts.com.au/adult-program/scouts-australia-institute-of-training>).

Interested in becoming an Adult Helper?

Contact the Section Leader or the Committee

- **Adult Helpers.** Adult helpers are ordinary parents and carers who help leaders deliver the scouting programme by helping to deliver youth programmes (e.g. a Cub camp cook) which frees up the leader's time to run activities.
 - Adult helpers assist in running fundraising (you can become an expert sausage sizzle master!), undertaking small tasks (e.g. mow the lawn at the hall, fix a broken door, repair a boat).
 - Some adult helpers have special skills.

To become an Adult Helper:

- Expect to spend around 1 – 2 hours a week.
- Work with a section, assisting the scout leaders deliver the youth programme programme.
- Help out around the Group – working bees, fundraising activities, etc.
- The time you provide is flexible – give as little or as much as you feel reasonable.

- **Support Committee Members.** The Group Support Committee ("Committee") supports the scout group by managing group resources, property, equipment and funds. Committee members are not involved in delivering training but support the Group Leader's task of delivering the scouting programme. The committee consists of a:

Interested in joining the Committee?

Contact the President or any Committee member.

Our Annual General Meeting is on 22 March at the Scout Hall.

- President,
- Vice President,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer,
- Quartermaster,
- Publicity Officer,
- Hall Hire Coordinator, and
- a number of general committee members.

To become a Committee Member:

- Expect to spend at least 1 – 2 hours a week throughout the year: this is an average and there are times when you may be needed for a longer period;
- Work with other committee members, adult helpers and leaders.

- Committee members may be experienced administrators or those who want to pick up some new skills or just help out!

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