



Scouts in ACTion

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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National School in Adventurous Activities



Scouts Australia is opening its first National School in Adventurous Activities for Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to get nationally accredited qualifications in Outdoor Recreation (Certificate II, III, or IV), depending on their current skill and previous history. This also has the potential for future employment in the outdoor industry.

This exciting camp will last for 12 Days between 13 to 25 January. It will cover activity streams like bushwalking, abseiling, canyoning, caving, canoeing/kayaking, Sailing with some possible options; or a more concentrated stream involving just one or two activities. This will allow you to not only do what you love but get nationally recognised qualifications for it! This is an exciting time for Scouting, with it leading the way in the outdoors while complying with current industry requirements.

For more information about joining the AA school, please visit the national website, scouts.com.au or email adventurous.activities@nsw.scouts.com.au

From the Chief



Change is all around us this month. At our recent National meetings it was decided to introduce a new category of membership – that of Trainee Leader. Soon you will see our new leaders wearing a "Leader in Training" name badge once they have gained their Certificate of Adult Membership.

You might have already noticed that some leaders have been wearing new shoulder flashes denoting their Scouting appointment. (Tan for Joey Scouts, yellow for Cub Scouts, green for Scouts, maroon for Venturer Scouts, red for Rover Scouts, white for Group Leaders and purple for Branch appointments). These badges will be issued to all leaders when they receive their Certificate of Adult Leadership.

Our hard working Group Support Committee members are not being left out either. They are being awarded a Certificate of Appointment signed by their Group Leader. They will need to complete our new Application for Appointment as an Adult Member form and agree to our Code of Conduct and of course have a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

There have been two other changes in Scouts ACT Branch – our Branch Office refurbishment is now well under way – so make sure you call in and see how the new look is taking shape. The second change is happening at our Cottermouth Campsite. At the time of writing this report we are hours away from the five containers being stacked on top of each other to form our abseiling, flying fox, climbing tower. By the time you read this the tower will be in place just waiting to challenge your sense of adventure. I can't wait!

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Scouts in Action Week

"Scouting in the Community" - 19th - 25th August 2013



This year Scouts in Action Week is about getting out into the community and partnering with other community organisations to complete a project or activity. Examples could include linking with a local environment group to complete a landcare project.

Other activities may be collecting food for the local animal shelter, this could be run as a Mob Buddy Badge project for Joey Scouts. How about running a program for disadvantaged youth and introducing them to Scouting?

This year's theme lends itself to a number of possibilities for Scout Groups across Australia, including but certainly not limited to engaging with other community groups we would not normally conduct activities with. This is a great opportunity to

showcase and promote Scouting and benefit the community.

To participate is very easy, go to the website, www.scoutsinaction.com and register your Group. So far we have 555 Scouts in the ACT who are taking part (well done), and many more to come. Will you be one of them?

Need for Speed - Scouting style!

Did you know Scouts ACT has a motor sports team and your Group / Section can book them out?

One of the many activities that all Sections can get involved in is, Slot Car Racing! This is a must add to your scouting program. Recently the Southwell Scouts were at the controls of the Slot Cars and they loved every second of it. The evening started off with safety demonstrations and talks, after that the Scouts took the controls and were flying off the starting grid (and the tracks a lot of the time).

The slot cars are very fast and with a lot of practice you can race around the entire track in under 2 seconds. If you would like to add slot car racing to your scouting program then please contact Craig Muller on motor.sport@scoutsact.org.au

Good luck to all participants at the Billy Cart Derby on Sunday the 28th of July!



Your Group or event in the next "Scouts in ACTION"

Would you like your Group / event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION? It's so simple! Contact Tyron at Branch Office on (02) 6282 5211 or email development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au and we will add your story to the next newsletter.