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16th Annual Jamboree On The Trail 11th May 2013

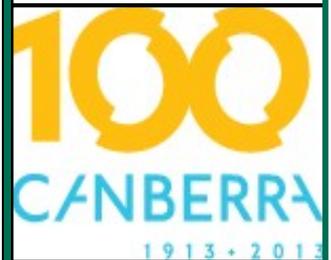
Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT) is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. All Scouts, whatever their age and where ever they may be in the world, are invited to participate in what ever way they can.

Cubs and Joeys can visit a local nature trail as part of a weekend camp. A Scout Troop might check out a hiking trail while working on an award requirement. A Rover Crew might make a Service Project out of restoring or maintaining a hiking trail. What ever your section chooses to do everyone will be hiking in the same direction: towards a better future through Scouting. JOTT is held on the second Saturday of May each year.



Registration is \$3.00 each which includes the badge and administration, plus \$3.00 per order for packaging and postage or \$1 for orders under \$10. Please contact Peter Thomas at plthomas@grapevine.com.au for a registration form or visit the website www.jott.org

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From the Chief



March was extra busy with the celebration of Canberra's Centenary. On Monday March 12 around 120 of our members assisted in a support role (in uniform) for the big Canberra Birthday celebration by the lake. Thank you to Max and his team for an excellent example of community service (and PR). Added to this we were invited to welcome the President of Myanmar at a special reception at Government House. 20 youth members (Joeys to Scouts) and Rovers and Leaders led by David Cosart were our proud ambassadors of Scouting.

At the recent meeting of the National Operation Team in Hobart, changes were recommended to our Policy and Rules regarding Child Protection; the Rover Review Implementation Team gave an up to date report on the new Rover Scout Award Scheme; our current system of Adult Recognition awards was given an overhaul and the topic of a common membership system was discussed.

Stay tuned for news of our 10th ACT Cuboree "Under Construction" January 17 – 21 January 2014. The Activity teams are forming and starting to weave the special magic that makes our Cuborees so special. Pack visits will start soon and application forms will be available shortly.



Clean up Australia day with Mount Mugga Scout Group

By Stuart and Jocelyn Beardmore

On a sunny Sunday morning twenty three of us went to Red Hill to clean up our surrounding natural environment, thankfully it looked clean and green. We split up into two groups, one group went one way the other group went a different way. My group went and looked at a few spots, one spot had a lot of glass and we picked some of it up. Then we went to a different spot and picked up a lot of glass bottles, we also picked up lots of plastic along the way. We also found a bicycle frame and wire from a power pole, if someone wants them back they will have to go and check the recycling area at the Mugga tip!!

Stuart Beardmore, 12, Mt Mugga Scouts

We had a beautiful day, and compared to previous years we also had lots of volunteers!! I am a parent helper and had the opportunity to get to know some of the new Cubs that had joined, although I still got some mixed up. Initially the children were getting disgruntled because we didn't find more than a few plastic bottles. We were even congratulating the people around Red Hill for keeping the park so clean. Then, we hit the mother load – twice!! These two gullies had 62 beer bottles and boxes in them. We were able to fill several recycling bags up to the brim. We also used this exercise to show what could be put into the recycling or rubbish – so, hopefully, the Cubs will be able to take that lesson home and help with the rubbish and recycling. At the end we took a photo of our haul before we headed home for a shower and lunch.

Jocelyn Beardmore, Adult Helper, Mt Mugga Scouts



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Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts (LTSS) Group Camp

By Michelle Taylor

The weekend started with a flurry of activity, with the advance party (the trailer with tents) being one of the last to arrive due to having to back track to find the luggage that flew off the roof. We never did find poor Hanna's bag. The Heslop's family had a slight delay when they had a spike go through their tyre. Then there was the Shute/Hansen family who brought down the big red car and just kept putting more and more food into it. It was close to busting, but the "I'm sure I can fit some more in" attitude from Lee had it packed to the rafters.

Back at the camp, those who had arrived were busy putting up what they could, so those who turned up next were greeted by the familiar and welcoming yellow group marquees. All hands hit the deck when young Cub Charlotte asked for a band aid for her bleeding finger, she was learning how to hammer in tent pegs on her first camp. Needless to say she forget to mention until Sunday morning, the other finger (which was now black, blue and swollen), got a really good hit too. That didn't stop her from canoeing, swimming and doing many of the other activities that were on offer.

Finally we were all there and so was the gear – next we quickly set up 13 Scout tents, 1 venturer tent, 3 adult tents and a number of camper trailers on our campsite. Before bed we had to remember some important events. It was Ella, Jack and Lachlan's birthday, but wait Lachlan reminded us "it is Baden Powell's birthday too." "Ah yes" the leaders all went, he's right. So a quick little history on Baden Powell, Scouting in the World and why we are grateful for his vision as it had us all here today. Out came 2 chocolate cakes, an apple pie and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday before bed called us.

Saturday morning saw the senior Scouts and Venturers disappear up the river in the canoes with Leaders "Trout" and "Twiga" for 3 hours of exploring the river ways. Lots of good times and swimming were had and they all came back wet and smiling. The Joeys arrived for the day and whilst the others played games, they went on the giant water slide, did a scavenger hunt and made rope swings in the trees around the campsite.



After our day trippers went home we needed some more entertainment. So everyone was split into groups of four, mixing sections, nights and ages. They went away to go and think of a quick act to provide after dinner. The entertainment was spectacular – Gang Show would be worried about the talent LTSS holds. From a simple little favorite like Twinkle Twinkle Little Star they made up a production about bullying, another group read the latest news and our two favorites were Trout and Twiga trying to eat with no arms. They had 2 leaders sit behind them and lend them their arms, as you can imagine it was a total mess! Another old favourite by the cubs was "I don't want be a duck" which got the whole group up doing the chicken dance. Lots of laughter had by all.



Sunday brought the rain but the weather was still warm, so we decided to hit the canoes and river whilst the rain eased and the tents dried. This proved to be a bad call by the leaders as the rain didn't stop and got heavier, so packing up was a bit of a challenge. To the scouts, adults and leaders credit, packing up was all done quickly and everyone pitched in. Unfortunately despite having eaten all the food and having more space the packaging didn't seem to go back the same way as it went in.

We all finally arrived in Canberra to worse weather but a good load of people at the hall to help unpack, hang tents and take their children home. The weekend was a huge success and a great time had by over 50 Scouts and 20 adults/leaders. It is very rare that the Joeys go camping so to have 4 of them was fantastic. As one very wise Scout pointed out to me on the trip "this is like a Jamboree for them" how true that is. A Venture and Jamboree last 10 days, a Cuboree 4 days and now our very own "Joeyoree" is 2 days.



Sirius Cup 2013

By Joe Coppin and the Sea Scouts



On the 8th of March over a 100 scouting brothers sisters and parents made their way to the glorious foreshores of Sydney Harbour for two sun filled days of hard work but fun work.

The Sirius cup is one of the largest regattas for Scouts in Australia and we are blessed with the use of Balmoral Oval as a camp site for one weekend every year. Now if you've never been to Balmoral it's an experience like no other with views through out the harbor heads.

The Sailing here is some of the most exciting you can encounter with great winds, an ocean swell beating on the cliff faces and ferries and mansions afloat to boot. Added to that the excitement of the 16fts racing boats on Saturday who were amongst us (professional sailors who don't mess around, they are paid to win).

Our three Sea Scout Groups, Lake Tuggeranong, Lake Burley Griffin and Lake Ginninderra were all allocated camp sites at each back corner of the oval and one in the middle. Despite the distance between the Groups nothing seemed to fade their team spirit and camaraderie.



Our Scouts showed great team work throughout the event but especially through the crew registrations, boat inspections, reinspections, launching and recovering craft at the end of each race.

We had several valiant Cubs and Leaders who took part in the canoe and marathon events, well done on a great effort in difficult paddling conditions.

To top it all off, two of our Groups brought home trophies, a fantastic effort from everyone! The real winners were all the youth participants and we were amazed to see how much they had grown in confidence and abilities, it was truly a great exercise in personal growth and development.

A great scouting experience for everyone and Huge Bravooooo to the leaders and parents who undertook the towing, feeding, nursing and for some of us leaders sailing (its hard but someone's got to do it!!).

