



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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The 2013 Centenary Camp of Canberra

By now you will have seen the magnificent hot air balloon that ACT Scouts are lucky enough to have as part of the adventurous activities program. The Balloon is one part of Scouts ACT's celebration of the Centenary.

So how will Scouting be celebrating the Centenary of Canberra? How do we celebrate anything? **With a camp of course!**

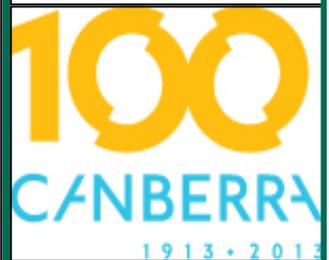
The 2013 Centenary Camp of Canberra, will be a "group family" camp and will be held on the "Family and Community Day" long weekend (27-30 September 2013). We are presently negotiating with ACT Government to hold it within the city itself! The camp will include a variety of activities put on by our Branch teams, as well as time to do your own thing at a group and section level. It will be a great weekend, so put it in your calendar now!

What else is happening? **100 Gifts for the city!** To make this a celebration of our city and our community, each section is invited to do something for your community, and to nominate a gift, or project that your section will undertake as a gift to the people and community of Canberra. Watch out for details of this, the Centenary Trail, the Centenary Award, sectional program ideas and more in the Centenary Program which will be circulated in October!

If you want to get involved, please contact our Centenary Commissioner Max at michaelmcdonell@yahoo.com.au for details of how you can get involved.

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From the Chief



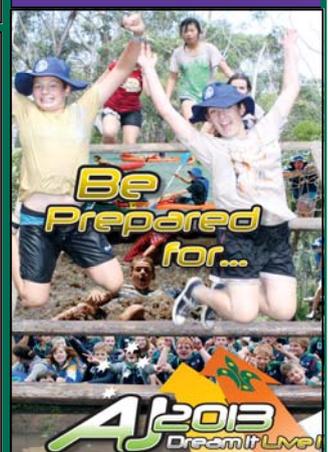
Your Branch teams have been extra busy lately. Here are some of the exciting adventures they have planned for you.

Max McDonnell has been chairing a team to help Scouts ACT celebrate the 100th birthday of the City of Canberra in 2013. Stay tuned to find out details of our Centenary Camp and how we might do 100 good deeds for the city. Of course if you have some great ideas let Max know on michaelmcdonell@yahoo.com.au

Alan Murray, our Australian Jamboree contingent leader and his team have been working hard preparing our 421 troop members (plus a sprinkling of NZ scouts) to get ready to "Dream It, Live It" at Maryborough, Qld in January.

Joe Coppin, Assistant Chief Commissioner, Adventurous Activities, and his teams have been working hard getting our new abseiling tower off the ground (literally). Containers have been delivered at the Cotter and the support posts are about to go in to anchor the huge structure. Joe is keen to have lots of help so watch ScoutsIt for details of working bees. Joe can be reached at jpcoppin@bigpond.com

Lastly for now, Environment Commissioner, John Feint, has been working with another community organisation called, SEE Change to explore ways in which our Scout Groups might be able to cut energy costs with the installation of solar panels. For more information on how your Group might be involved, contact John at jfeint@gmail.com



ACT Scouts Motor Sports Forum



There will be an open forum at Branch Office (89 Kitchener St, Garran) on Wednesday the 5th September at 7:30pm to discuss the various program ideas for Motor Sports in Scouts ACT.

This new and very exciting program will be available to all Sections and volunteers and could include activities like slot car races, a billy cart derby, remote control cars, an introduction for driving, go karts, basic motor maintenance, defensive driving, and a 4WD introduction just to name a few.

If you'd like to help shape the Motor Sport offerings or just hear what is in the pipeline then come along to the forum. If you cannot attend the forum but would like to contribute then please contact our Commissioner for Motor Sports, Craig Muller on 0419 255 356 or motor.sport@scoutsact.org.au

Indigenous art evening at Kama Scout Group

It was a special evening for the Joeys and Cubs at the Kama Scout Group as they had an extra special guest, Aboriginal artist Greg Joseph (Yidinji). Yidinji spoke about Aboriginal art and helped the Group make a large piece of artwork by getting everyone to place hand prints and dotted patterns on a canvas. He even played the didgerido for Group.



Construction of the Rock Climbing & Abseiling Tower

As you may already know, Scouts ACT is getting a Rock Climbing and Abseiling Tower built at Camp Cottermouth. The building process has already started but we could really do with an extra set of hands. If you would like to be part of this exciting project then please contact Joe Coppin our Adventurous Activities Commissioner on 0409 390 172 or email him jpcoppin@bigpond.com

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? Its 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.