



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

February 2012

Summer Camp 2012



6 days in January and all 4 Seasons – That was Summer Camp 2012. Around 210 Scouts and 40 Leaders spent the 6th to 12th January in a program that involved 13 separate activities spread across 11 rotation periods. Scouts were challenged by Rogaining, Canoeing, Abseiling, Cycling, a Scout Forum, Geo-caching, Scarf and Woggle making, a Water Slide and Dunking Tank, Pioneering, Frisbee Golf, The Cotter Project (camp service), The Navigation Game, Landboats and the Gorilla Chronicles (a Scout reported news paper). At night there were movies, Talent Scout, Cotter Markets, Troop Night and Gang Show.

All of this was achieved despite fickle weather with hot days, cold days (which forced the closure of some water activities), high winds that would have blown the abseilers off their rope and did destroy some dining shelters and tents.

For these 6 days the spirit and values of Scouting were alive and well and scouts gained a valuable insight into what it will be like to attend AJ2013 (all be it on a vastly smaller scale and under markedly different climatic conditions) The Gorilla Chronicles can be seen along with photographs of the camp at www.actscouts.com

From the Chief



This month marks the 155th anniversary of the birth of Scouting Founder Lord Robert Baden Powell of Gilwell (born in 1857). On February 22 or as close to it as possible why not hold your own celebration to commemorate Founder's Day. Of course the Girl Guide Movement has a double celebration as it is also the birthday of Lady Olave Baden Powell. This year, why not invite your nearest Guide Unit to celebrate with you? In future years would you like a Region or Branch event to be organised?

2012 promises to be another great year – our City of Canberra is 99 – and we are planning to be involved in the 100th celebrations in 2013. With birthdays we often think about presents and this birthday is no different. My challenge to you is to think about what gift Scouts ACT members might give the City in 2013? Could it be an act of service or something more tangible? Send your ideas to wendy.freeman@act.scouts.asn.au and let's see what we can do for our Centennial City!

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Clean Up Australia Day - 4th March 2012



Scout Groups across Australia have supported the nation's largest community-based environmental event - Clean Up Australia Day - since its commencement in 1990. The flagship Clean Up Australia Day Event is held each year on the first Sunday of March, though a Clean Up Australia event can be held at any time of year! Clean Up Australia Day inspires and empowers communities, schools and businesses to clean up, fix up and conserve their local environment. The event has grown to become the **nation's largest environmental community participation event**. This year Clean Up Australia Day will be on **Sunday, 4 March 2012**. Being part of an Australian team is an opportunity of a lifetime so why not

join the 2012 Clean Up Australia Day team and take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment. Last year 565 510 volunteers together cleaned up over 16,454 tonnes of rubbish at 7,479 registered sites across Australia.

So join Clean Up Australia on Sunday 4 March or learn more about Year Round Clean Ups by going to: <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au> or by calling 1800 282 329.

Duchess of Cambridge volunteers with Scouting

HRH The Duchess of Cambridge has become Scouts United Kingdom's newest volunteer and will help at Beaver Scout Colonies (6-8 year olds) and Cub Scout Packs (8-10½ year olds) close to where she is living.

After spending time considering a number of organisations, The Duchess has chosen to volunteer with Scouting UK because she has been so impressed by the impact that Scouting has on young people and on communities.



Wild Dayz 2012

The 15th Australian Venture, known as "Wild Dayz" was held at Quercus Park, Carrick, Tasmania from 3rd - 14th January 2012.

The Australian Venture is the major National youth event for the Venturer section (14 - 18 years old) of Scouts Australia. For 10 days our Venturers have been able to experience the best of what Tasmania has to offer, tried out activities and challenges they may have never dreamed of doing and made friends for life!

More information will be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION but in the meantime you can find out more by visiting the Venturers Blog: <http://wilddayz2012actcontingent.blogspot.com/> or their Facebook page.

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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.