






Palm Beach Scout Group



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- Scouting:** Is in 27 countries and has over 25 million members.
Youth members are aged between 6-26 years of age.
Scouting is the largest youth organisation in the world.
Scouting is portable around the country and the world.
- Aims:** Physical, Intellectual, Social, Spiritual and Emotional
Development of Youth Members, so they can take a constructive
place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their
local, national and international communities.
- The Group:** The Group Leader oversees the Group Council consisting of all
the Leaders in the Group, as well as the Group Committee (a
parent body charged with providing all the resources required to
run the Group).
- Sections:** A Section in Scouting is:
-  Joey Scout Mob (6 - 8 year olds)
 -  Cub Scout Pack (7 – 11 year olds)
 -  Scout Troop (10 – 15 year olds)
 -  Venturer Unit (14 – 18 year olds)
 -  Rover Crew (17 – 26 year olds)
- New Chum:** While learning to be a Scout in the first few weeks your child will
be a “New Chum”.
Once all the required learning is complete, an investiture will take
place where your child is formally taken into the movement and
presented with all the basic badges of membership and is able to
wear the uniform.
He/she will be put into a Six (Cubs), or a Patrol for Scouts, led by
a Sixer or a Patrol Leader.
- Left Handshake:** Your Scout will soon be able to explain the left handshake and the
parades to you.
- Investiture:** Please feel free to take photos/video and invites friends and
family.
It is a brief ceremony normally at the beginning of our normal
meeting where the Scout makes his/her Promise agreeing to live
by the Cub or Scout Law.

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- Cub Scout Law:** Cubs Scouts are Loyal and obedient.
Cub Scouts do not give in to themselves.
- Cub Scout Promise:** On my honour I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to my God, and to Australia, to help other people, and to live by the Cub Scout Law.
- Scout Law:** A Scout is Trustworthy,
A Scout is Loyal,
A Scout is Helpful,
A Scout is Friendly,
A Scout is Cheerful,
A Scout is Considerate,
A Scout is Thrifty,
A Scout is Courageous,
A Scout is Respectful,
A Scout Cares for the Environment.
- Scout and Venturer Promise:** On my honour I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to my God, and to Australia, to help other people, and to live by the Scout Law.
- Principles of Scouting:** Duty to God, Duty to Others, Duty to Self (represented by the three fingers of our Scout Sign and Salute).
- Religious Policy:** Scouts are expected to have a belief in God.
We pray together as a Section at opening and closing ceremonies.
Scout's Own is a quiet time of devotion put together by the youth members on camps and may include songs, prayer, bible readings, personal thoughts, reflective time etc.
- Leaders:** All leaders are current blue card holders
All leaders are volunteers and need your support.
They undertake regular training to keep up to date with Scouting guidelines and procedures in their own time and sometimes at their own expense.
- Adult Support Members:** Adult Support Members may wear uniform or choose simply to wear the scarf and woggle. They are usually parents who choose to help on a regular basis and undertake a minimal amount of training (just a few hours) and deserve every bit as much consideration as the other Leaders.

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- Resources:** The Scout Record Book will be provided to your child when they join. This book will track their Scouting journey. And will provide details of levels for badge work.
- Parent's Role:** Encourage completion of badge work, adoption of the Law and Promise, full participation, respect for Leaders and Scouting in general.
Also, be aware of the required Adult-Youth Member ratios which must be maintained. For Cub Scouts 1-8 at the Den, 1-6 when out and about and 1-4 during water activities. If you notice the ratio is not right, please stay on until other adults arrive to avoid the activity being cancelled!
- Uniform:** Available from the Scout Shop – Navy shirt with strips down the arms in the appropriate colour for your child's section (Cubs - yellow, Scouts - green, Venturers - maroon), button through or polo style. Also required as a mandatory part of the uniform is a maroon scarf and woggle.
Above is to be worn with plain navy, black or tan shorts, skirt, or pants and closed in shoes,.
A hat is required for outdoor activities.
- Fees:** As these may vary from time to time and are usually re-set each year, your Leader will be able to give you the most up to date information regarding current fees.
- Sign In:** Cub and Joey Youth members must be signed in for each meeting and activity and signed out by a parent or guardian.
Youth members are not permitted to leave the den/activity until signed out. This is a safety requirement as sign in sheet used as emergency checklist.
Advance notice is required if Scout to be collected by anyone other than parent/guardian. Standing arrangements are welcome.
Please ensure Leaders are aware of developing custody arrangements and/or potential illnesses, health concerns, or special needs.

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- Badge Work:** Not compulsory, but helps your Scout get the most from their Scouting (and your Scouting dollar!). Our policy is clear that Leaders/Adult Support Members do not sign badge work for their own child.
- Camps:** Fully completed, signed permission forms with fees MUST be returned to Leader by the DUE DATE.
Form/money not in, no go.
No refunds issued after closing date as deposits, equipment and sometimes food have all been paid for at this time.
Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time.
Contact phone numbers (around the clock) need to be given to Leaders.
Closed in shoes to be worn at all times, sometimes a pair of shoes suitable for wearing in the water are also required.
Medication must be in pharmacy packaging with a letter advising Leaders of the dosage, times and how to be taken (i.e. before or after food), if “as required” be specific about the circumstances under which to be taken and space between doses, e.g. asthma medication. This includes Panadol and puffers.
Do not send extra food or sweets – these have been known to cause illness or worse for allergic or diabetic children with whom your child may share.
No money on camps unless specified.
Dilly bag (plate, cup, cutlery, tea towel etc) required.
- Behaviour:** Rudeness, disobedience, excess roughness and inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Bullying behaviour will also not be tolerated under any circumstances.
Time out will be enforced twice, then parents called to collect youth member IMMEDIATELY from wherever the youth member may be, i.e. at Den or away on camp – no matter where.
Fees will not be refunded.

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**Parent
Involvement:**

Scouting is voluntary.

All Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Youth Helpers and Committee Members at Palm Beach Scouts are volunteers and give their time willingly.

Palm Beach Scout Group requires all parents to become involved in their child's Scouting life and parent participation on the Committee is essential to ensure the Scout Group remains viable and is able to provide a place for your child to enjoy Scouting.

If everyone does a little, then the load is shared and expectations are not put on just a few.

The Annual General Meeting is expected to be attended by at least one representative from each Scouting family – it is not an optional meeting!

We have attached a Scout Group Support Resource Survey and ask that parents complete this form and return to the Committee as soon as possible.

In Scouting we are always looking for Leaders at all levels, from Group Leader to Cub Pack Leader. If you are interested in becoming a Leader, please contact us for more information.

**We thank you for entrusting your child to the Scouting
Movement.**

**We look forward to creating wonderful memories with your
child and watching them grow and develop.**