



**Scouts**  
QUEENSLAND

# Introduction to Scouting

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# The Benefits of Scouting



Scouting delivers to our communities resilient young people who have gained leadership experience, are physically active and who care for others.

The [Scouts Australia website](#) outlines more details about our mission, our purpose, our principles, motto, values and method.

Make sure you check it out so you too can talk about how you contribute to the development of young people.

**Why are you Scouting?**



# Welcome



## Welcome to Scouting!

Scouts Queensland is a branch of Scouts Australia, part of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM). There are over 60 million Scouts participating in the global Scout program, making Scouts one of the largest youth organisations in the world.

Throughout Queensland communities Scouting occurs in around 200 Scout Groups, representing over 8,600 youth members.

Scouting doesn't happen without volunteers and families. Thank you for all that you currently do, or are interested in doing, to support Scouting in Queensland.



# Delivering Youth Program



Scouting delivers for young people high quality programs which are Adventurous, Fun, Inclusive and Challenging.

Our program is delivered using the Scout Method which includes:



**Learning by Doing**  
Practical, hands-on activities to support experience and experimentation



**Community Involvement**  
Exploring and learning about responsibility to community and the wider world



**Nature and the Outdoors**  
Spending time in the outdoors and connecting with the benefits of nature



**Patrol System**  
Use of small teams to help develop teamwork, social skills, leadership and a sense of belonging



**Symbolic Framework**  
Use of symbols, themes and ceremonies to create scouting identity and unity



**Personal Progression**  
Encouraging each individual to set goals, challenge themselves, do their best and track their achievements



**Scout Promise and Law**  
The values that guide the behaviour and interactions of all Scout members



**Youth Leading, Adults Supporting**  
Empowering young people to take charge of their development, guided by adult volunteers

# Scout Values



Scouting is a values-based organisation. All members of Scouts Queensland commit to a code of living as expressed in the Scout Promise and Law.

## Scout Promise

### **Members can select:**

On my honour, I promise  
To do my best,  
To be true to my spiritual beliefs,  
To contribute to my community and our  
world,  
To help other people,  
And to live by the Scout Law.

**or**

On my honour  
I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to my God, and  
To the King of Australia  
To help other people,  
And to live by the Scout Law.

## Scout Law

### **Be Respectful**

Be friendly and considerate  
Care for others and the environment

### **Do What is Right**

Be trustworthy, honest and fair  
Use resources wisely

### **Believe in Myself**

Learn from my experiences  
Face challenges with courage

# Keeping Children Safe

As a youth organisation, we must keep our children safe.

**We have many strategies, approaches and standards to ensure we do this, including:**

- ensuring there are always two adults present when with youth
- registering a Blue Card with Scouts Queensland
- completing child safety training every two years
- using child safety briefings at larger events to help support our youth to feel safe
- training our members to understand their reporting responsibilities



It is imperative you take this responsibility seriously. Our young people cannot learn if they don't feel safe.

As Adult Members we have a Code of Conduct and for our young people they determine their Unit Code.

# Keeping Children Safe – Please Watch



10 Principles of Child Safety in Australia (6 minute video)

Url: <https://youtu.be/glu0mSdmYYo>



## We ALL have a Duty of Care - responsibilities to ourself and others.

ScoutSafe processes ensure we provide the safest possible environment for youth and adult members involved in all aspects of Scouting, including the day-to-day programs, camping, hiking, adventurous and extended Scouting activities.

Scouts Queensland is committed to an environment of zero tolerance toward bullying, neglect and emotional, physical, psychological or sexual abuse of any kind.

Risk Management processes enable us to identify possible hazards/risks and how we manage them.

**All members over the age of 18 must complete short mandatory Code of Conduct, Child Safe and Workplace Health & Safety online modules every two years to maintain their membership.**

All incidents can be reported using the online form on the Scouts Queensland website [www.scoutsqld.com.au](http://www.scoutsqld.com.au)



# The Scout Team



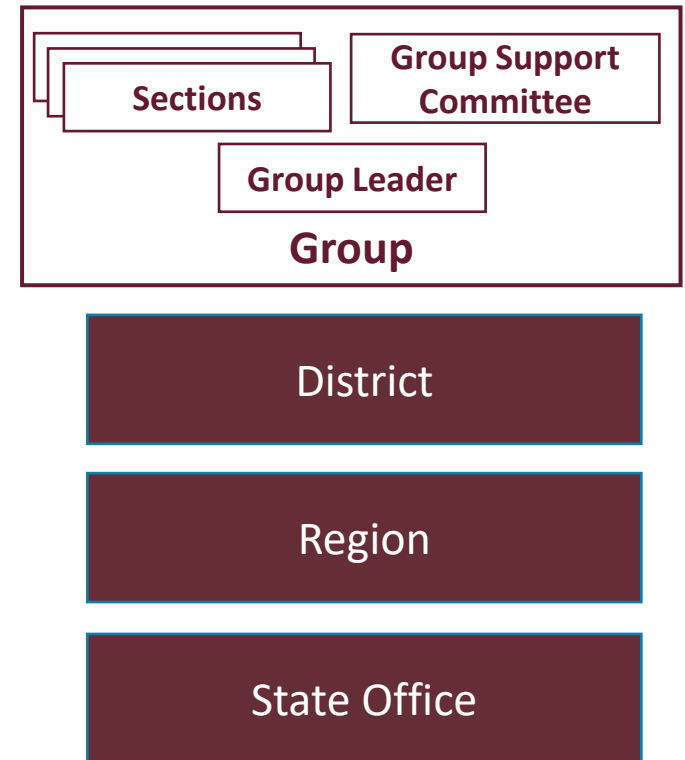
Scouts Queensland is made up of volunteers, youth members and a small number of paid staff in our State Office.

The Scouts Queensland website has a [Contact Us](#) page which contains an organisation structure.

Our youth members and adult volunteers are the backbone of the organisation and everything we do in Scouting is with a view to directly or indirectly supporting delivery of our Youth Program.

Your local Scout contact can help you understand where your Scout formation and role sits in the wider organisation structure.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities to help across the organisation from delivery of our youth program to groundskeeping to updating policy documents. How would you like to participate in the Scouting adventure?



# Our Youth Program Sections

Our Youth Program covers young people from age 5 to 25.

**There are five sections - can you name them?**



# Our Youth Program Sections



Joey Scouts	5 - 8 years
Cub Scouts	8 - 11 years
Scouts	11 - 14 years
Venturer Scouts	14 - 18 years
Rover Scouts	18 - 25 years



Our Youth Program Sections enable us to focus our Scout Method and activities to meet the developmental needs for youth of varying ages.

# Achievement Pathways



The Achievement Pathways recognise a young person's progressive personal achievements as they move through their Scouting journey.

The Achievement Pathways consist of a number of elements, including:

- Opportunity participate, assist and lead in a range of challenge areas
- Outdoor adventure skills
- Goal setting and project achievement in special interest areas
- Adventurous journeys
- Personal reflection

Each youth member's journey through the Achievement Pathways will be different.

Some youth members aspire to achieve the Peak Award for each section and others find exploring particular aspects of the pathways meets their personal interest and growth.



# Adult Learning

Scouts provides an adult learning curriculum to help our volunteers keep our young people safe and support their development needs while we deliver program activities.

There will be some mandatory training components for all roles in scouting.

Additional learning requirements will vary depending on your volunteer role and interests and may for example include:

- youth achievement pathways and how to safely delivery age-appropriate program activities
- managing, recognising and supporting other volunteers to deliver program within Scouts Queensland guidelines
- delivery of specialist activities, such as canoeing, bushwalking and archery

Learning opportunities may take a variety of forms including formal training courses, online workshops or on the job mentoring.

Scouting provides skills development and continuous learning opportunities for our volunteers as well as our youth members!



# Scouts Policy and Rules



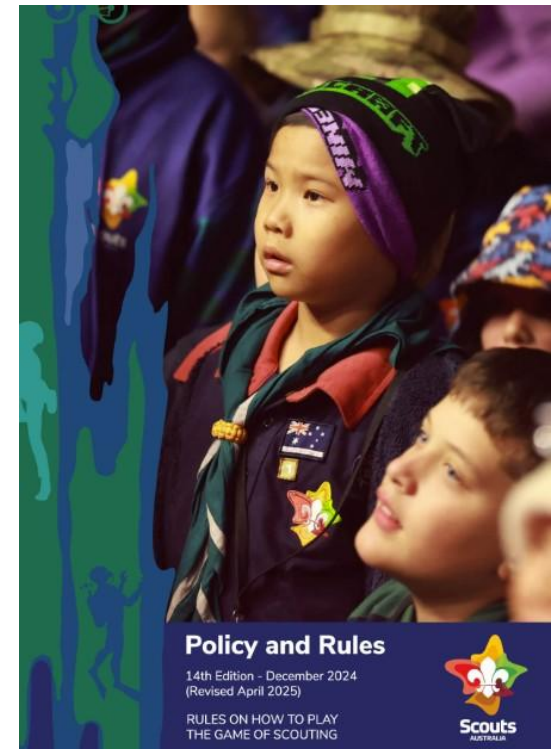
Details of how Scouts Queensland operates are governed by external requirements (eg legislation, industry guidelines) and internal policy and procedures.

Our organisation and our volunteers are supported by instructions for how to safely deliver their role in Scouting for everything from how many Guides are needed to safely supervise a canoe activity to how to apply for a grant to support a Scouting outcome.

The Scout Association of Australia policies, standards and rules for Scout members can be accessed from the [Key Resources](#) page of the Scouts Australia website.

Scouts Queensland specific rules are set out in the Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI), which are progressively being migrated to our Document Hierarchy. These are available online to Scouts Queensland members.

**If you can not find an answer to your question, just ask.**



# Our History in a Nutshell



Lord Robert Baden-Powell is the founder of Scouting. Often referred to as BP.

Scouting has a long and rich history. BP realised the potential in young people and wrote a book which young people loved. Young people around the world organically started to form 'patrols' and lead and learn together and that's still what Scouting is all about!

As adults our role is to support young people to have those leadership and learning moments.

Our movement is founded on traditions. It has evolved and grown as we all should.

You can find out more if you are interested on the Scouts Australia website: [History of Scouting | Scouts Australia](#)





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