

The role of parents in Scouting



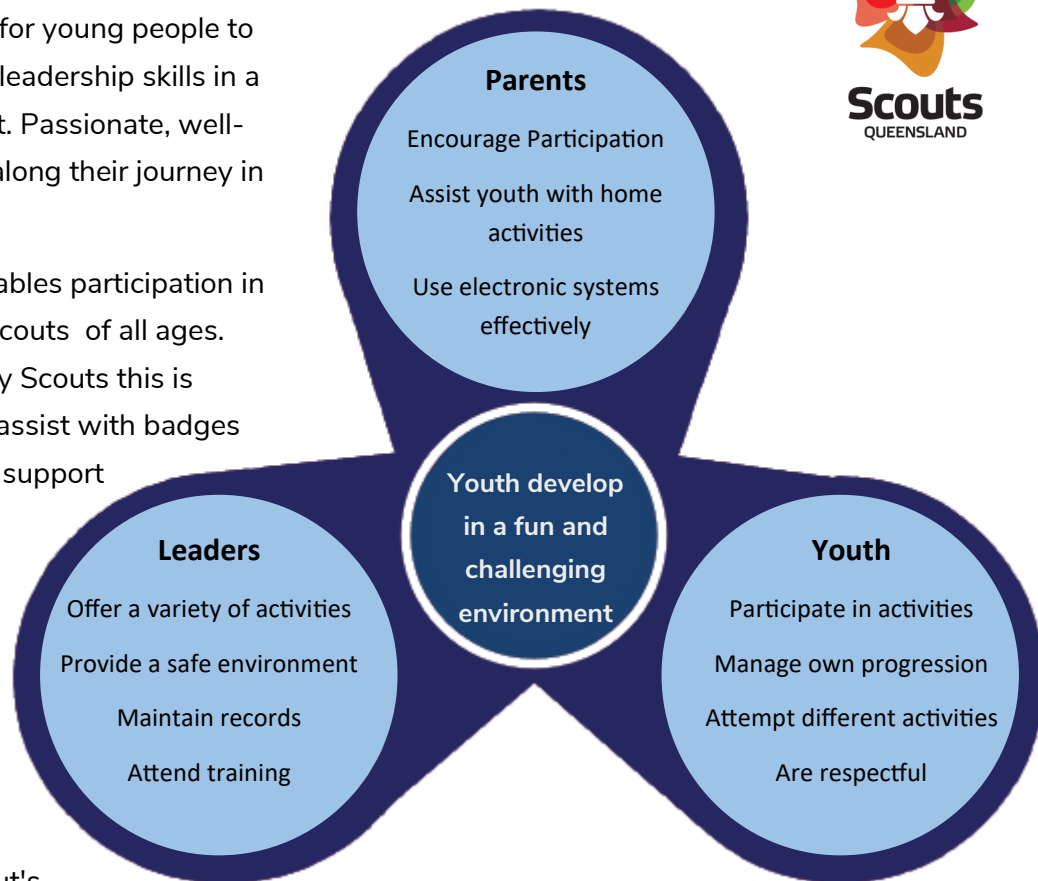
Scouting provides opportunities for young people to gain independence and develop leadership skills in a fun and challenging environment. Passionate, well-trained leaders guide the youth along their journey in a safe and structured way.

Parent support is critical as it enables participation in the many activities on offer for Scouts of all ages.

For younger Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts this is more hands-on, where parents assist with badges and camps. For older Scouts the support

becomes more motivational providing emotional support as Scouts attempt more challenging activities.

The Scouting Achievement Pathway is used to structure the program and motivate advancement throughout a Scout's journey. The main components of the program are shown below.



Milestones

Youth receive recognition for all activities they attend

They also lead and assist the running of activities

A milestone award is presented after a certain number of activities are attended

Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS)

Nine different skill areas form the core of the Scouting experience

These are earned by showing competence in the particular activity

Youth progress from attending simple activities to organising large activities throughout their Scouting journey

Special Interest areas (SIA)

Achievements can be earned for progressing personal interests

Six broad areas cover almost all youth interests

These are completed in personal time

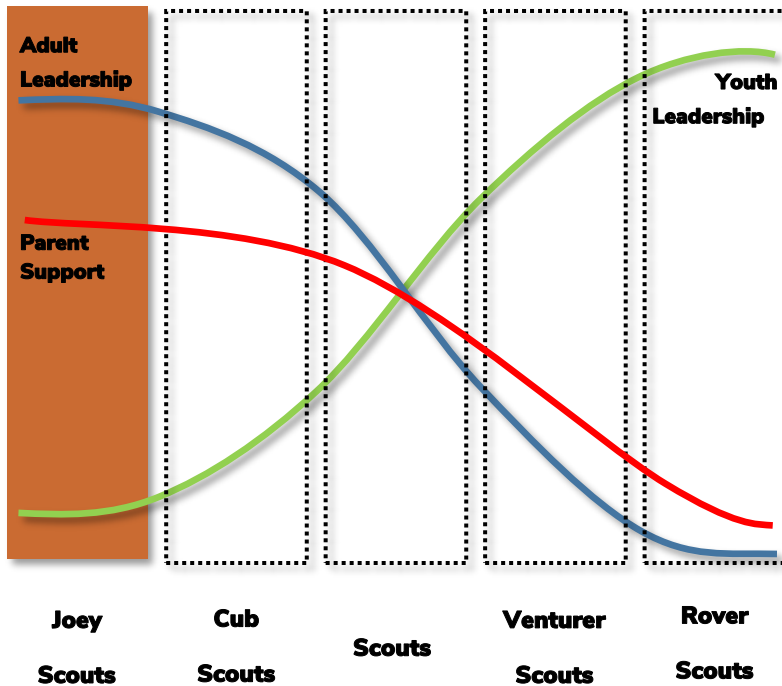
Some parent assistance and guidance might be required

Peak Award

Each youth section has a peak award which is earned by completing a combination of Milestones, Outdoor Adventure Skills and Special Interest Areas. Additional leadership activities are also completed before a peak award can be earned.

Joey Scouts

Independence and leadership



Discover Adventure

Joey Scouts need a lot of supervision and assistance.

Adult leaders run most of the program giving the Joey Scouts opportunities to lead suitable parts of activities.

Parents need to ensure that Joey Scouts are neatly dressed and on time.

Parent assistance at weekend and day activities is essential that leaders can focus on providing safe and varied activities.

How can parents help Joey Scouts?

Encourage participation in all program activities.

Sign Joey Scouts up for all activities and respond to group communications.

Check that uniforms are neat and clean.

Help Joey Scouts to do Special Interest Area badges.

Allow Joey Scouts to assist packing their own bags for camp.

Volunteer to help at camps and day activities.

Use Terrain.Scouts.com.au to monitor and record Joey Scouts progress.

