

Muslim Crescent
SCOUT GROUP
PARENT INFORMATION BOOK



Scouts
QUEENSLAND

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Logan District

Muslim Crescent Scout Group is a part of Logan District.

Other groups are:

Acacia, Buddha's Light, Marsden, Priestdale,
Shailer Park, Underwood and Woodridge.



Introduction

This book is designed to give parents an understanding of the Muslim Crescent Scout Group and Scouting in general. We ask you to read it thoroughly to assist you, the leaders and youth members achieve the aims of scouting.

Your child is interested to join the Scout Group. If they do they have done more than just that, they have become a member of the World Wide Brotherhood of the Scout Movement, many millions strong, in fact the largest youth movement in the World with over 40 million members. However, that is not all: **YOU** as parents have joined the movement too. Scouting is a co-operative community Venture, sharing with the home, school and the community at large, the task of building the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of the young, so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

Scouting is **not** a Child minding organisation, but contributes to the education of young people through a value system based on the Scout Law and Promise plus encouraging and facilitating participation in outdoors and sporting activities to maintain a high level of our physical fitness and bodily wellbeing. We are helping you to fulfil your main responsibility as parents to shape the character of your child.

Your Obligation

In placing your Child in the movement, you have placed yourself under certain obligation. You will be expected to actively support the group by paying term fees on time, to assist in raising funds, maintenance of the Scout Den and associated equipment, attend group functions with your child and by making your time available to help your Child's Leaders or other parents when called upon.

The Adult Leaders who are prepared to train your child are VOLUNTARY UNPAID WORKERS and most of them began as parents just like yourself. They devote many hours of their spare time to the children of other people. It is their contribution to the community in which they live. They deserve your utmost

cooperation and support.

Definitions:

The term Scout refers to all uniformed members of the movement – from Joey Scouts to Leaders.

Purpose and principles of Scouting:

The Purpose of the Scout Association of Australia is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

The Principles of Scouting, as identified by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts should serve their God, act in consideration of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves and their families and the community in which they live.

WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN ASSIST

1. By becoming a section Leader
2. Providing transport to Scout camps, outings and activities
3. Attend as a cook on Scout Camps, outings and activities
4. Attendance at the Scout Den or meeting location for working bees and maintenance
5. By attending the Group Support Committee meetings and joining the group Executive Support Committee when asked by the group Leader.
6. By becoming a Leader to help train youth members



HISTORY OF SCOUTING:



In 1907 Robert Baden-Powell ran the first experimental Scout camp at Brownsea Island off the South Coast of England. Both Baden-Powell and the boys who attended agreed the camp had been successful. This is considered the beginning of Scouting.

The following year his book *Scouting for Boys* was published and proved a great success, being reprinted 10 times in only two years. Scout Troops sprang up around Britain, and by 1922 a world Scouting organization had been established.

Throughout the years Scouting has become the world's largest youth organization, with Scouts in hundreds of countries worldwide. Each scout becomes a member of a worldwide family spread over many languages and races.

Baden-Powell insisted that education should be fun and this idea is the basis of the Scouting movement. His system allows youth members to learn how to improve themselves and help society, while having fun and making friends.

Scouts have the option of deciding what they want to learn and how fast they learn it, have goals to work towards and obtain recognition for their efforts. As the Scout progresses through the sections they can also develop leadership skills which may help them in the future.

Adult Leaders are Volunteers. Their service to the youth members is invaluable – few could afford to pay for the privilege of such dedicated leadership.



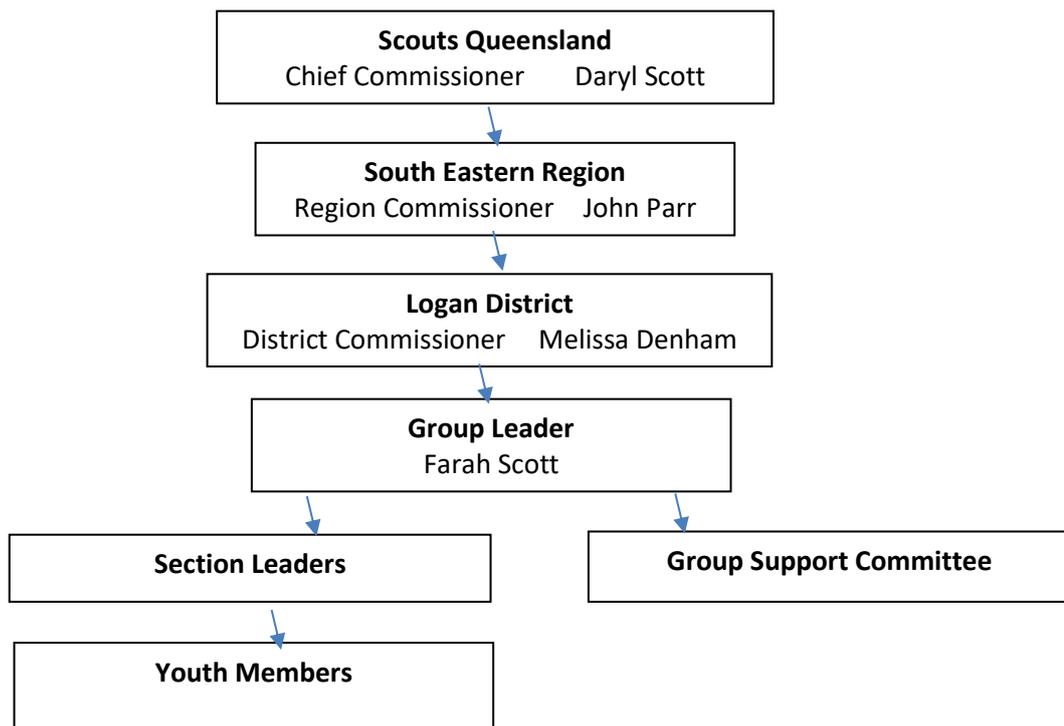
GROUP STRUCTURE:



Muslim Crescent Scout Group offers four sections of Scouting- Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturer Scouts.

The Group aims to provide quality leadership, with both male and female leaders in attendance in all sections where possible. All leaders are trained by the Scout Association to ensure a high quality of leadership.

The Scout Den is located at the Hurricane Stars Club office, 4A Mayes Avenue, Logan Central. Most sectional meetings are held here when it is raining, but in Karawatha Forest on sunny days, also away from den activities are important to provide variety in programming.



Sections

JOEY SCOUT MOB:

Aged 5 – 7 years



The Joey Scout Motto is Help Other People (HOP). They have great fun learning skills to help them help others and enjoy crafts, games and excursions. The Leaders generally have names of Australian Bush Animals.

The Joey Scouts work through the award scheme to achieve the Joey Scout Promise

The Joey Scouts will start to link to Cub Scouts around 7 ½ years but must in Cub Scouts be by their 8th birthday

CUB SCOUT PACK:

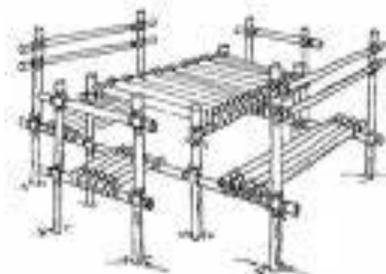
Ages 8 – 11



The Cub motto is “Do Your Best”.

The Cub Scout section is based on the Jungle Book and use it as a theme for the section. The activities each night follow themes and activities include games, craft and badge work. There are many badges for the Cub Scout section, with the highest being The Grey Wolf award.

The section is divided into groups of up to six, known as Patrols and distinguished by colour patches. Each Patrol has a Cub Scout as a Patrol leader, an assistant Patrol Leader. Cub Scouts will start to link to Scouts at around 10 ½ years and must be in Scouts by their 11th birthday.



SCOUT TROOP:

Ages 11 – 15



The Scout Motto is “Be Prepared”

The Scout Troop consists of groups of up to eight youth members called a *Patrol*, which has a *Patrol Leader* and an *Assistant Patrol Leader*. Each patrol can help decide on programs and activities for their patrol. There are many badges to earn, the highest honour being **Scout Medallion**. There are competitions and camps to take part in and many activities during meetings at the Den.

The Leaders usually take the names of animals which may be aboriginal. They are there to direct the patrols and keep the programs varied and interesting as well as providing support for the Patrol Leaders in Patrol activities. Scouts will start linking to Venturer Scouts around 14 ½ and must be in Venturer Scouts by their 15th birthday.

VENTURER UNIT:

Ages 14 – 18



Venturers motto is “Look Wide”

Venturers are recognised by their maroon uniforms and “Venturer” badges. They are encouraged to run the Unit themselves, with a Unit Council elected in an administrative role. The Unit Council consists of Venturers in the roles of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer etc., along with the Leaders in a supervisory capacity.

The Venturer Award Scheme culminates in the Queen’s Scout Award. This award is highly recognised by the general public and is presented by the Governor of Queensland.

Through completing their badge work Venturer Scouts can be RPL’s for cert II in Business and Outdoor Rec which can give them points on their QCE

ROVER CREW:

Ages 18 – 25yrs

Currently not available

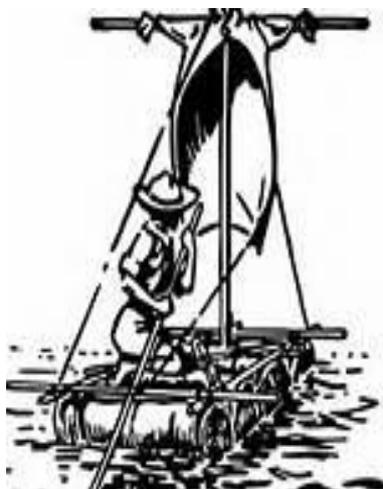


The Rover Section is the adult section of the movement. They are self-governed and have a Leader in an advisory role only. The section is administered by an executive committee.

The Rover Crew is based on the system of Knights and Squires. When a person first joins the section they become a Squire, and have to undergo training to help them understand the Rover section and the role of the Rover.

The B-P Award is the peak award for a Rover. There are many moots (camps) organised at many levels for Rovers to attend, to meet other Rovers, participate in adventurous activities, and some not so adventurous. The activities, frequency of meetings etc is decided entirely by the Crew.

Some Rovers are Leaders of other sections, or some become Leaders after they leave Rovers, but most want to give back something to the Scout Movement as they feel they have gained so much from it themselves.



Adult Roles in Scouting



LEADERS - uniformed

All Leaders act in a voluntary capacity and most are parents. Although the youth members are extremely enthusiastic about Scouting, it cannot survive without the support and assistance from Parents and the community. Being a Leader is a rewarding way to take part in the development of the youth members.

It should be noted that Scouts Australia is a registered training organisation recognised to deliver specific leadership qualifications. Adults involved in Scouting are able to receive Vocational Educational Training (VET) qualifications, in addition to Scout qualifications through an RPL process. Among these are qualifications in Business, Leadership and Management, Outdoor Recreation and Coordination of Volunteer programs.

Each section should have a Leader and one or more assistant Leaders, preferably both male and female. The Group Leader oversees the Leaders and ensures the group runs smoothly and effectively. The Group Leader is also the uniformed representative at Group Support Committee meetings.

Adult Members – non uniformed

This group are usually in the executive committee roles. ie. Chairman Secretary, Treasurer.

Adult Helpers – non uniformed

This Group are usually Parents who attend on a fairly regular basis and help on section nights. These people play a vital role when helping the children working in small groups or helping to gather materials required for the next activity etc. These support members will require a Blue card (working with children suitability check).

Youth Program Supporters – non uniformed, non-members

These are Adults who assist occasionally and who help with transport to camps and are able to attend a camp. They still undertake the Blue Card process.

GROUP LEADER



The Group Leader (GL) is in charge of the Scout Group. The GL is like a company branch manager and has control and responsibility for the Aims & Principles, Policies & Rules, Welfare, Progress and training of Youth and leaders. If at any stage you have any queries regarding your child, Leaders or the group, be it the performance of the Leader or the way the section operates, spending of funds, raising of funds, paying or raising of fees etc. PLEASE make contact or see your Group leader ASAP. By doing so we avoid disrupting the youth's section nights or outings and allow the Leaders to do what they have been trained to do by presenting the "Scouting Program" to the young people.

GROUP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Group Leader makes all appointments of Leaders, Support Committees and any others as deemed necessary. This is made up of all Parents and Community members. The Group Support Executive Committee (GSEC) consists of the Group Leader, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus optional others such as Fundraising Coordinator, Public Relations, Quarter master and sub committees as required to appoint annually. This Committee meets monthly and reports to the Group Support Committee (GSC) which consist of all the parents twice a year, one of which is the Annual Report Presentation (ARP) and the other time can be by Group plan update, handing out copies of minutes or by the Group newsletter. The GSEC organise the raising of funds, pays the bills, maintenance cost of the den, grounds, equipment and the training of leaders. The GSEC is responsible for the financial management of the Scout group whereas the Leaders are responsible for delivering the Scout program. The GSEC and the Leaders are responsible for the recruitment of new Leaders.

Without the GSEC, more pressure would be put on the Leaders resulting in a decrease in program quality. The smooth running of the GSEC ensures an effective Scout Group and therefore we ask all parents to attend the monthly Group Committee meetings.

NEW MEMBERS

JOINING SCOUTS



Parents are required to complete an A5 Youth membership form, which must be signed handed back to the Leader. At the end of the night if the 2nd Parent has not signed the form, then you can take the form home to get this 2nd signature and return it the following week along with the enrolment fee. (If there is no 2nd Parent then a reason needs to be written on the form before it can be processed ie." Single parent").

Please note: If a child does not enjoy scouting within the first six weeks the Group can apply (within 4 weeks) to have the registration fee refunded.

GROUP TERM FEES:

Term fees are paid at the beginning of each term and the first term is included in the enrolment fees. The fee is based on \$50 per term for each child.

The term fee covers badges, craft items, cooking ingredients, upgrade of section equipment, annual District affiliation fee and also help offset the Groups cost for Leaders and Committee fees, Groups Insurance, Leader training etc. The scouting financial year is April 1st to March 31st.

If term fees are not paid, your child may not be able to attend scout outings etc.

If a family is having financial difficulty meeting any of the costs associated with their child's Scouting life, **please** contact the Group Leader as I know we can work around any problem by coming to an agreement, thus avoiding any disappointments as we do not want a Youth Member missing out because of cost.



ATTENDANCE

Youth members should try to arrive about five minutes prior to the meeting to ensure the Parade starts on time.

Parents are required to sign their children in when they arrive for their meeting and sign them out again at the end of the night.

Each group has an attendance book to be signed and a telephone number for an emergency contact for the night. This is a safety and duty of care requirement.

Our Scouts look great in their Scout Uniform and it is expected that all invested youth members are in correct Scout uniform for meetings and when travelling to and from any Scout activity or camp. Part of the uniform must include the wearing of suitable fully enclosed footwear.

From time to time you may be asked to provide transport or assistance for activities. Support is needed for these events and your help would be appreciated by the Leaders and youth members involved.

If there are any queries regarding an activity or camp feel free to approach a Leader before or after a meeting.

SMOKING POLICY:

In the interest of our youth's health, we ask that Parents along with Leaders abide by the no-smoking policy that is in place on Scout property, in or near the Den and during all activities where youth members attend including camps and activity days. We must also abide by State Government Smoking Laws.

PARKING:

Parking is available in the car park area. Please take care to watch for our Youth Members when entering or exiting the parking area.

SAFETY PLAN

An evacuation plan is in place in the den next to the front and back doors advising Scouts and Family members where to meet in the event of an emergency.

In the event of a fire the Scouts and Leaders will assemble in the carpark. From this area relevant emergency personal can be contacted and also the parents if necessary. If required the Scouts can move as a group further away from the den area, as directed by the Leader or emergency service team member



Contact Phone Numbers

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If you have an interest in becoming a Leader or helping during a Program night, please talk to the Group Leader or Leaders



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