

Burleigh Heads Scout Group



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Welcome To 2012

Welcome to Burleigh Scouts for 2012. My name is Jeff Butterworth and I have been appointed President of the Burleigh Scouts committee. I have one son, Luke, in scouts on Thursday night and another son, Nathan, in cubs on Tuesday night. My boys have been in scouts for a number of years now and I have seen great benefits from their involvement. Their helpfulness around home and to others, their ability to overcome and their willingness to give things a go are all direct benefits of being involved in scouts.

Many of us only know the section and leaders that our child attends. However, the Burleigh Scouts group consists of a number of sections from Joeys all the way through to Rovers. We currently have over 120 members, making us the largest group in Queensland. The purpose of this newsletter will be to provide news across all the sections.

Burleigh Scouts, like all scout groups, is basically divided into two sub-groups acting under the control of the Group Leader (in our case Roland Franz). The first sub-group consists of the leaders who are responsible for developing and implementing the program that your children attend each week. The second sub-group is the committee that exists to support the leaders by managing the facility, performing public relations, fund raising, etc. As you can imagine, with such a large group there is always work to be done. The committee is currently looking for people who can help with following:

- PR, Media and Marketing (Monthly newsletter and marketing of the group to the community and promote Camp Kallaroo to other community groups and schools).
- Adult Resources and Memberships facilitator (Enlist new leaders and youth members through schools and community events).
- Fundraising Coordinator (To develop and implement fundraising initiatives).
- Building & Grounds Keeper (To co-ordinate ongoing maintenance of the buildings through working bees and attend to grounds maintenance).

One of the traits that the scouting movement seeks to develop in scouts is a sense of community - of being in a community and giving to that community. As parents we can help develop that trait by being role models to our children and getting involved ourselves. You can do that by joining the committee, becoming a leader (see story below) or simply helping out where you can! I'll leave you with a quote from Lord Baden Powell, founder of scouts.

"Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best."

Regards
Jeff Butterworth (Numbat)



Leader Profile



Regina Kidd. Ten years. Great effort!

Each newsletter we will profile one of our fantastic leaders. Our first profile will be on the longest serving leader at Burleigh Heads Scouts Group. – Regina Kidd.

For Regina 'Echidna' Kidd, this April marks ten years of service as a Joey Scout Leader at Burleigh Heads. Regina's experiences in Scouting began years earlier in the USA where she was a Brownie, Girl Scout, Cadet and then youth helper to her mum's Girl Scout troop.

Regina became a Joey leader soon after her oldest son Ryan joined Joey Scouts. Ryan is now a Venturer Scout and his younger brother Alan, who also started as a Joey, is now Scout. Both are keen members of the Scouting movement and have enjoyed many challenges and adventures over the years.

Regina has attended many camps and activities with Joeys and also with her sons, including last year's Agoonoree, an annual service camp open to all leaders and youth members 12 years and older. Regina is looking forward to more fun times in Scouting, including her second Jamboree in 2013. She is passionate about Scouting and the values that it promotes. She especially enjoys multi-sectional, multi-group activities that involve service.

Outside of Scouts, Regina is a Special Education Teacher Aide at the Elanora State primary and high schools. In and out of Scouts she loves working with children of all ages and with those adults who value and nurture children, provide them with learning opportunities and encourage their success.

Founders Dinner 2012

Luke Butterworth received a special invitation to attend the 2nd annual Founders dinner on Feb 24th in Brisbane to celebrate Founder's Day (Lord Baden Powell's birthday). Here he explains what happened:

On Friday the 24th of February, my brother and I went up to the Queensland scout centre to attend the Founder's Day dinner. A few weeks previously, we had received a letter in the mail inviting a guest of my choice and I to the dinner. I decided to bring my brother.

When we arrived we met many important people and other scouts that had been invited to the dinner. Soon after this the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Queensland gave a speech and said grace. When the meal started each guest was given a chicken or beef roast.

Due to some technical difficulties a second speech was delayed until after dessert, which was either chocolate cake or orange and almond cake. By the time dessert was finished the difficulties had been corrected and the second speech was made.

This speech was on whether the philosophies of scouting are still relevant. After this the Chief Commissioner made a final speech and presented all the youth members with special badges. Over all the event was very enjoyable and I had a good time.

Luke Butterworth
Thursday Scouts



Luke and Nathan Butterworth with Chief Commissioner Maurice Law.



Being a leader means you play an important role in the development of our youth.

Scouts For Adults

Scouting is not just for children or young adults. As parents there is an excellent opportunity to join scouts as a leader. In fact, most of our leaders are parents of children at Burleigh Scouts. Being a leader means you play an important role in the development of our youth. It is challenging but it's an excellent opportunity to develop your own skills as you help others develop theirs. Scouting provides access to leadership and other courses which are recognised within the workplace.

Because many of our leaders are parents, there is a reasonable turnover as they move from one section to the next following their children. This means we are always looking for new leaders! It's important that we encourage new leaders to join a section BEFORE leaders move on. This allows experience to be passed on from one leader to the next and makes it much easier for new leaders to get started.

Why let your children have all the fun? Contact Roland Franz or your section leader if you are interested in becoming a leader.

Edit: I had written this article before the last Tuesday Cubs night where the leaders called a parents' meeting to let everyone know that they would be moving on at the end of the year. Jay, Sallie and Troy have done an excellent job and want to make sure the Tuesday pack continues with the numbers they have built up. They have given advance notice so that new leaders can join now and work with them for the remainder of the year. This really is an excellent opportunity to come on board and re-enforces the original article. Also note that Wednesday scouts are in desperate need of a new leader! – Jeff

Joeys

Joeys extend a warm welcome to our new youth members (Ben Batho, Hannah and Luke Imrie, and Joel Lupton) and their families. A big BRAVO! to Sharon 'Kangaroo' and Jeffrey 'Dragon' Fong who helped the Joeys celebrate Chinese New Year and Waitangi Day. Last week the Joeys celebrated Scouting Founder Baden-Powell's birthday and expressed gratitude for the Scouting movement he started 112 years ago, which now has over 31 million members worldwide.

Joeys have their first mob holiday of the year at Camp Kallaroo next weekend, joining with the Nerang and Palm Beach Joey Scouts. A highlight of our sleepover will be an exploration of the rock pools at Burleigh Heads with Griffith University's Sally Kirkpatrick. This will be the seventh time Sally has led this activity as part of a sleepover at the den. Thank you, Sally! We look forward to seeing all sections on Sunday at the Clean Up Australia service activity being organized by the Venturer Scouts.

Scouting provides many opportunities to connect with others from different lands and cultures. Let us all remember to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia on Harmony Day 21 March. Joeys HOP!

*Yours in Scouting
Regina 'Echidna' Kidd
Burleigh Heads Joey Scout Leader*



Monday Cubs

Monday night cubs have hit off to a great start this year. We are following a similar layout of programming as Tuesday night for the cubs.

To date we have done knot work as a refresher for our regular cubs and as we have some new comers to the pack this was a great chance for the old cubs to help out with teaching the new cubs some of their skills.

A great way for them to get involved and show some of their skills learnt and welcome some new friends. Also some got to have a show off and display some of their behind back knotting skills.

We have also worked on compass work and orienteering. I was away this night but I think they played some games to do with direction and also utilising a compass for survival.

On Founders day the kids learnt about the life of B P and celebrated his commitment to scouting. The cubs had fun creating a new cub scout uniform out of newspaper in groups and they were judged on best dressed. We also had some yarns about BP around the camp fire and played some new games.

This week's program is outdoor scouting. The cubs will be learning how to set up their own tents and prepare a fire. They will also be learning bush safety and fire safety. They will be forming groups to construct a shelter for survival out of things they would find in the bush and also constructing their own fire and learning how to use a flint. This Sunday some of our cubs will be attending the clean up Australia day at Burleigh headland.

We have 3 new cubs which brings our pack to 9. We are looking forward to some camps and also some other outdoor activities (walks, cub Olympics, etc) Nick and I are settling in as new leaders of the Red Wolf Pack and are looking forward to building Monday night numbers alongside Dan. Some of our longer standing cubs have been awarded sixer rank. Ethan Wagner is our sixer of the black and Sam Damme has been awarded second of black, also Keenan Teiniker has moved up to second of brown. The cubs are currently working on their Grey Wolf badges and are also working on their personal badges. With this year already the original six cubs achieving their pet badges and all cubs are working really hard towards their cooking and gardening badges!

We have such a great bunch of kids with all attending every night, I don't remember the last time one did not show up. They are always well mannered and dressed to the standard that a cub should. It is a pleasure for us as leaders to have such a welcoming and tight knit friendly bunch of kids that give their all every single week.

Katie (Nushka)



Tuesday Cubs



Linking joeys had to navigate Kaa's tricky obstacle course on the way to their new pack.



Celebrations in order!



Our newest cubs!



Presenting themselves to their pack!

First month back and the cubs are already into it! They've been practicing their knot tying. Reef knots, bowlines and sheep shanks were tied with various levels of expertise. The important thing was they all gave it their best shot. Thanks to the parents who got in and helped the cubs! Kaa also showed how to tie a survival lanyard using the cobra stitch. They make great wristbands and woggles.

They have also been doing compass work. They have learnt the bearings on the compass and how to read a map and followed trails around the den.

The cubs celebrated Founders Day (the birth date of Baden Powell) with great gusto. As well as various games, they did a trail sign reading exercise (Q. What does a circle of rocks with one in the middle mean? A. Gone Home.) They ended the night with cakes and soft drinks. Happy Birthday Baden-Powell!

Congratulations to Jake Payton for receiving a Youth Helper Badge for outstanding attendance over the last two and half years. He has only missed one night!

We had a new cub invested this month. Welcome Kyle Clancy and we hope you enjoy your scouting journey!

Also this month we had a linking ceremony for several Joeys – Jack McMillan, Jack Johnson, Samantha Place and Jarn Marjanovic. Enjoy the step up to cubs and the new adventures and challenges that await you!

Wednesday Scouts

Wednesday scouts are back into the swing of things for the new year. They have been revising their scout craft so they can progress towards the next badges.

Scouts always make sure lots of fun is to be had as they play games based on their scouting knowledge of compass and ropes.

They also had a survival night where they discussed and implemented various techniques for different survival scenarios. As the scout motto says, "Be Prepared"!

The scouts also went to Kangaroo Point in Brisbane to try their hand at abseiling. Anyone who has driven past the cliffs on the way to Brisbane would know they are pretty high but the scouts tackled it!

Also, we say goodbye to Jason Bonhomme who is moving on due to work commitments. Thanks to Jason for his time as leader. This means that a new leader is urgently required for Wednesday night scouts. Without a leader the section will need to be closed which is not what we want! Contact Roland Franz for details.

This coming month Scouts will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day and Butterfly.



Thursday Scouts

Thursday Scouts have gotten off to a flying start this year with their first camp behind them and another planned for 17/18 March (an event called Butterfly – which has been running for over 20 years).

We have seen the departure of Nardoo (Veronica Gammie) back to Brisbane, and she has been replaced by Magpie (Steve Griffin) who joins Wombat (Dean Taylor) Rosella (Simone Marshall) and Bull Ant (Allan Gillespie) in the Leadership Team.

Our programme in first term has an emphasis on the basics of Scouting (knots, first aid, camping skills etc.) as well as providing the Scouts with opportunities to complete sections of their Green Book's for badge work.

Our numbers are allowing us to maintain 6 patrols, which means at least a third of the Troop are gaining valuable experience in the all important leadership positions (Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders).

More than half the troop have now had experience with overnight hiking, which is one of the fundamental Scouting activities that has many benefits to our developing youth. More are planned in the near future (three Blue Level hikes currently in planning) and we encourage any Scouts yet to participate in these activities to let their PL's know about their interest in this.

We are all looking forward to an action packed year.

Venturers

Ventures elect a Unit Council to keep the section running for the year. The new members for this year are Chairperson Alana, Secretary Kyle, Treasurer Roslyn, Quartermaster Sean and RVC Rep to still be advised.

We currently have 16 members for 2012 with transfers from Thursday night Scouts and new member from New Zealand.

In the past month we have already done a Bunnings fundraising BBQ with Cubs, catered for Greenbank Scout group at Burleigh Hall (fifty people), entertained seventeen visiting Venturers on Wednesday night from Roslyn Venturer Unit New Zealand, completed water Olympics during one of our Wednesday night activities (and got very, very wet and dirty ☺), completed a night hike around Burleigh Headland just for fun and signed off on one of the toughest constitutions ever raised in Burleigh Venturers' history ☺

Coming up?? Well we are running the 2012 Burleigh Headland Clean Up Australia Day site on the 4th March, skills training for Venturer Skills badge work, Operation Archer on 10-11 March, Venturers "Cold Rock" ice cream stand selling to scouts, Roventure long weekend camp, Harmony Food Day celebrations and photography session all before end of term!!!

Yes we like to keep busy!



Karingal Camp



Scouts test their new 3-person tents.



Leaders test out their new pyramid tents.



Bull Ant testing the scouts' construction skills.



Who doesn't like a camp fire?

The Thursday Scouts went on a 2-day event at Karingal (18/19 Feb) (one of the many fabulous Scout properties near Redland Bay) as a practice run for one of the big annual Scout events called Butterfly to be held in a few weeks. The Scouts have to carry all of their gear around a course from base to base following map/compass directions and are awarded points for a number of criteria relating to how they perform as a Patrol Unit, meeting various challenges, including navigation. It is an event open to all Groups in our region and Leaders participate by running the different bases that might include activities such as knotting, construction and first aid, as well as mental exercises testing their initiative, general knowledge and other Scouting skills. For Burleigh Scouts, we see the hiking is an important part of it as more and more of our Scouts take on the challenge of their blue and green level hikes. This weekend's event and Butterfly itself are also seen as valuable practice for the three upcoming Blue Level hikes.

Of particular importance is that the Scouts learn what to take and what not to take (are you hearing that mum??!!) when packing their backpacks.

We were able to test out some new gear as well. New pyramid tents for leaders and 3-person hike tents for the scouts!



Just having fun...



Badges/Achievements

Ethan Wagner	Sixer – Black	Mon Cubs
Sam Damme	Secondar – Black	Mon Cubs
Keenan Teiniker	Secondar – Brown	Mon Cubs
Duke Lawson	Pets Level 2	Tues Cubs
Oliver Turrell	Pets Level 2	Tues Cubs
Chloe Watt	Pets Level 2	Tues Cubs
Jake Payton	Youth Helper Badge	Tues Cubs
Kodee Duong	Silver Boomerang	Tues Cubs
Luke Butterworth	Blue Cord	Thurs Scouts
Max Gillespie	Red Cord	Thurs Scouts
Mason Marshall	Promoted APL Dingo Patrol	Thurs Scouts

Upcoming Events

These are important dates for the Burleigh Heads Scout Group. For dates specific to your section, refer to the information provided by your section leaders.

Clean Up Australia Day Mar 4

Jamboree

Australia Jamboree 2013 is being held in Maryborough next January. A reminder that first payment is due 31st March! If you haven't decided you are going yet, talk to your scout leader! Lookout for future fundraising events to help scouts get to Jamboree.

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