



1st Emerald Scout Group

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Date & Link?	Description	Cost and Pay By	Location
FEBRUARY: WELCOME SCUBS & FUN			
Thu 2 nd JOINT	Welcome Back Party & Games Night – This is a social night to welcome our Scubs that are coming up.	None	Hall
Thu 9 th LINK	Troop: A little camping theory & Games Scubs: Introduction to Scouting & The Patrol System then join in games	None	Hall
Sat 11 th JOINT	Group BBQ & Picnic – All families are requested to attend our annual group family BBQ. BYO your own food and eating gear. Gas BBQ available. Starts 11am	None	Emerald Museum off Crichton Road
Fri 17 th LINK	Iron Chef – It's baaaaack. We pick the main ingredient and provide some staples. Each patrol gets \$15 to buy what they need and prepare a culinary delight. Note this runs 6pm to 9.30pm. <i>Parent helpers needed please.</i>	None	Hall
Sun 19 th DISTRICT	Founders Day Family Fun Day – More information to follow. Everyone in the district meets up at Lilydale Lake for water games and other activities. Bring your picnic and have a great family day out.	None	Lilydale Lake
Thu 23 rd JOINT?	Troop Council. PL's only.	None	TBA
MARCH: CAMPCRAFT			
Thu 1 st	Pack for Patrol Camp One – going on the camp? Then you gotta come tonight.	None	Hall
Sat 3 rd – Sun 4 th	Patrol Camp One At Kirth Kiln to hone the skills learnt on Camp One. There will be plenty of time for fun and we'll include the remainder of Camp Craft including a Red Level Journey.	\$20 Pay Thu 1 st	Kirth Kiln Park
Thu 8 th	Orienteering – Come along for a fun night of a little compass and map training followed by orienteering	None	Hall
Sat 10 th – Mon 12 th	Motorcycle Camp – Mark & Paul will be riding along with the St Mark's crew not thinking about Scouts at all. AT ALL. Nope. Nothing. Nada.	Heaps	Wouldn't you like to know ☺
Thu 15 th	Pack for Patrol Camp Two with Canoes – going on the camp? Then you gotta come tonight.	None	Hall
Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	Patrol Camp Two – and Canoe Level One Training – Mandatory for Stradbroke attendees. Troop will pay for your Canoe training – you're only paying for food.	\$20 Pay Thu 15 th	Clifford Park
Sun 25 th JOINT	Bass Coast Ride Family Day – Bring your <i>serviceable</i> bikes and picnic. We will start at Wonthaggi, ride to Kilkunda for picnic and beach play then back to Wonthaggi. This is an easy track. Suitable for Cub age and older.	None	Bass Coast Trail
Thu 29 th	Pack for Stradbroke – Separate packing for each patrol. Coming to Straddy? Then you must come to this night.	None	Hall
APRIL: STRADBROKE CUP (EASTER DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)			
Fri 6 th – Mon 10 th	Stradbroke Cup + Chill Party – Straddy is the annual camping competition. Emerald have done well in recent years and we know you can do it again. This year is a little special – going to AJ2013? then Straddy is mandatory . We've added a chill out party where you can wind down after the official camp with music and fun. This will get you the minimum four consecutive nights for AJ.	Approx \$40 Pay Thu 29 th	Gilwell Park

Remember that all out of hall activities need a new Personal and Medical Information form. To help us plan I have introduced a Pay By date. To attend an event payment must be in by this date. If you cannot pay by then, please let one of the leaders know and we will work something out. We don't take cash. Always pay into Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 A/C 129071460 "Emerald Scout Troop" with your family name as reference.

Fire Info : Severe, Extreme & Code Red days – all Scout activities cancelled. Activate your fire plan.

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Welcome for 2012 with another fun year of Scouting.

AJ2013

We're starting the main run up to Australian Jamboree AJ 2013 in Maryborough Queensland. You should have an invitation letter by now if you are age eligible (between 11 and 14 years old at 4th January 2013). If you don't have one let Paul know immediately. All term 1 camps are mandatory for proposed AJ attendees. People intending to attend AJ must impress with their Scouting skills and behaviour to be approved to attend.

Troop Members

Sadly, this term we say goodbye to five of our older members who will link to Venturers: James, Glenn, Jake, Callum and Jayd. We will have five bright shiny new Scubs joining us Amelia, Jayda, Griffin, Jasper & Locky. Please make them feel welcome.

Pioneering

This year we will be concentrating on Pioneer (Red) Cord badge achievements with the help of our older Scouts who will be working towards their Explorer (Blue) and Adventurer (Green) cords. You need at least your Pioneer Cord and 10 nights under canvas (4 consecutive) to attend Jamboree.

We've reengineered Stradbroke Cup Competition Camp to include a wind down chill out party on the Monday to give you the 4th night you need. On the Monday the troop will provide food and music to help you relax.

Term Planning

This year we're introducing some consistency into each term – there will be ten weeks of Scouting regardless of the School term with no more than five weekend activities (excluding District & Branch). We will aim for two camps each term. Where we can we will avoid school holidays when we can.

Family Activities

In the program there are a number of new family oriented activities to allow parents and siblings to join their Scouts. Note for siblings to come parents or guardians must.

Call For Leadership

We are looking for at least one more leader to join us, preferably a female. We now have nearly 50% female members and there are some things young ladies would prefer not to talk to grizzly old blokes about.

Fire Awareness

No Scouting activities will operate on Severe, Extreme or Code Red days. Activate your fire plan. If there is a late declaration and an activity has already started you must collect your Scouts immediately.

Looking forward to another amazing year.

Paul, Mark & John.

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