



3rd CROYDON SCOUT GROUP INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS



A big welcome to all who are considering joining 3rd Croydon Scout Group! Scouting life is full of fun and adventure and we are sure you will have many wonderful experiences. Scouting is all about learning and personal development in a fun, challenging and supportive environment.

As a Scout, you will make lots of new friends, learn some great skills and have experiences that will stay with you for life.

3rd Croydon is an active and vibrant group. Formed in 1958 the group has all Scouting sections represented. The Scout year follows the school term structure and our sections meet at the Scout Hall corner Birdwood Road and Lusher Road, Croydon. Meetings are at the following times unless otherwise advised by the leaders.

SECTIONS		
JOEYS	ages 5 to 8 Heidi Bell	meet Thursdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm 0418 373 178
CUBS	ages 8 to 11 Karen Wade	meet Thursdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm 0421 499 053
SCOUTS	ages 11 to 15 Ben Williams	meet Wednesdays 7.00pm to 9.00pm 0408 542 696
VENTURERS	ages 15 to 18 Kimberley Hughes	meet Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm 0437 956 983
ROVERS	ages 18 to 25 Glen Hawksworth	meet Fridays or as arranged 0417 583 921

Sections are coordinated by the Group Leader/s.

GROUP LEADER	Lea Young	0419 149 487
ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER	Daniel Tanner	0401 431 076

Youth sections are inclusive of all young people within the age range. Youth Members, Leaders and others (*including the Group Committee*) are collectively known as the **3rd Croydon Scout Group**.

Group Committee.

The Sections are supported by a *Group Committee* which helps by raising funds for the Group, providing equipment, administration support, running events, and generally helping out. The Committee can be contacted as follows:

Group Leader	Lea Young	0419 149 487
Committee President	Samara Miller	0416 285 030
Treasurer	Leisa Courtney	0478 824 471
Secretary	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Frank Courtney	
Fundraising	Sheryn Holloway	
Committee Members	Gary Gleisberg	
	Peter Miller	
	Greg Brown	
	Jason Webber	

Parent/Carer Involvement at 3rd Croydon.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to get involved in their children's Scouting experience as they progress from section to section. We recognise that individual circumstances vary with work and family commitments.

Adult involvement with Scouting is on a *completely voluntary basis*. It will take as much time as you wish to put in. For some this is very little time and effort, for others it can become a passionate interest which may see you one day putting on a blue uniform shirt and joining us as a Leader!

We recommend that new parents/carers obtain a Working with Children Card (volunteer), which is required for any person over 18 years of age transporting, assisting with activities away from the hall including camps. This Also Applies to Rovers. This is available through your local Post Office or on-line at no cost.

https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1?utm_expId=.wXGVpudHQn28NWyycvXbeg.1&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bin.g.com%2F

See your Section Leaders or Group Leader for further advice on this.

Parents/Carers can best be involved by:

- Assisting as an Adult Helper to the leaders with games and activities on a meeting night, or at an occasional camp or outing with their kids.
- Help out on the Group Committee, (*meeting once a month*) and help to make decisions affecting the welfare of the Group.
- Volunteering for fundraising activities.
- Helping out with community service events such as Red Cross collecting, Anzac Day or Clean Up Australia Day;
- Become a fully Uniformed Leader or assistant leader. It's great fun and a very rewarding experience but does take some commitment to training and time.

3rd Croydon offers generous fee discounts to volunteer Committee and Leaders.

How to Join 3rd Croydon Scout Group.

Contact the Group Leader or Leader from the relevant section for your Child. (*Contact details are above*).

1. Fill in a New Members Y4 form (Section Leaders will supply this at your first visit)
2. Join in with the Section for a couple of weeks to see if Scouting is your thing, then.
3. Pay a direct deposit to the 3rd Croydon Scout Group account at:

Commonwealth bank account
BSB # 063124 Account # 10123380
3rd CROYDON SCOUT GROUP

With your Surname and 'Membership' as the reference.
Email the receipt to the Group Leader at
gl.3rdcroydon@scoutsvictoria.com.au for confirmation.

or

Write a cheque with a note supplying your Surname and 'Membership' as the reference for the appropriate amount made out to:
3rd CROYDON SCOUT GROUP and post to the Group mailing address.

P O Box 286 Croydon 3136.

A receipt will be issued. Once the fee is received the new member is covered by the Scout Association insurance and can now enjoy all the activities of their Section.

Fee Structure (Effective from 1st July 2018).

New members pay a pro rata of the annual **Membership Fee**, based on the date of joining, siblings already in 3rd Croydon Scouts, and whether parents/carers are involved as Leaders or Committee Members.

Joining date:	child 1:	child 2:	child 3:
1/4 to 30/6 (full year m'ship)	\$373	\$341	\$320
1/7 to 30/9 (9 months)	\$281	\$257	\$242
1/10 to 31/12 (6 months)	\$189	\$173	\$163
1/1 to 31/3 (3 months)	\$ 97	\$ 89	\$ 84

The full annual fee is due prior to the 1st April each year. Invoices will be issued.

Rovers only pay a pro rata of \$268 per annum.

Leaders children pay a proportion of the Scouts Victoria insurance \$100 (of \$232 charged) subject to annual review. Leaders do not pay fees.

Investiture and Scout Uniforms.

Once paperwork is processed (4-6 weeks) the new member will be officially welcomed into their section with a formal investiture. At this stage, the new member will require a section uniform which consists of a Scout uniform shirt.

Uniforms should be obtained within a few weeks of joining.

They can be purchased online at: <https://scoutshop.com.au/>

There may be some secondhand uniforms available within the Group, ask your Section Leader!

As part of the investiture ceremony, the new member will be presented with their section badges and a 3rd Croydon group scarf.

New members to the Cub Section wear a white scarf until they obtain a uniform and are invested.

A certificate is also issued by Scouts Victoria H.Q.

Facebook.

3rd Croydon has both a public and closed facebook page. The public page is available to share with friends and family at any time. Find us at 3rd Croydon Scout Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/3rdcroydonscoutgroup/>

After your child/ren has been invested you can join our closed group 3rd Croydon Scouts - The 5th Patrol on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/the5thpatrol/> This page is available to currently invested families only. It provides a space for all Parents/Caregivers, Committee Members, Adult Helpers, Section Leaders, Venturers and Rovers from 3rd Croydon Scout Group to ask questions, chat, find out what is happening in the group and generally connect with each other. **Permission for photos to be displayed on these pages assumed unless families notify the Group Leader they wish to opt out.**

CareMonkey.

CareMonkey is an electronic health form system that will be replacing the paper health forms that are required for all out of hall experiences. To create a profile all you need to do is sign up from either the website https://groups.caremonkey.com/users/sign_up or download the CareMonkey app onto your phone and add a new profile. If you have already signed up and have a profile for each scouting member or have completed a new profile please contact the Group Leader so we are able to send you an email asking you to link with 3rd Croydon.

Other Information and Queries.

Feel free to contact the leader of the relevant Section, or the Group Leader, Lea Young 0419 149 487.

Finally!

Can you help us publicise 3rd Croydon?

We are always ready to welcome new members to our Group. Information pamphlets are available for distribution to friends and prospective new members in your local area.

The leaders may request assistance from time to time with transportation, helping at activities, fund raising and so on.

You may wish to get involved in with other parents and join the committee, fundraising group or become a leader yourself. Some of these positions have financial benefits in the form of discounted fees.

We really appreciate offers of assistance and your time. Besides making the Leaders job so much easier you will also set a great example to the kids in community involvement.
(Not to mention that you will have a fabulous time yourself!)

Remember that Scouting is an entirely voluntary organisation, and our leaders do a terrific job of delivering an interesting program each week for our children.

Lea Young
Group Leader
3rd Croydon Scout Group.