



**Scouts**  
VICTORIA

**HAMPTON** **SCOUT GROUP**

## 2022 Welcome Guide

[www.hamptonscouts.com](http://www.hamptonscouts.com)

# Welcome

We're glad your family is interested in scouting! Whether you're starting out with an 8-year-old Cub or transferring in a more experienced scout, we hope this guide answers your questions.

You can find additional information at the following sites:

[HamptonScouts.com](http://HamptonScouts.com)

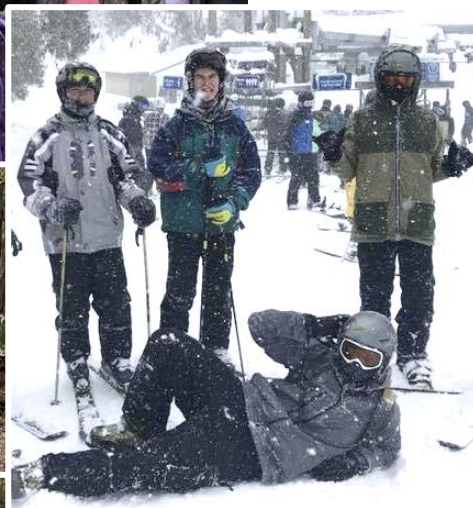
[ScoutsVictoria.com.au](http://ScoutsVictoria.com.au)

**Not sure  
about scouting?  
Try 3 for free.**

Take a test run to see if scouting is a good fit.

Your child doesn't need a uniform. Just come and see how it goes.

Even if yours is a little shy, we're good at helping kids feel engaged and welcome.



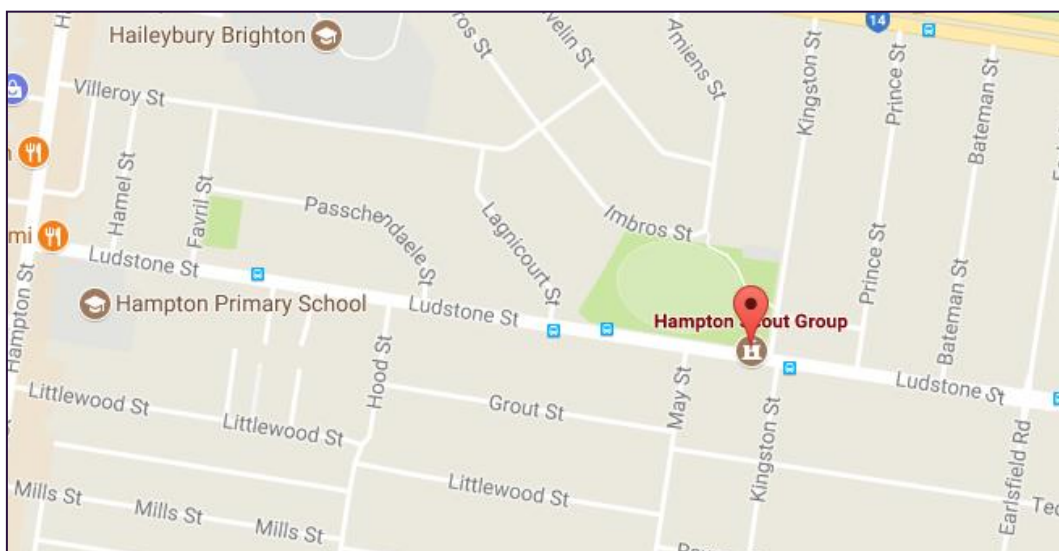
**Join us on Facebook:** Search for [Hampton Scout Group](#) and request to join, so you can stay up to date with news and activities.

# Meetings

**Age Groups:** Three active sections for girls and boys of all ages meet weekly while school is in session. Scouts generally don't meet over school holidays. There is some cross-over between age groups, so if there's a question, a leader will help you determine the appropriate section for your child.

Name	Age	Evening	Time
Cubs	8 to 10	Monday	7:00 to 8:30
Scouts	10 to 14	Tuesday	7:00 to 9:00
Venturers	14 to 17	Wednesday	7:30 to 9:00

**Location:** Most meetings take place at the Hampton Scout Hall, at the northeast corner of Ludstone St. and Kingston St. Leaders will let you know in advance if an activity is taking place in another location.



# What to Expect

Three very active, enthusiastic sections encourage kids to excel at their badgework and take on age-appropriate challenges, such as:

## Cub Scouts

- Sleepovers, camping, rafting, hiking and more
- Skills such as cooking, building and caring for the environment
- Fun outdoor activities

## Scouts

- Helping plan their own patrol and group activities
- Camping and outdoor adventures
- Learning skills such as cooking, constructing shelters and first aid

## Venturers

- Planning their own activities and badgework
- Camping, caving, climbing and exciting challenges
- Expanding teamwork and independence skills
- Community projects

# Leadership

All scout leaders and assistants are volunteers who have received in-depth training through Scouts Australia. This includes child safety, outdoor skills, age-appropriate programming and more. Each leader has undergone reference, police and working with children checks, and is committed to child safety.



# Uniform

**Uniforms:** Once a scout has been invested, they are required to wear a uniform for all meetings and events.

The only thing you need to buy is a blue scout shirt from [Vast Outdoors](#) on Nepean Highway in Hampton East, or online at [ScoutShop.com.au](#).

- **Cubs** wear yellow sleeves
- **Scouts** have green sleeves
- **Venturer** sleeves are maroon

Plain-coloured pants or shorts suitable for the activities planned—as well as enclosed shoes—should be worn at all times.



## Membership badges and scarves:

These items, as well as a woggle for fastening the scarf, will be provided by the group leaders when the scout is invested. Visit [Scouts Australia's badge placement page](#) for a guide to where each badge should be placed.

**Investiture:** This ceremony takes place when a scout is officially ready to become a member of the group. Once fees are paid, any applications have been completed, and the scout is ready to make the Scout Promise, the leader will perform the investiture ceremony—often during a regular meeting. Of course, new scouts are welcome at all activities and meetings before they're invested.



# Getting Started

**First, complete the sign-up form:** You'll find it under "Join" at HamptonScouts.com (or by [clicking here](#).) You'll receive an email confirmation, then a Hampton Scouts leader will reach out to you. Your child will be welcome to participate in most activities while the rest of the process is completed. This includes:

- Online application:** You'll receive a link to provide contact and demographic information. Look for an email with the subject, "Welcome to Hampton" from noreply@scoutsvictoria.com.au.
- Payment:** You'll receive an invoice via email with bank transfer details. Fees are explained on the next page.
- Operoo profile:** Health information must be entered into an Operoo profile before scouts can participate in camps and any adventurous activities. Watch for an email from "Operoo Administrator" with instructions for creating or linking a profile.
- Team App account:** We use Team App to communicate about activities as well as manage RSVPs, permission forms and payments. Get the app or create an account online, and we'll add you to the group using your preferred email.
- Working with Children (WWC) check:** Scouts Vic requires every parent and guardian to have a current WWC check, even if listed as exempt (teachers, police officers, etc.) on the WWC site. If you don't have a card, it's free and easy to [apply online](#), then go to an AusPost branch to finalise your application. Select occupational codes 10 (overnight camps) and 42 (clubs, associations, etc.) when asked.

Please ensure that you have included Scouts Victoria among the organisations listed on your [MyCheck account](#).

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- Child Safety and WHS online learning:** Every family needs at least one adult registered as a Group Rostered Parent to help out at overnight activities (even if just driving or assisting during the day). You can complete the necessary learning in less than two hours. Just let the group leader know the full name and date of birth of the adult (or adults) who are registering to get started.

# Group Fees

Through annual fees and additional fundraising, Hampton Scout Group successfully operates the scout hall, provides leader training and offers a rich experience for every scout.

Your contribution covers most of the equipment and materials used by the scouts. However, some special activities, such as camps and excursions, may require additional payments. Your leader will let you know in advance.

Payment is required before your child can be presented with their Hampton Scout Group scarf and membership badges at their investiture ceremony. However, if you need to discuss alternative payment options, please talk to your section or the group leader.

## Fees for 2022

Registration with Scouts Victoria Covers insurance, training, state and national scout administration.	\$248.00
Hampton Scout Group Membership Includes program expenses, leader training, hall management and more.	\$252.00
New Member Kit One-time fee for scarf, woggle and uniform badges.	\$35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$535.00</b>

Fees are the same across all three youth sections and are due in June for the coming year. If you start at another time of year, fees will be reduced accordingly. (Scouts Victoria fees are prorated quarterly and Hampton Scout Group prorates monthly. The start date takes your "3 for free" trial into account.)

# Family Involvement



Scouting is a whole-family pursuit, and we encourage parents, siblings and other family members to get involved.

Because we are a fully volunteer-run organisation, each family is expected to contribute. After all, the

more help we have, the better experience we can all provide for the scouts. There are many ways to get involved:

- **Join the parent support committee:** You can help plan fundraisers, participate on a subcommittee or assist in maintaining the scout hall and grounds. The parent committee was formed to pitch in wherever needed and there's always something to do.
- **Become a leader:** Don't underestimate the fun our adult leaders are having as they guide the scouts towards new skills and greater self-confidence. Talk to any section leader about what's involved and whether it might be a good fit for you.
- **Just show up:** Come to the family nights, help out at the sausage sizzles and working bees, support the scouts at Anzac Day events, and if you see an opportunity, dive in! Hampton Scout Group is filled with great families you'll want to get to know better.



You can find current opportunities and upcoming volunteer events at the [Hampton Scout Group SignUp.com](https://www.hamptonscoutgroup.com.au/sign-up) page.

**Remember, it's your scout group. Please contribute your talents wherever you can. Every little bit makes a difference.**