## Joining 2<sup>nd</sup> Turramurra Scouts – a Guide for Parents

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#### **OVERVIEW**

This guide provides information to parents of children wanting to join 2<sup>nd</sup> Turramurra Scout Group.

The 2nd Turramurra Scout Hall is located at the end of Kate Street, Turramurra, NSW, 2074.

Our Scout Group website is: www.turrascouts.com

This URL now redirects to our new Scouthub Site: <a href="https://www.revolutionise.com.au/2nd-turramurra/">https://www.revolutionise.com.au/2nd-turramurra/</a>



### **SCOUTING SECTIONS, AGE GROUPS & MEETING TIMES**

Joeys: 5 to 7 year olds — Sunday afternoons, 3:00pm to 4:00pm at the hall most nights during public school terms.

Cubs: 8 to 10 year olds — Monday nights, 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the hall most nights during public school terms.

Scouts: 11 to 14 year olds — Thursday nights, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the hall most nights during public school terms.

Venturers: 15 to 17 year olds — Wednesday nights, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the hall most nights during school terms.

18 to 25 year olds — 1st Kissing Point Rovers (a different organisation) use a lower room in our hall.

**1KP Rovers**: <a href="http://www.sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/kissingpoint/">http://www.sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/kissingpoint/</a>

Age ranges above are inclusive but are flexible to some minor degree.

# ORGANISATION STRUCTURE of SCOUTING at 2<sup>nd</sup> Turramurra (2T)

2<sup>nd</sup> Turramurra Scout Group is part of **Ku-Ring-Gai District** Scouts, which is part of **Sydney North Region**, then part of **Scouts NSW** & then part of **Scouts Australia**. Australia forms part of the world-wide movement of 54 million members. Links to these organisations is available on **Scouthub** under *LINKS – Our Scout Organisations*: www.turrascouts.com

## **HOW 2nd TURRAMURRA SCOUT GROUP WORKS**

As a **volunteer organisation**, we have a **parent based committee** who support the group. Ask them how you can help!

All Committee members hold official Adult Helper membership roles in Scouts, NSW. Adult Helper membership is free.

Scouting Sections have qualified <u>volunteer</u> leaders, leaders in training and Adult (parent) helpers. All of these must meet current standards and training set out by Scouts NSW to become members of the organisation. This includes a current *Working with Children Check* and a *Police check*. Further details: <a href="https://nsw.scouts.com.au/youthprotection/">https://nsw.scouts.com.au/youthprotection/</a> We require a <u>minimum of two adults attending</u>, so parents may be called upon to assist qualified Leaders & Parent Helpers.

## HOW CAN MY CHILD JOIN 2<sup>nd</sup> TURRAMURRA SCOUT GROUP?



- 1. Before attending, you need to check if space is available by contacting the Group: www.turrascouts.com -> Contact
- 2. <u>Before attending</u>, you need to **Register** your child (Trial or Full Membership): <u>www.turrascouts.com</u> -> **REGISTRATION**Note: Trial Membership is free but is limited to 6 sessions only. You then must apply and pay for FULL membership to attend further.

  Membership allows your child can attend Scouting events and to start to receive our communications.
- 3. On arrival, show the leader your child's Registration email or log in to view their membership.
- **4.** If a child arrives without any form of membership, along with their parent staying and taking full responsibility for their child, they may observe for a short time but will be encouraged to complete the Membership Registration process.

#### Membership

Details about our group, how to join and the benefits for your child, are available on our website: www.turrascouts.com

Check the following pages: HOME, ABOUT, ABOUT -> A Guide for Parents, REGISTRATION, Registration -> Terms (T&C).

You may receive a phone call from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Turramurra Group President or Group Leader, to welcome you to the group and to answer any further questions you might have OR just give them a call if you have any questions.

Committee President & Group Leader contact details: www.turrascouts.com -> Contact

#### **PURCHASING CLOTHING & BOOKS**

New youth members will be required to purchase a few items once they are happy to continue and before Investiture.

You will need to purchase their Uniform: a **Scout Section POLO Shirt** (*Joey*, *Cub*, *Scout* or *Venturer*), a **brown leather woggle** (this goes around the scarf they will be given), possibly a **bucket hat** or **peaked cap** (ask section leader). They can start wearing these immediately whilst they learn about scouting in their first weeks.

See Scouthub: <u>www.turrascouts.com</u> -> S-Shop

For the **new Youth Program (nYP)** they need to purchase a copy of the Section **Record Book** (eg Cubs) & **Outdoor Adventure Skills** (OAS) book. The OAS book is used for their whole scouting career so this is just a one-off purchase.

NOTE: You may need to log in to SCOUTSHOP with your membership number (shown in your Scouthub & Operoo Profile)
To purchase books: www.turrascouts.com -> S-Shop

Information about the new Youth Program: www.nsw.scouts.com.au/new-youth-program/

## **SCOUT FEES:**

During FULL member Registration to Scouts NSW, there will be information about the Fee structure including the **Scouts NSW state fees** and the **2nd Turramurra Group fee** component. Where possible Group fee Discount Codes may be available for Leaders, Committee members or parents Registering more than one child at 2T, as well as using of any NSW Government **Active Kids Vouchers.** <a href="https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids/">https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids/</a>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Group President or Group Leader.

www.turrascouts.com -> CONTACT or ABOUT -> Committee

## **INVESTITURE** of your child into 2nd Turramurra Scout group:

New youth members are *Invested into Scouts* after Registration and fees have been paid, and after completing their *Introduction to Scouts* and *Introduction to Scout Section* badges (RECORD Book). This can take up to 6 weeks of attendance and participation at hall activities.

They are Invested into the Scouting movement at a ceremony normally held at the hall, where they agree to the scout law and promise (need their RECORD Book) and are given their badges and their 2<sup>nd</sup> Turramurra Group scarf (included in fees).

Parents are encouraged to attend and take photos at this important ceremony (normally held at Closing Parade).

Any lost scarves or badges may be available for replacement for a fee (usually at cost).

## **ACTIVITIES / EVENTS – attendance by members**

Attendance at certain Events / Activities will require express permission for your child to attend.

This will be via Events/Activities listed and sent out to you as e-Forms currently from a system called OPEROO.

You will be required to complete an OPEROO member CARE PROFILE for your child to be invited to events.

In the future, Scouts NSW will be implementing a Permission Form system within Scouthub.