



Branch Scout Council

Scouts ACT

Minutes

Monday 31 July 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Badimara Scout Hall, Waramanga & Google Meets

Present

- Lachlan, Chair (Les Explorateurs)
- Leila, Vice Chair (Garran)
- Luke, Secretary (Orion Unit LTSS)
- Milo, Executive (Tasman Unit LBGSS)
- Maeve, Executive (Trident Unit LBGSS)
- Evelyn, Les Explorateurs
- Charlotte, Mt Taylor
- Eli, Amaroo
- Ewan, Amaroo
- Catrina, Onslow Unit LTSS
- Claudia, Onslow Unit LTSS
- Caitlin, Stromlo Forest
- Juliet, Stromlo Forest
- Millie, 13th Canberra
- Jay Reid, BC Youth Empowerment
- Allison Shang, SL Badimara

Apologies:

- Mark Cooper, BC Adventurous Activities
- Cathy Dickson, SL Mt Mugga

Welcome and introductions:

- Leila welcomed everyone to Badimara Scout Hall and gave an Acknowledgement of Country

Scouts ACT Instagram:

- Scouts ACT has an old Instagram page that isn't very active, BSC trying and get it up and running again
- Want to use Instagram to connect with people
- Looked at the accounts of other Branches and their ideas, such Scouts Victoria`
- Ideas:
 - Add a fundraising page on the instagram and pages for the GG camp or other big events
 - Show cool activities and adventures (not just hikes and trips but also normally night so people who want to join aren't surprised)
 - Videos of thing we do as advertisements
 - On camps interview Scouts and ask what they love, what they are doing on the camp and make a video to post

- Make one big video that we could make stay at the top of the page that could be filled with ACT unit interviews
- Images and information about Scouting events.
- Images of Units
- Instagram stories
- Types of content Scouts would like:
 - Appealing images/videos
 - ASA?
 - EVENTS!
 - BSC
 - Awards
 - Pure Scout material
- How to appeal to young people:
 - Good Looking “Aesthetics” (watermark captions editing)
 - Easy to understand - Short and Direct
 - Clear Content
 - Day in a life, get ready with us - TIK TOK trend ideas?
 - Colorful and eye catching content (Scout colors)
 - Music on Stories or video posts
- How to collect content
 - Google Drives
 - Scout emails
 - Submission Forms
 - Unit takes pics of adventures and fun nights to upload

Promoting inter-Unit activities:

- BSC very keen to promote more inter-Unit activities
- What types of activities do Units want?
 - Activities (chill social events) and camps (also chill social events)
 - Interested in big camps!! (non-designated activities and social and getting to know each other)
 - Branch hikes more often (more of just a hike for people -overnight hikes over normal hikes)
 - Venturers Units could do activities so Scouts can meet them
 - Activities so Cubs can meet the Unit they are going into
 - Fishing camp
 - Future camp on the biking track - Stromlo to Cottermouth.
- What activities have worked well?
 - Try and get programming quickly to get connected. Start planning now for Term 4

- Campfire night and cooking night
- Wide games
- How can BSC encourage more activities?
 - Sharing Unit contact details
 - Set up BSC email list
 - Put together a Branch Scout Council challenge
 - Share events on ScoutsIT, Instagram and Facebook

Major events:

- Governor-General Camp has changed date to 14-19 April 2023
 - Running out of time, gives people more time to plan
 - Cubs and Joeys are able to attend as participates
 - Venturers participates or staff
 - BSC to ask Mark to attend next meeting

Summer Camp:

- Being planned for 12-18 January 2024
- Maddie from Birralee is organising
- Activity ideas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pioneering ○ Knotts - Structures ○ Swimming ○ Paracord braiding ○ Water activities - Lake Tugg or Lake Ginn ○ Fishing ○ Rock climbing ○ Archery ○ Axe throwing - Age limit? ○ Wide games at night/night activities ○ Fire spinning/twirling ○ Campfires/Bonfires ○ Gangshow performing ○ Building shelters to sleep in ○ Sailing ○ Fencing ○ Cardboard box fights/nerf wars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dunk tank. And waterslides ○ STEM/Constructions ○ Caving (bus transport) ○ First aid ○ Canoeing/Kayaking ○ 4wd ○ Pool scuba diving ○ Hiking day/night (different levels/ experiences and preferences) ○ Cooking challenge ○ Short creative activities, spray paint (chilling art and craft) ○ Chill out areas (welfare) ○ Disco or parties ○ Movies ○ Marble run (in chill out zone) ○ MTB (ability basic/advanced) ○ DJ and Live Band
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- Camp ideas
 - Link activities to badge work
 - Choices on activities, some extra/high-cost activities pay more
 - Every campsite has two Units so Scouts make new friends
 - Self Catering or Group Catering
 - Night activities
 - Talk to Venturers about inviting them
 - Transport to activities vs the cost
 - Eco friendly

Any other business:

- Upcoming events:
 - [Scouts in Action Month](#) - Solar Scouts theme
 - [Jambrowlree](#) - international competition
 - Potentially a Pioneering Team camp
 - Mountain Bike Team has several events - contact cycling@scoutsact.com.au
 - [ACT Children's Week](#), Units can apply for money to do activities
- Ideas for fundraising:
 - Garage sales
 - Bake sales
 - BBQs
 - Pie Drive
 - Color Run
 - BSC could set up an ACT donation pool and promote on Instagram

Next meeting:

- Wednesday 13 September, hopefully in Belconnen