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Joey Scout Promise Challenge

QRG 12

This is a National Peak Award for the Joey Scout Section.

Think Grey Wolf, Think Australian Scout Medallion, Think Queen Scout, Think Baden-Powell Award, Think Wood Badge. Think Promise Challenge!

This is the first personal challenge in scouting, It's up to us as leaders to challenge our youth members and to respect and maintain that national standard and then bring on the fanfare to reward those for their efforts.

Pay close attention to the requirements listed on the F9 Promise Challenge Application form. This should be obtained directly from the Scouts NSW Website, to ensure you have the latest version.

When can they start the Promise Challenge?

From the age of 7 years & 6 months.

When must it be submitted by?

The Portfolio of Evidence with a fully completed F9 form must reach the SC(JS) via your respective RC(JS) before the joeys 8th birthday and while they still hold a Joey Scout Appointment in ScoutLink (NSW Membership Database).

Note that joeys past their 8th birthday will only be considered if there is a notation in their ScoutLink record as per the instructions in Banjo's QRG # 2 "Over Age Joey Scouts"

A youth member MUST not be held back in Joeys just to complete this award.

Explain this "Duty to Others" task?

This should be explained to the Joey and their parents at the start, It can be heart breaking for the Joey to do a project and then find out that it can't be used for the Promise Challenge. Even more heart breaking when they have then run out of time to do something else before linking to Cubs.

It must be made clear that this is a Personal Challenge by the individual. It can't be a Scouting Activity, involving other Scout Members. The task needs to support the community and preferably in their Joey Scout Uniform. For the purposes of this award, we do not include members of the Joey's family as part of this Community Service. If unsure, speak to your District Leader or RC(JS).

The Process;

- Step 1) The Joey Scout must fulfil the requirements of the Award as per the F9 application form.
- Step 2) The Joey Scout Leader will hold an informal meeting with the Joey and ask them about each of the requirements of the Award. The parent may be in sight, but not at the table. The joey may refer to their portfolio/notes.
- The purpose of this meeting is for the Joey Leader to judge if the presented material is the work of the Joey Scout and that they have met a reasonable level of challenge. Joey Scouts of differing levels of aptitude will have a corresponding level of challenge and this will be reflected in their Portfolio. As the Joey Scout Leader, you will have a better understanding of this Joey Scout's ability, so your judgement does play a significant role in the approval and integrity of this award.
- Step 3) Submit the F9 form with the Joeys Scouts portfolio of evidence to your RC(JS).
- Step 4) The RC(JS) will review it and either ask for more info or endorse it and forward to the SC(JS)
- Step 5) The SC(JS) will review it and either ask for more info or approve the award and advise the RC(JS).
- Step 6) The RC(JS) will either forward the certificate & badge to the District Leader for awarding, or award it themselves at a time convenient to that Joey Mob.

The Promise Challenge Award Presentation.

Remember to invite your Group Leader, Group Chairman, District Commissioner, District Leader (Joey Scouts) Region Commissioner (Joey Scouts). Also invite your Local MP's and Media.

This really is a big deal! Make a party out of it, maybe a cake and party food. Let the parents take heaps of photo's.

After the Presentation.

Send an email / Letter to their School Principal. Media release to the local paper with photo.

Add their name to the Promise Challenge Honour Board. Write an article for your region newsletter!

Questions

Any questions about procedures should be raised at your District/Region Wandarrah.

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Please note that this is a NSW based document, some parts may not be relevant to other states.