

BENOWIE DISTRICT SCOUTS EASTER CAMP 2024
THURSDAY NOON TO FRIDAY NOON - SET UP CAMP

FRIDAY

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| 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 12:00 | Parade - Camp Opening – Full Uniform |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | Oztag Round 1 - all patrols play |
| 16:00 | Free time |
| 18:00 | Dinner |
| 19:30 | Movie |
| 21:30 | PL's Council |
| 22:00 | Leaders Council |
| 22:30 | Lights Out |

SATURDAY

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|--------------|--|
| 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 | PARADE – COMPETITION STARTS |
| 09:45 | Land & Water Sports |
| 11:00 | Oztag Round 2 – all patrols play |
| 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | District Adventure Trail Set Up |
| 14:30 | District Adventure Trail |
| 16:30 | Post-Adventure Trail clean-up & Dinner Prep |
| 18:00 | Dinner |
| 19:30 | PL's Council / District SYC FULL UNIFORM |
| 20:30 | Free time - Chill out / Inter-troop fraternisation |
| 22:00 | Mindari |
| 22:30 | Lights Out |

SUNDAY (includes Cubout)

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| 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 | Parade |
| 09:15 | Scouts Own |
| 10:00 | Oztag Finals |
| 11:30 | Lunch |
| 12:45 | Camp Sports (including Water Fight) |
| 15:00 | Visitors Afternoon Tea / Chill Out Time |
| 18:00 | Dinner |
| 19:30 | Campfire |
| 21:30 | PL's Council |
| 22:00 | Leader's Council |
| 22:30 | Lights Out |

MONDAY

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|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 | Parade |
| 09.30 | Oztag – Winners v Leaders |
| 10.30 | Wide Game |
| 12:30 | Lunch - CAMP COMPETITION CLOSES |
| 13:30 | Break Camp |
| 15:30 | Closing Parade - Full Uniform |
| 16:00 | Depart Camp |



Benowie District Scouts

EASTER CAMP

OzTag Rules



OzTag is played under similar rules to Touch Football.

Object

To score a try by running the ball over the opposition's goal line.

The team with the highest number of tries wins.

Equipment

Each game requires (these will be provided by District):

- 1 football
- 6 sets of tags per team – each set comprises 2 tags and a waist belt.
- Cones for marking out the playing field

Game Rules

- Games consist of 2 halves with a half time break. Actual times may vary depending on the number of games in the round, and will be announced before play commences
- Each on-field team consists of a maximum of 6 players from the same patrol. If a patrol does not have 6 members, the number of players on the opposing team will be reduced to equivalent numbers
- Each team must have a minimum of 4 players on the field – fewer than this will forfeit the game
- Patrol members must play for their own patrol **only** – no swapping or substituting into other patrols
- Unlimited interchanges are allowed at appropriate times during play
- Each half starts with a tap and pass at half way
- After a try is scored the team that did not score restarts play at half way with a tap and pass
- If a player drops the ball then there is a change of possession
- If a player runs out of touch (1 step out / on the line counts) there is a change of possession
- When the player carrying the ball has one (or both) tags removed, they must stop and play the ball with a tap and pass from the position where the tag was removed, **before** replacing their tags. Opposing players performing the tag must drop the tag to the ground at point of tagging – no throwing the tag behind the point of play
- Once a team has been tagged 6 times possession changes hands
- When a player is restarting play (for any reason) all of the opposing team must be onside until the ball is passed. The referee will mark the onside position
- A try is scored when a player **carries** the ball over the try line. Both feet must be on the ground – no diving or sliding.
Note: The ball does not have to be grounded for a try to be scored
- Each try is worth one point
- No kicking of the ball is allowed
- No forward passes
- No palming / elbows / rough play
- Referees' decisions are final – there is no video referee!
- Winning patrols must report scores to the Match Official at the end of the game



Benowie District Scouts EASTER CAMP Camp Fraternisation Form



(10 EXTRA points for the HOST PATROL)

A patrol may invite another patrol to join them for ONE of the following meals:

LUNCH or DINNER on SATURDAY or SUNDAY.

Patrols who fail to attend a Host patrol's camp after accepting an invitation loses 10 points. The host patrol will still receive their 10 points. This should be noted by the host patrol's troop leader and the inspection team advised.

An invitation form is to be completed by the HOST patrol, and signed by their Scout Leader. It MUST be handed in, during the PL's COUNCIL Meeting on SUNDAY NIGHT.

NOTE: Forms will **NOT** be accepted if:-

1. They are not signed by the Scout Leader.
2. They are lodged AFTER the PL's Council on SUNDAY.

THE.....PATROL ofTROOP.

INVITE

THE.....PATROL of.....TROOP.

To join them for LUNCH/DINNER on SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Scout Leader Host Patrol.....

| SCORE SHEET | | Version 4. 2022. | | |
|--|---------|------------------|-----|----------|
| PATROL NAME: | | TROOP: | | |
| INSPECTION ITEMS | MAX PTS | SAT | SUN | COMMENTS |
| 1. CAMPSITE & GENERAL | | | | |
| 1.1 Patrol campsite, boundaries & patrol name | 6 | | | |
| 1.2 Grounds clean & tidy | 4 | | | |
| 1.3 Clear of hazards | 8 | | | |
| 1.4 Patrol clothes line | 6 | | | |
| 1.5 Patrol site layout - practical, workable & safe | 6 | | | |
| | 30 | | | |
| 2. TENT | | | | |
| 2.1 Poles secure & straight | 4 | | | |
| 2.2 Guy lines taut, correct knots used | 4 | | | |
| 2.3 Tent pegs secure and located correctly | 4 | | | |
| 2.4 Walls brailled | 4 | | | |
| 2.5 Floors clean | 4 | | | |
| 2.6 Packs & bags neat & closed | 4 | | | |
| 2.7 General Tidiness | 4 | | | |
| | 28 | | | |
| 3. KITCHEN SHELTER | | | | |
| 3.1 Ridge secure, uprights straight, lashed | 4 | | | |
| 3.2 Guy lines taut (correct knots used) | 4 | | | |
| 3.3 Pegs secure and located correctly | 4 | | | |
| 3.4 Ground clear | 4 | | | |
| 3.5 Table clean | 10 | | | |
| 3.6 Clear access both ends | 4 | | | |
| | 30 | | | |
| 4. HYGIENE | | | | |
| 4.1 Cooking utensils clean & dry | 10 | | | |
| 4.2 Cooking utensils neatly stored, knives sheathed | 6 | | | |
| 4.3 Cooking & Drinking water available | 8 | | | |
| 4.4 Hand washing facilities and Hand Sanitiser | 10 | | | |
| 4.5 Eating utensils clean | 10 | | | |
| 4.6 Eating utensils in bags & hung under shelter | 4 | | | |
| 4.7 Washing up facilities clean | 10 | | | |
| 4.8 Tea towels clean & tidy | 10 | | | |
| | 68 | | | |
| 5. FIRE PLACE & WET PIT | | | | |
| 5.1 Fireplace and gas stove/BBQ | 4 | | | |
| 5.2 Area clear (Hazards, combustible material etc) | 6 | | | |
| 5.3 Fire extinguishment methods | 6 | | | |
| 5.4 Firewood onsite, sufficient, neat & covered | 4 | | | |
| 5.5 Axe/bushsaw sheathed & safely located | 6 | | | |
| 5.6 Wet pit adequate & constructed correctly | 6 | | | |
| 5.7 Wet pit filter and surrounds clean | 10 | | | |
| 5.8 Wet pit top cover clean & adequate | 6 | | | |
| | 48 | | | |
| 6. PATROL FOOD STORAGE | | | | |
| 6.1 Patrol food stored on patrol site, sheltered from sun & rain | 8 | | | |
| 6.2 Food safe from ants, flies & wildlife/animals | 8 | | | |
| 6.3 Food storage clean, neat & tidy | 8 | | | |
| 6.4 Rubbish bin adequate | 4 | | | |
| 6.5 Recycling container adequate | 4 | | | |
| 6.5 Rubbish / recycling container lids on & secured | 6 | | | |
| 6.6 Dry rubbish only | 6 | | | |
| | 44 | | | |
| Total Patrol Score | 248 | | | |

BENOWIE DISTRICT
EASTER CAMP – INSPECTION NOTES (V7 3/2022)

1. CAMPSITE & GENERAL

- 1.1 Patrol campsite, boundaries & patrol name..... Each patrol to have an individual patrol site area. Patrol site to have visible boundaries (fences). Patrols are NOT to use the fixed (council provided) BBQ's or picnic tables. Patrol name to be visible on patrol site, tents, dining flys and wet pit.
- 1.2 Grounds clean & tidy..... Just that (no lolly papers, food scraps etc)
- 1.3 Clear of hazards..... No unhealthful axes/bush saws lying on the ground, no low clothes lines or logs lying in thoroughfares, no trip hazards, star pickets to be capped, chairs not to be left around fires etc
- 1.4 Patrol clothes line..... To be built using pioneering skills (no star pickets). Should be large enough and strong enough to carry the entire patrol's sleeping bags and other wet clothes or items. (ie/ 5 patrol members then 5 bags). It should be placed so as not to create a hazard.
- 1.5 Patrol site layout – practical, workable & safe... Marked Saturday Only. Patrol sites should have a logical and practical flow to them which makes them workable overall. Fire place, wet pit should be located safely but near to dining shelter, tent entrance should open to dining shelter or other open area, safe and hazard free gateway entrance to patrol site.

2. TENT

- 2.1 Poles secure and straight..... Just that. Dome/tunnel tents to be properly put up and adjusted.
- 2.2 Guy lines taut, correct knots used..... Just that. Dome/tunnel tents that have the provision for storm guys shall have the storm guys in place and pegged out. (No truckies or hay hitches.
- 2.3 Tent pegs secure and located correctly.... Just that. Tent pegs should be lined up or form a circle depending on tent type. Guy ropes or elastics not to be buried in the dirt.
- 2.4 Walls brailed Weather permitting tents must be brailed to allow ventilation to flow. Auto tents and large dome/tunnel tents must be opened each end to attain ventilation. Dome/tunnel tents must be fully opened, fly screens where in place zippered and windows open. Tents to be half brailed **only after rain.**
- 2.5 Floors clean Nothing on the floor except a little grass and maybe a little sand. There should be no paper, food wrappers or the like.
- 2.6 Packs & bags neat & closed Packs, suitcases, sports or duffle bags must be closed, latched, strapped or zippered.
- 2.7 General tidiness Just that – to please the eye of the examiner.

3. KITCHEN SHELTER

- 3.1 Ridge secure, uprights straight, lashed.... Ridge to be lashed to uprights, upright poles to be straight
- 3.2 Guy lines taut Just that.
* Rope on dining fly - Rolling hitches to be used to secure ropes to pegs for fly.
* Ridge poles guy ropes - Rolling hitches or truckies hitches on ridge guy ropes (or storm guy ropes).
NO Toggles on any ropes.

- 3.3 Pegs secure and located correctly..... Just that. Tent pegs should form a straight line along sides. Guy ropes or elastics not to be buried in the dirt.
- 3.4 Ground clear No food scraps or papers etc.
- 3.5 Table clean No residue or greasy film, no food scraps.
- 3.6 Clear access both ends Entry not blocked by guy ropes, patrol boxes or the like.

4. HYGIENE

- 4.1 Cooking utensils clean & dry All utensils in the patrol camp site to be clean & dry.
- 4.2 Cooking utensils neatly stored knives sheathed Containers, billies, dixies etc to be stored neatly inside patrol box. Billies to be stored upside down on racks to allow drainage for drying. Knives to be sheathed. Where cooking equipment is stored in plastic boxes such boxes must be ventilated.
- 4.3 Cooking & Drinking water Minimum quantity to be available 15 ltrs. There should be at least this minimum after each meal (ie/ prior to the start of the next activity). **Note – cordial not counted.**
- 4.4 Hand washing facilities and Hand Sanitiser..... Soap and a dish of water to be provided for hand washing. The condition of the water to be reasonable. To be available at all times. Soap not to be left in water. Water to be replaced after each meal.
Hand Sanitiser also to be provided on patrol site.
- 4.5 Eating utensils clean Just that. No food residue, greasy film etc.
- 4.6 Eating utensils in bags & hung in shelter Eating utensils should be in a cotton draw string bag. **(Plastic & mesh bags are not acceptable as they are not hygienic or let the dirt in)** Bags with utensils inside to be hung in the kitchen shelter in a place where they will not get wet. One per patrol member.
- 4.7 Washing up facilities clean No greasy rings on tubs or bowls. No left over washing up water or food scraps. After each meal washing up tubs should be placed upside down to drain and dry.
- 4.8 Tea towels clean & tidy Used wet tea towels should be hung on clothes line and secured with clothes pegs. Tea towels **should not** be stored in utensil bags. Unused tea towels should be kept in patrol box or other patrol storage box.

5. FIRE PLACE & WET PIT

- 5.1 Fireplace and gas stoves/BBQs.....
 - * Fire place **must** to be available and safely located on site (ideally 3m from tents or canvas, clear of overhead tree hazards, & clear of all obstructions for 2m around). Fire place should be structurally sound (not built from timber frames or covered by any low level sheeting).
 - * **Fire Place must be used for cooking and cleaning up all night time meals.**
 - * Gas stoves / BBQ's – are **optional** and can **only** be use for cooking breakfast and lunch. Please ensure gas stove/BBQ is safely located.
 - Note – the stove, gas leaks etc will not be judged.*
- 5.2 Area clear (Hazards & combustible

- materials etc.) Area adjacent to fire place and/or gas stove/BBQ to be free of combustible material, hazards (seats, chairs, logs, water containers, axes, trolleys, paper etc).
- 5.3 Fire Extinguishment methods * **Buckets Only** - One (1) to be full with sand, One (1) to be full with water. (**To top lip of bucket. NOT half full**). The buckets should NOT be located together. They should be located taking into the fireplace and/or gas stove or BBQ. Suggested position is 2m from fire place and/or gas BBQ. Ideal location is on way to fire place/gas store or BBQ from kitchen shelter.
- * **Bucket Water & Fire Blanket** - One (1) bucket to be full with water (**To top lip of bucket. NOT half full**) and a **fire blanket to be hung up**. The bucket and fire blanket should NOT be located together. They should be located taking into the fireplace and/or gas stove or BBQ. Suggested position is 2m from fire place and/or gas BBQ. Ideal location is on way to fire place/gas store or BBQ from kitchen shelter.
- 5.4 Firewood on site, sufficient, neat & covered A reasonable stock of **varying sizes** of material stacked neatly under a cover. There should be sufficient firewood on the patrol site to last the weekend.
- 5.5 Axe/bush saw sheathed & safely located Axe or bush saw to have cutting edge fitted with a protective cover when not in use. Axe or bush saw to be stored safely in wood store or other safe location on patrol site. There is to be one per patrol.
- 5.6 Wet pit adequate & constructed correctly. Wet pit to be adequate and meet the minimum requirements below:-
- * Safety fence surrounding wet pit area.
 - * Filter to be able to remove food particles and should have holes no larger than 2mm.
 - * If a hole is dug in the ground there should be **no** gaps between the edge of the hole and the filter where waste water can flow and also the hole below.
 - * Filter must have a top cover and there must be **no** air gaps where flies can get to filter.
- A suggested wet pit design is located at the end of this document.*
- 5.7 Wet pit Filter & surrounds clean..... Food scraps in internal filter cover to be removed after each meal. Filter to be cleaned.
- 5.8 Wet pit top cover clean & adequate Large enough to cover hole completely and should be easily opened. Should be clean – no food scraps on it.

6. PATROL FOOD STORAGE

- 6.1 Patrol Food Stored on Patrol Site, sheltered from sun & Rain..... That all patrol food for the weekend shall be kept on the Patrol Site. Food storage to be sheltered and protected from sun, rain and wildlife or other animals.
- Note – esky, fridge or other cold storage unit can be used.
We do not judge the actual cold storage unit. Items inside need to be kept in a proper manner as per item 6.3.*
- 6.2 Food safe from ants, flies & animals Food storage containers to be closed properly with lids secured to protect stored items from ants, flies wildlife and other animals.

- 6.3 Food storage clean, neat & tidy Food storage and food containers to be:-
- * Be neat and tidy
 - * Clean with no spilt foods
 - * All containers to be clean and lids on properly
 - * Perishable foods **not to be** left out of cold storage.
- 6.4 Rubbish bin adequate Minimum size of 30L, must have lid, must have bin liner.
- 6.5 Recycling container adequate No minimum size. Capable of holding recyclable materials (eg/ glass, paper, metal).
- 6.6 Rubbish/Recycling -lid on and secured... Container to be closed with lid secured in place. Lid should be easily opened and resealed
- 6.7 Dry rubbish only..... ONLY dry rubbish in containers. (ie/ food scraps in rubbish bin after fluid has been drained off into wet pit, clean rubbish in recycling container)

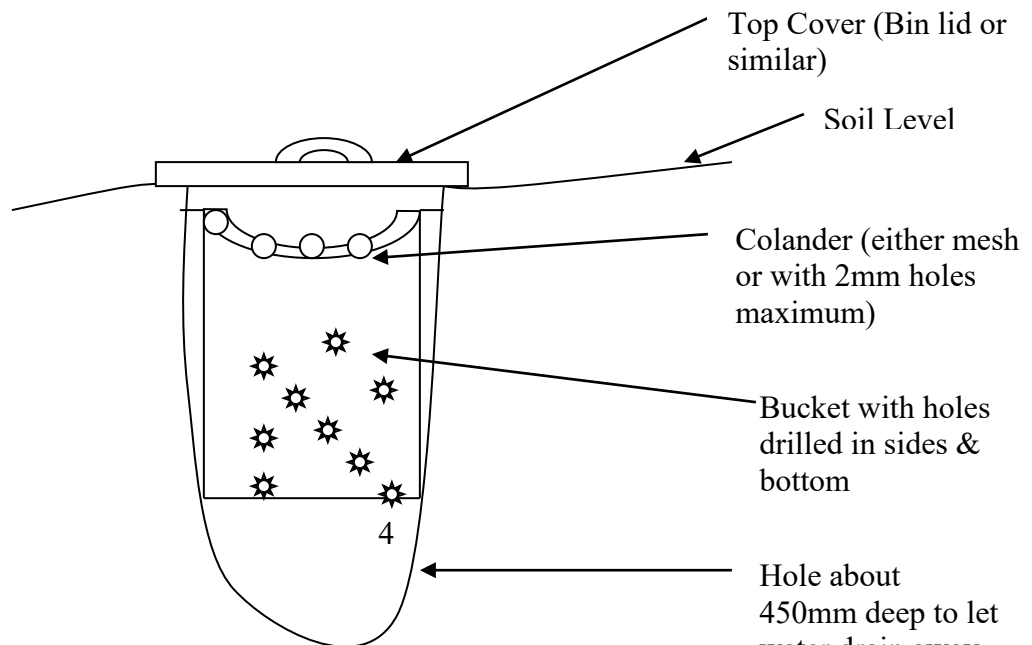
CAMP GADGETS – (Bonus points - Judged Monday Morning)

Examples

- Internal clothesline for tent
- Shoe rack
- Washing up stand
- Hand washing stand
- Gateway

WET PIT DESIGN (Suggested design by examiner)

Please note this is a suggested design only and is in no way the only option. However taking into consideration the sandy soil is a design that has some merits.



PACKING LIST FOR EASTER CAMP

Sleeping Gear

Backpack / Sports bag / Suitcase
Sleeping mat or air bed (+ pump)
Sleeping Bag
Inner Sheet
Blanket
Pillow

Clothes

Full scout uniform to be worn when travelling to and from the camp, and at opening and closing parade.

Jacket/Jumper
Shorts
Shirts / T-shirts
Jeans / Long pants
Tracksuit
Pyjamas
Underclothes
Socks
Shoes (to keep dry)
Sun hat
Beanie & Gloves
Poncho / Raincoat

Wet/Dirty Gear – these will get messy!

Old Sneakers / Water shoes
Swimming Costume
Sun shirt
Board shorts
Sun hat (for swimming)
Spare Towel
Shirt / shorts / socks that can get wet & muddy (for Adventure trail)
Plastic bag to store wet items

Toiletry kit:

Soap / Liquid wash
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Brush / Comb
Small towel

Mess Kit in a **cloth** bag (not plastic or mesh):

Plate, bowl, cup, mug, knife, fork, spoon
2 Tea towels
Water bottle

Other items

Torch / Head torch
Small First Aid Kit
Sun block cream
Insect repellent (roll on or cream)
Scout Book
Camera - optional

LEAVE AT HOME

Mobile phones and other electronic equipment

BANNED ITEMS

Cigarette Lighters
Lighter Fluid
Pressure packs (inc deodorant)



Benowie District Scouts

Easter Camp

Everything you need to know!



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Easter Camp is run annually by Benowie District at Crosslands Reserve in Hornsby Heights over the Easter long weekend.

Overview

Approximately 150 Scouts and 50 Leaders from all over our District come together to enjoy a weekend full of fun, games, activities, sports and fellowship.

It is a standing camp (no hiking) where Scouts camp in patrols and look after their own campsite for the weekend. While the camp is organised by the Benowie District team, Scouts' home Unit and Scout Leaders are responsible for the patrols in camping, catering and Scout Unit activities.

As well as all of the activities, the camp includes a competition to see which patrol does best at keeping their campsite in order. Patrols need to be sure to work together to get the washing up done and keep their tents and campsite tidy to avoid losing marks!

When is it? t

The District Team sets up from about midday on the Thursday.

Scout Units are welcome to bump in any time from then until midday on Friday, when the camp opening parade is held, and activities commence.

Closing parade is held on the Monday at 3.30pm, and we depart camp by about 4.00pm.

Registration and Fees

Each person (Scouts and Leaders) who wishes to attend Easter Camp must register using the Sydney North Region online registration system at

<https://sydneynorthscouts.com/event/benowie-district-scout-camp-2/>

If you have previously registered for an event using this system your details should be saved, so all you will need to do is check they are current, update them if needed, and save any changes.

If you have not previously registered in this system you may need to set up a profile and enter all your details to get started. But the good news is that those details will be saved and can be used again for future events!

The fee for Scouts to register for Easter Camp is \$65 for 3 nights, \$75 for 4 nights, which is payable when you complete your registration. There is no registration fee for Leaders.

Please note that this is the camping fee only, and there will be an additional amount to pay to your group to cover food and other expenses. Please check with your Scout Leader who will let you know how much that will be.

Camping at Crosslands Reserve

Permission has been granted by the Hornsby Shire Council for us to use the southern end of Crosslands Reserve for our camp. The use of the reserve is a privilege. We must ensure that no damage is done to the park or its environs, and that it is left as well as, if not better, than how we found it. The limited natural resources of the area will necessitate bringing onto the site all your requirements in the way of tents, fire drums, firewood etc. Your PL and Scout Leaders will help you get all this organised.

Patrol Camping

Scouts camp in patrols and have their own separate campsites including sleeping tents, dining fly, fireplace, wet pit, firewood store and food stores. Scout Unit with multiple patrols camp in the same area together, overseen by their Leaders. Scout Unit camping areas are assigned by the District Team.

Scouts are responsible for managing their own food store, doing their own cooking and washing up, airing their tents and equipment, and keeping the patrol site clean and free from hazards, among other things.

There is also a competition for best patrol campsite – more on this below!

Patrol Site Gateway, Signage and Gadgets

Each patrol site must be clearly fenced off from other patrols, so it is clear what area they are using. It can also be fun to construct a gateway with a sign which clearly identifies the entry to your patrol site.

Items within your patrol site should also be clearly labelled with your patrol name – e.g. dining fly, wet pit, food store etc.

As well as the usual camping gear, patrols are also encouraged to construct gadgets for use at camp. These can be anything you like which helps make life at camp a bit easier, and often include things like a handwashing stand, dish washing stand or drying rack, or mess kit holder. The only rule is that you must bring the necessary items with you and construct the gadget(s) while you are at camp.

Parades

The dress for camp opening and closing parades is uniform shirt, scarf and hat.

District Flag Parades are held each morning, for which the dress is hat and group scarf, together with other appropriate camp attire. You are also welcome to dress up in theme if you would like!

Because there is a lot to do and we need to keep things running on time, the last patrol to arrive for morning parade each day will be assigned "**Dunny Duty**" (hosing out and cleaning the toilets) – don't say you weren't warned!

Theme and Program

Patrols are encouraged to incorporate the theme into as many aspects of their camping that they can, eg: Patrol name, gateway design, costumes (which can be worn to morning parade), campsite decoration etc.

A detailed timetable of all the activities is attached, but some of the highlights include:

● Movie

After a busy day setting up camp and participating in the first OzTag round, everyone is welcome to join us at District HQ on Friday night for a movie. The movie is different every year and based around the camp theme.

Please note: We will not be screening movies from the Hunger Games franchise.

Bring a blanket (and a tarp or chair to sit on if the ground is wet), settle in and enjoy the action on the big screen!

● **OzTag**

All patrols play in the OzTag competition which runs throughout the camp. This is a friendly competition designed to encourage participation – all members of each patrol should get some time on the field.

Each patrol will play in at least 2 games in the round robin competition on Friday and Saturday, and the top 8 patrols play off in the finals on Sunday. The champion patrol then competes in the hotly contested match against the Leaders' team on Monday morning

Please also refer to the Easter Camp OzTag rules attached. [OBJ]

● **Land & Water Sports**

This event is open to anyone who wants to participate but is not compulsory.

Scouts form up in pairs to run the length of the reserve, and then canoe back to the start (or vice versa). Don't be dismayed if you can't find someone from your patrol or Scout Unit to pair up with – come down to the registration area and we are sure to be able to find someone to run with you!

Canoes, paddles and floatation devices are provided, but Scouts should wear appropriate swimming attire, a sun protective top and water shoes for this event.

The teams are sorted by age, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all age groups are awarded.

● **District Adventure Trail**

A series of short challenges, games and activities run by the Leaders of each Scout Unit. They change every year, so it's never the same twice – but be ready to get wet and/or muddy!

● **Camp Sports**

Camp Sports are held on Sunday afternoon from 12.45pm. Please see the attached Camp Sports instructions for details of the games which will be run.

Your Patrol is required to bring to camp the equipment outlined in the Camp Sports instructions – be sure to bring everything you need!

- **District Campfire**

Held after dinner on Sunday night everyone in camp settles in around the big campfire for a night of singing and entertainment.

Scouts from each Scout Unit prepare and perform a short skit, with the skit judged best on the night receiving a special prize! But it's not all about the Scouts – the leaders also perform a skit!

- **Wide Game**

This is different every year, based around the camp theme, and is always great fun for everyone!

- **District Campfire**

You will be used to holding Patrol Councils, and PLs and APLs would be familiar with Unit Councils where they help plan their Unit's program each term.

But did you know that Councils run by youth members are also held at the District, Region and State levels? This is your opportunity to have a say in how Scouts as an organisation is run, and the sorts of activities you would like to participate in. So be sure to attend or provide suggestions for your PL to put forward on your behalf.

- **Scouts Own**

Traditionally held on Sunday mornings on weekend camps, Scouts Own is a time to reflect and be thankful for life, Scouts, the universe and everything!

We encourage scouts to consider presenting a short song, story or reflection appropriate to the occasion – please speak to your Scout Leaders and the District Team if you are interested helping to lead or participate in Scouts Own.

Visitors Day

Sunday is Visitors Day, from 12:00 (before Camp Sports) to 21:00 hours (after Campfire). Please extend a warm invitation to your parents, family members and friends to come and visit us. They will enjoy watching the camp sports in the afternoon and may wish to stay for campfire in the evening from 19:30.

CubOut

Older Cubs from your group may come to join your patrol as part of the CubOut program on Sunday. Please welcome the Cubs into your patrols and treat them as Scouts for the day. They should be encouraged to participate in all activities with you, including OzTag and Camp Sports. They are your potential future patrol members, so be sure to make them feel included!

District Camping Competition

Among all the fun and games, a more serious focus of the camp is the patrol camping competition, which is held across the weekend to find the champion patrol and Scout Unit in the District. The Camping Competition is judged by the District Inspection Team headed by Wes Leverton, Region Commissioner for Adventurous Activities.

Although there is a prize awarded to the patrol who receives the highest score, the main purpose of the competition is to encourage everyone to focus on improving their camping skills.

Patrol campsites are inspected regularly throughout the weekend with points awarded based on how well the campsite is (or is not!) maintained, with a particular focus on safety and hygiene.

A copy of the inspectors' notes and the score sheet are attached – please refer to the notes to ensure you understand what is expected.

Note: *In 2024 we will continue to use gas stoves/burners for heating water and cooking breakfast and lunch, with fire drums used to cook dinner.*

Patrol camps must be kept in **Inspection Order** while the camping competition runs from Parade on Saturday morning until 12:30 (midday) on Monday.

1. General inspection will be once per day (Saturday and Sunday after morning parade). If a folder or clipboard is left for the inspectors in the patrol dining shelter, they will leave a note about any faults or hazards found. Take time to read these notes and make the necessary changes to avoid losing marks at the next inspection!
2. The Inspection Team will also conduct spot inspections **at any time**, which may include when patrols are off site participating in camp activities. If carried out after dark, the interior of tents will not be inspected. Particular attention will be

paid to hygiene items eg ensuring cooking utensils are kept clean, washed after use and stored appropriately.

3. PLs may accompany the inspection team on spot inspections, and questions may be asked.
4. Points will be **deducted** during spot inspections for any faults and hazards, the location and type determining the penalty (up to the maximum points allocated for that item on the score sheet). For example:
 - Uncovered axes or knives in the kitchen shelter – 6 points penalty (Hazard)
 - Dirty food containers – 6 points penalty (Bad Hygiene)
5. Where a wet pit is dug, the grass sods must be removed carefully, stored, and kept well-watered, for replacement on leaving the site. Dry pits are not to be used - all rubbish should be placed in the bins provided or removed from site in garbage bags or containers. **Trenches must not be dug unless you are specifically instructed to do so by District or your Scout Leader.**
6. Camp gadgets will be judged once only on Sunday.
7. Camp fraternisation – inviting another patrol to eat with you – will score 10 extra points for the **host patrol**. See attached sheet for details.
8. Adult Leaders may offer verbal advice but **must not give** physical assistance to any patrol. Any leaders found to be assisting will result in the patrol being heavily penalised.

Attire and Packing

Appropriate camp attire must be worn at all times. The Easter weekend can be hot and sunny so be sure to be sun smart – shirts with sleeves (preferably also with a collar) and hats must be worn at all times during the day. Closed toe shoes must also be worn when moving around camp.

Remember to bring sunscreen and apply it frequently!

Easter is often also wet – so be sure to also bring a raincoat and other wet weather gear if rain is forecast.

Appropriate swimming attire, sun protective top and water shoes should be worn when participating in the Land and Water Sports event.

Because there are a number of wet and muddy activities, be sure to bring plenty of changes of clothing, suitable for each event, and a plastic bag to take your messy clothes home again. A suggested packing list is attached as a guide.

COVID

Current NSW and Scouts COVID regulations and guidelines will be followed during the camp, including sanitizing, hand washing etc.

Scout Safe

In Scouts NSW our aim is to create a safe and secure environment where everyone understands they have a right to feel safe. Scouts Australia NSW has a zero-tolerance policy towards abuse of any kind.

It is important that every adult and child in Scouting in NSW is aware of and familiar with the NSW Youth Protection [Policy](#) and [Procedure](#) and understand who they can approach and the appropriate steps to take, should any form of abuse occur or be brought to their attention.

Please read the attached Scout Safe Messaging for Scouts before you come to camp. Please come to see us at District HQ if you have any questions or concerns.

Child Protection is our number one priority and is everyone's responsibility.

Questions?

This guideline contains a lot of detail about the camp and what to expect but please read through it and ask your PL or Scout Leader if there is anything you don't understand.

We look forward to seeing you for a fun weekend at Easter Camp!

Sueme (Mary Page)

Kinka (Michelle Dalmaris)

Noddy (Peter Quirke)

Benowie District Scout Leaders

Benowie District Scout Camp Code



I will do my best

Always make an effort
Always cooperate and work together
Keep trying when I fail
Be helpful at all times
Try new things

I will care

Be a friend to all Scouts
Care about people
When I see a Scout having a hard time I will try to help them
Care for the environment

I will show respect

I will not enter another Unit's campsite without an invitation
Allow others to speak and to have a voice.
Listen to other people; Leaders and Scouts
Speak up when I see Bullying. Bullying is not ok.
Be tolerant of people who are different to me
Not touch other people, keep space.

I will reflect

Learn from my experiences
Speak up when things need to change
Review activities and our actions



Benowie District Scouts EASTER CAMP 2024



EASTER CAMP Scout Safe Messaging

SCOUTS NSW CHILD SAFE MESSAGING PROTOCOL

FEELING SAFE – YOUR RIGHTS A MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUTH

Everyone in Scouts, youth and adults alike have the right to feel safe and be protected from abuse. No-one is allowed to threaten you, hurt you or touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or afraid.

A Scout is respectful and this applies to all interactions between all participants, youth and adult, at Easter Camp.

You do not have to deal with abuse on your own. If you feel unsafe, threatened or you see or hear something that causes you concern, please speak to a Leader or Rovers on an activity. Your concerns will be taken seriously. The information you provide will be shared with people who can support and protect you.

If you don't know what to do – talk to the Assistant District Scout Leader, Michelle Dalmaris (Kinka) at Easter Camp HQ!

If, for any reason, you do not feel the concerns of this nature which you raised at Easter Camp have been satisfactorily dealt with, please report your concerns directly to the Child Protection Team at the NSW State Office on:

Telephone: 02 9735 9000

Email: ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au

or your parents.



Benowie District Scouts

EASTER CAMP 2024

COVID RESPONSIBILITIES



February 2024

While the incidence of Covid infections has reduced, some instances are still occurring, Easter Camp attendees are reminded of the need to maintain safe hygiene protocols to help everyone stay well. This includes:

- Frequent hand washing and sanitisation generally but particularly if preparing food
- Coughing or sneezing into the crook of your elbow.
- Letting your leaders know if you start to feel unwell

Mask wear not mandatory but you are welcome to wear one if you wish.

By attending camp you agree that you acknowledge and understand the following rules and will follow them:

1. You will NOT attend Easter Camp if you are showing signs of sickness, COVID symptoms, are a confirmed case, are isolating or are a close contact of a person with COVID.
2. If you develop COVID or flu-like symptoms or test positive during the camp at any time advise your Scout Leader and the District Team IMMEDIATELY.
3. For the health of everyone on camp you will be isolated safely, and a parent or guardian contacted to take you home.

If you need to withdraw from Easter Camp in response to COVID rules above following registration but before the camp commences, then a full refund of the \$65 camping/registration fee will be provided. You will need to discuss with your Scout Leader whether any refund is possible for Scout Unit-based expenses (e.g., food etc.)

We look forward to having a healthy and fun time at camp

Yours in Scouting

Sueme (Mary Page)

Kinka (Michelle Dalmaris)

Noddy Peter Quirke

Benowie District Scout Leader



Benowie District Scouts EASTER CAMP 2024 Letter to Scouts



January 2024

Dear Scout

You are invited to attend Benowie District Easter Camp 2024 which will be held over the Easter long Weekend, from Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April 2024 at Crosslands Reserve, Hornsby Heights (at the end of Somerville Road).

Each year approximately 150 Scouts from all over our District come together to enjoy a weekend full of fun, games, activities, sports and fellowship.

You will camp in patrols and look after your own campsite for the weekend, supervised by your Scout Leaders. The camp also includes a competition to see which patrol does best at keeping their campsite in order - so be sure to work together with your patrol to get the washing up done and keep your tent and campsite tidy!

The camp has a different theme each year, and for 2024 it is:

The Hunger Camp (Inspired by “Hunger Games”)

Each Scout Unit will be allocated a “District”. Try to think of ways your patrol can include this theme into as many aspects of the camp that you can, eg: Patrol name, gateway design, costumes (which can be worn to morning parade), campsite decoration etc.

Please find attached the **“Easter Camp Guide – Everything you need to know!”** which contains a *lot* of information about the camp and what to expect. There are also a number of other attachments which provide a bit more information about some of the activities. We appreciate there is a lot of information, but please read through it all and ask your PL or Scout Leader if there is anything you don't understand.

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We look forward to seeing you at Easter Camp 2024!

Yours in Scouting

Sueme (Mary Page)

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Benowie District Scout Leaders

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*To follow via your Scout Unit Leaders -Camp Sports instructions