

# 2024 District Flag Camp



All Port Hacking, Yarooma and Royal National Park District Scouts Groups are invited to the 2024 District Flag Camp at Camp Coutts!

**Dates:** Friday Night 8<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**2024 Theme:** Ancient Cultures & Civilizations from Around the World (e.g. Inca Empire, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Mesopotamia, Indigenous Australia etc.)

**Location:** Camp Coutts, Waterfall

**Cost:** \$38.00 + Cost of Patrols Food (Refer to your Scout Leader)



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District Awards:

1. The District Flag Award – For Campcraft
2. The Best Patrol Award
3. The Best Patrol Leader (PL) Award

So, what are you waiting for? Get your Patrol together!  
We can't wait to see you at the 2024 District Flag Camp!

# Need some more info?

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### What about your Patrol campsite?

Your Patrol must be self-sufficient for the entire weekend. Once your Patrol reaches camp, the leaders won't be able to help you set up or get anything you left behind! This means Patrols must PLAN before camp, including preparing menu's, equipment, food purchases, transport & theming of your Patrol campsite. Over the weekend, the patrol will be living and working as a patrol for the entire camp.

(Don't worry your friends in other patrols or scout groups they are not too far away).

### What are the activities on camp?

Throughout the camp, there will be a series of activities and challenges that your Patrol will participate in to build teamwork, practices and learn new skills and earn points along the way. These activities will be run by your Scout Leaders & your local Ventures to the "Aussie Icons" theme. Plus, there will be free time at camp, in and around the activities.

### What about the Adult Leaders?

This camp is all about your Patrol, how they work together, and how they work away from your Adult Scout Leaders. Each Patrol will have their own set campsite (you may be sharing part of a larger campsite site with another patrol), and it will be that patrol's responsibility to look after it, not the leaders. The Adult Scout leaders & Venturers will not be far away but will be on a separate campsite a close distance from the patrols. Leaders will be regularly walking through all campsites both as judges (of your campcraft skills for the Flag) and to check on welfare and behavior.

### The District Awards:

So what are the three awards all about?

- 1. The District Flag** - This award is for Campcraft, so it includes how they set up their campsite, cleanliness, menu, layout, set-up of tents and campsite theming.
- 2. The Best Patrol Award** - This award goes to the Patrol that earns the most points in the activities during the day over the course of the weekend.
- 3. The Best Patrol Leader (PL) Award** - Goes to the PL who earns the most points in the activities during the day (There are specific points for the PL, so it may not necessarily be the PL of the winning Patrol, that wins the Best Patrol Leader (PL) Award)

## **Want More Information?**

Speak to your Scout Leaders first, but if they can't answer your questions.

Speak to;

**Aaron Tomlins – Assistant Scout Leader – 1<sup>st</sup> Oyster Bay**  
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# Patrol Leader Instructions 2024

Dear Patrol Leader,

Welcome to District Camp 2023! We are excited you are leading your Patrol to compete in this year's camp! Here are some quick Instructions to assist with the preparation of your patrol.

## Your Patrol:

- Must have a MINIMUM of 4 members, no more than 7 members.
- Must be self sufficient (I.e. not relying on gear or equipment of other patrols).
- Patrols must work Interpedently to their adult Scout Leaders & Parents.
- Must complete all activities at camp on Saturday & Sunday.

## Camping Arrangements:

- We are at **Camp Coutts**:
  - You will likely be camped the RNP and Port Hacking District Campsites on the east of the Creek. You may have to share campsites with other patrols.
- This Is a standing camp (Your gear can be transported by car/trailer). That means you do not have to camp like it is a "light weight camp", but you are welcome to camp "lightweight" If you're patrol wishes.
- Each patrol will have a campsite assigned when they arrive. Campsites will be allocated on a first-In basis.
- Each patrol **MUST** be separated, you **can't share dinning / eating areas**.
- Each patrol must provide a "**Gateway**" to their patrol campsite. This can take any form but should meet the camp theme!

## Fires

- Fires are permitted (pending any Fire-Ban restrictions) but can only occur in the designated firepits. Patrols may have to share the firepits.

## Food & Menu

- Your Patrol must cook & provide for Itself from Saturday Breakfast to Sunday Lunch.
  - Sunday Lunch should not Involve cooking on a stove, due to pack-up.
- Patrols can cook using Standing Camp Gas Stoves, leaders are allowed to assist to ensure these are safe before use.

## What will your Campcraft be Scored On?

- **Organisation / Planning ( /6)**
  - Campsite has a clear plan and organisation to It
- **Cleanliness ( /6)**
  - Campsite Is clean with no rubbish, unused equipment put away, generally tidy. Tents tidy and clean Inside & out.
- **Campcraft ( /6)**
  - Camp set-up properly, tents and dinning areas correctly set-up (Pegs, Poles, Ropes etc). All guy-ropes set-up properly and neat. Campfire suitably located and maintained.
- **Menu / Cooking ( /6)**
  - Menu is healthy and throughout, Menu is visible, Cooking areas are safely set-up and clean, washing up done properly. Cooking & Preparation done In a clean and hygienic manner
- **Theming / Enthusiasm ( /6)**
  - Patrol has clear theming incorporated within their campsite, including a suitable campsite gateway.

**Some Photos from the 2023 Campsites to give you some ideas:**

