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## South Metropolitan Region - Scout Leadership Course INFORMATION NOTICE

Scout Leadership Courses are run in South Metropolitan Region several times throughout the year. The next Course involves a **practical day at Heathcote Activity Centre on Sunday 24 March 2024** with some on-line pre work to be completed prior of the one-day practical at Heathcote.

The Course is for Scouts to develop leadership skills they can put into practice in their home Scout units and other Scout activities. The leadership skills developed by a young person as a Scout will be of great advantage to them while they are in Scouts including as a current or potential future Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. The skills learnt will also be a benefit as they advance into the Venturer Scout unit, and indeed in their adult life. The course meets the Leadership Course requirement of the Australian Scout Award.

Timeline:

1. **As soon as possible** – Scout leaders to identify Scouts suitable for participating in this Course and communicate details to those Scouts/families.
2. **Saturday 17 February 2024** – Scouts EMS system application process opens. Timing will be crucial as there is a maximum number of places in the Course (see below)
3. **Sunday 10 March 2024** – Course leaders provide to successful Scout applicants (cc. adult Scout Leader) a Participant Workbook file setting out some preliminary Course activity to be completed at home. Instructions and details for the one-day practical at Heathcote will also be confirmed.
4. **By Tuesday 19 March 2024** – Scouts submit their findings from the pre-work.
5. **Sunday 24 March 2024** – A full one-day practical program at Heathcote Scout Training Centre. There is a fee of \$25 to cover cost of the Course payable at the time of finalising registration on EMS.

At the one-day practical program, Scouts will be placed in Patrols with Scouts from other Scout units. The one-day practical program will focus on the Patrol System with Scouts rotating Patrol Leader responsibilities during the day.

### **NUMBERS FOR THE COURSE**

To ensure the most effective outcomes, numbers for each course are limited to a **total of 24 Scouts** and **not more than 4 Scouts from the same home Scout Unit**. The EMS event for the Course will close once the maximum number has been reached.

### **SCOUT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Typically, Scouts considered most suitable to attend the course would meet most of the following:

- Have been involved in the Scout age Unit for at least one year;
- Have had their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- Want to learn more about leadership and be available to participate in all aspects of the course; and
- Be demonstrating that they are doing their best to keep the Scout Promise and live by the Scout Law.

Scouts applying to attend the course should be identified as suitable by their adult Scout Leaders and their Unit Council. Although it is not a prerequisite, some applicants will already be a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader (or Unit Leader) in their home Scout unit.

If an adult Scout leader has any queries about how the criteria apply to a particular Scout, please discuss with the Course Leader.

### **ADULT LEADERS - one-day practical program**

The structure of the one-day practical program is planned and coordinated by the core Course Leader Team.

There is no general requirement for home group leaders to attend with the Scouts. However, adult Scout leaders from home groups may attend some, or all, of the sessions. This may involve providing leader support in break-out sessions and assisting with equipment preparation, as well as helping with catering. Closer to the one-day practical date, the Course Leader will consider specific areas where support is needed and discuss with adult Scout leaders available to help.

If any leader has questions or suggestions about the support they could provide, please discuss with the Course Leader as soon as possible.

### **WHAT NEXT**

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Applications for the Course are registered in the event set up in the Scouts EMS system. A reminder that there is a limit to the number of places on the Course and places will be allocated in order of registration.

Yours in Scouting

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