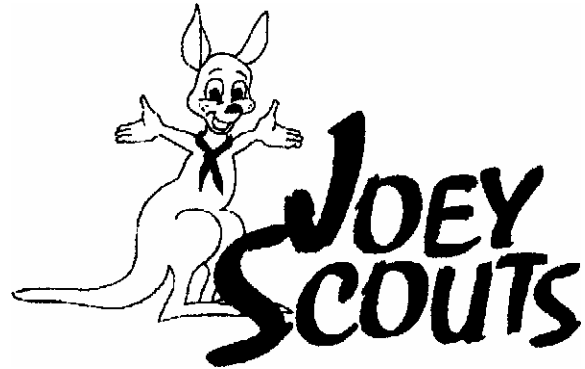


The Scout Association of Australia – N.S.W. Branch

Reasons for Starting Joey Scouts



There are many sound reasons why the Scout Association has made this decision. Here are three significant factors.

- 1. A Joey Scout Section can influence children with Scouting ideals during their formative years. The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote its Ideals, Values and Principles. This opportunity allows us to further our Aim with a defined group of children.**
- 2. Children, because they are maturing earlier, are looking for an activity outside of home and school. Parents too are looking for activities for their children that will enhance their social, moral and spiritual development.**
- 3. Scout Groups' waiting lists, especially in developing areas, are often extensive with Parents and children eager for scouting programs and its Ideals. As a Joey Scout, membership to the Scout Association is as young as the sixth birthday.**

Who Decides To Have Joey Scouts In Your Group

The decision to establish a Joey Scout Mob in your Group, rests with the Group Council and Group Committee after assessing the local needs. The Group Leader needs to meet the criteria before approval can be given by the District Commissioner.

Criteria

- **There is an established list of at least 6 to 10 children, who are six or seven years of age, and whose parents or carers desire them to be a member of Joey Scouts.**
- **There must be two people, or more, prepared to become Certificated Leaders in the Joey Scout Section**
- **The Meeting time has been established.**
- **The meeting place is available and is satisfactory for the purpose of Joey Scouts.**
- **The proposed Adult Leaders will have completed the appropriate Branch Training and Certificate of Adult Leadership procedures. One Leader MUST ALREADY hold his/her Certificate of Adult Leadership in the Joey Scout Section.**
- **The Regional Joey Scout Commissioner is informed of the proposed formation of your Joey Scout Mob.**

The Group Leader then seeks approval for the Registration of your Joey Scout Mob by submitting the appropriate Branch Forms.

What are the Features of the Joey Scout Section?

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| <u>This Section has a Promise:</u> | <u>A Law:</u> | <u>A Theme:</u> |
| “I promise to do my best,
To Love my God
And be helpful” | “A Joey Scout Cares
A Joey Scout Shares” | “Help Other People
(H.O.P) |
- The Joey Scout Section meets for One Hour per week, during late afternoon or early evening or on a Saturday. Their meeting should be concluded by 7:30 p.m.**
- The Joey Scout Program should include such ingredients as activities, games, songs, craft, stories and outings. Joey Scouts can also camp and have overnight stays.**
- Joey Scouts do NOT work on a Badge Award Scheme. However, there are Challenge Badges, where Mob participation is essential to qualify.**
- The Joey Scout Section is open to both Boys and Girls, after their Sixth Birthday.**
- Day or half-day outings are a regular happening within the Mob: Program.**
- The Joey Scout Section has 20 Youth Members. The Adult to Joey Scout ratio is 1 to 5, during a normal mob Meeting in the Scout Hall. This is achieved with the help of roster parent helpers and or Youth Leaders.**
- Joey Scout Parents are encouraged to assist the Joey Scout Leaders as “Adult Helpers” in activities during the Mob Meeting e.g., at craft time. Assistance is especially needed on Outings, where the ration is 1 adult to 4 Joey Scouts.**
- In N.S.W. the Joey Scout uniform consists of the National Joey Scout Shirt, National Scout Belt, and the Group Scarf. Closed shoes MUST be worn during Joey Scout Meetings and on outings.**