



Dear Venturer Leader,

For the first time ever South Coast and Tablelands Region are holding an Environment Camp for all Venturers and Rovers at Mt Keira Scout Camp from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July and we would love to see you and your unit there.

We want to show the Venturers Mt Keira like they and maybe even you, have never seen it before. We will be showing members how the skills many of them have developed through Scouting will not only assist them in developing a greater appreciation for their local environment but how many can be used and are well regarded in many environmental fields.

Camp activities are to include:

- Adventure Conservation - using skills in abseiling and rock climbing to assist in removing exotic plants from bushland.
- Field Technology – using GPS and applications to collect field data and then seeing how that data is used to assist in making land management decisions.
- Carrying out different fauna survey techniques to check out what animals are calling the Scout Camp home.
- Upcycling and Construction activities including an Op-Shop Formal Dinner on Saturday Night.
- A Project Expo where we will provide Venturers with lots of ideas and options to complete their Queens Scout level Environment award as well as some training in project development.

We are also hosting a Regional Youth Environment Forum as part of the camp to collect ideas and feedback from SCAT youth members to take to the State Youth Environment Team later in the year.

The Venturer Awards Scheme

The camp will be based on the 5 explore and reflect areas of the World Scout Environment Badge. Those working towards the VL Environment will only need to write up a report on 3 of the explore and reflect areas following the camp to complete their award.

Those working towards the QS level Environment/WSEB will just need to implement their environment project of 20 hours. We will be providing ideas, local contacts and project development training towards this action component of the award to assist members in finding a topic and project that interests them.

Costs and Additional Details

The cost for the weekend is \$60 which covers camp fees, all food and all activities.

Camping will be in tents on the main camping flat at Mt Keira with the camp commencing at 7pm on Friday night and finishing at 3pm Sunday afternoon. Check in will be from 6pm Friday allowing Venturers to get their tents up before opening ceremony. Check in will be in the Wet Weather Shelter.

Registration

Registration for this event will be via an online registration and EFT payment transfer. All details are at www.sctscouts.org.au/resources/environment including an E1 form. We have included a completed E1 and the option of individual registration for those units where only one Venturer is likely to attend. If more than two venturers from your unit are attending, we would appreciate one EFT transfer of camp fees for the group followed by an email to environment@sctscouts.org.au listing which members' camp fees are included in that payment.

Leaders

Venturer leaders are most welcome to attend and are encouraged to assist with activities and supervision. There is no cost for leaders, just bring your E1 with you. Please also fill out the online rego form, indicating your adult leader or adult helper roll in the comments section.

While we have a number of people helping with the organisation of the event, any extra hands we can get on the weekend will be appreciated.

Any questions drop me an email at environment@sctscouts.org.au.

Hope to see you all there,

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