Dear Venturer/Rover,

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 you to join us.

We want to show you Mt Keira like you have never seen it before. We will show you how the skills you have from Scouting will not only assist you in developing a greater appreciation for your local environment but how those skills can be used and are well regarded in many environmental fields.

So what activities will be at the camp?

We have lots of various activities planned for the weekend.

- Adventure Conservation using your 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. Get Shopping!
- A Project Expo where we will provide you with lots of ideas and options to complete your awards 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.

What badgework will I complete by attending?

The program will be based on the explore and reflect section of the World Scout Environment Badge and will provide local contacts and project development training towards the action component of the award.

If you're working towards the Venturer Level Environment you will just need to write up a report following the camp to complete the badge. If you're working towards the Queens Scout Level Environment, you will just need to implement your project which we will help you to set up as part of the camp. If you complete the QS level you will also receive the World Scout Environment Badge.

As a Rover, you will have completed the "explore and reflect" section of the World Scout Environment Badge and also be well on your way to implementing the required Environmental Action Project.

So how much?

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

I will need more details than that!

The camp will commence at 7pm on Friday 24th July so be there to check in from 6pm if you want to get your tent up before opening. Check in will be in the Wet Weather Shelter with all camping on the Main Camping Flat. The camp will conclude at 3pm on Sunda y.

Bring all the gear you will need for camping as well as your dilly bag with your plate, cup, bowl and eating irons for the tremendous culinary feast which will be provided at each meal. Don't forget your tea towel.

We will be doing some walking, climbing and some messy stuff, so dress appropriately. We don't want to sound like your mum but it will be cold so make sure you pack a warm jumper. Bring a raincoat and a hat as well. Uniform to be worn for opening and closing ceremony and don't forget to bring your completed E1.

I want in! How do I register?

Registrations will be online at www.sctscouts.org.au/resources/environment from Sunday 21st June and close on Friday 10th July. Numbers for the event are capped so make sure your register early. If there are a few members going from your unit please pay your registration through EFT as directed online as a single group or unit payment.

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

Hope to see you all there,





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