



Scout Association of Australia WA Branch

Joey Scout Policy

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of the Joey Scout Policy is to set statements of operation of the Joey Scout section.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This policy covers Joey Scouts, Joey Scout Leaders, and parent helpers.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. A Joey Scout is a youth member of the Scout Association who is aged between six and seven years. A Joey Scout normally progresses to the Cub Scout Section around seven years and six months

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- 4.1. Joey Scouts are full members of the Scout movement.
 - a. Joey Scouts must reach their sixth birthday before they attend Joey Scouts.
 - b. The Joey Scout Leader must sight each Joey Scout's birth certificate.
- 4.2. Joey Scouts salute the Australian flag and make the Scout sign at investiture ceremonies.
- 4.3. In determining the size of a Joey Scout Mob and to maintain a ratio of one adult to five youth members in the hall, at least one *trained* Joey Scout Leader together with one other Leader plus adult help is required.
- 4.4. Linking: Refer to the Joey Leaders Handbook, your Group Leader and the Scouts Australia - Ceremonies Handbook for information.
- 4.5. Sleepovers: Joey Scouts may participate in overnight sleepovers with Group Leader approval and notification to the District Commissioner. Sleepovers are only permitted if the leader responsible of the sleepover has done the relevant sleepover training.
 - a. The ratio for sleepovers is one adult to four youth members not including cooks. At least one adult should hold a current First Aid Certificate. Sleepovers must be held in dormitory style accommodation. It is recommended that at least one Leader and one adult helper sleep in the same area as the Joey Scouts.
 - b. **All adult helpers attending a sleepover must hold a Working with Children Check Card.**
- 4.6. Family Camp / Group Camp / Mob Holidays
 - a. Joey Scouts can attend camps of more than one night or under canvas *if a parent or an approved guardian accompanies each Joey Scout.*
 - b. It is *recommended* that each Joey Scout only attend **one** sleepover per year plus one family camp.

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- 4.7. Joeys Scouts wear the official Scout uniform (Blue with tan) and the appropriate badges.
- a. Joey Scouts wear badges as set out in *Scouts Australia - National Policy and Rules* (2008): R14 and appendix 4.
- 4.8. Swimming: Joey Scouts may take part in water activities as per *Scouts Australia - National Policy and Rules* (2008): R12.10.
- 4.9. Canoeing: Joey Scouts may participate in canoeing provided the following rules are adhered to:
- a. canoes meet Branch canoe standards;
 - b. the leader responsible holds a Scouts WA Canoe Charge Certificate;
 - c. Joey Scouts are able to float in an approved life jacket;
 - d. only one child per canoe.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. The Branch Commissioner for Joey Scouts is responsible for reviewing this policy every three (3) years.

APPROVALS

Proc No.	Document Process	Person Responsible	Date Submitted	Date Approved	Signature
1	Draft Preparation	Carol Mathie - BC Joeys		11.06.09	CM
2	Review	PJ Axford - BC Policy, Planning and Review	12.06.09	27.07.09	PJA
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4	Approval	Chief Commissioner's Council	28.07.09	28.07.09	PW

This Policy has complied with all necessary approvals and is accepted as the Policy for *Joey Scouts* for Scouts WA.

Signature:**Peter Walton**..... Date:..25../...8../...2009....
 Chief Commissioner