



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

POLICIES and OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MANUAL

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S2 SCOUT WATER ACTIVITY CENTRE - COMO.

S2.1 Information.

Scout Water Activity Centre – Como (“SWAC”) commenced at the former Como Sea Scout Hall in 2000. It was established to provide support facility for formations and Leaders, to enhance the Scout program, and contribute to the development of Youth.

The Centre is a Branch entity and is managed by a team of volunteers, approved by the Chief Commissioner.

S2.2 Located on the river near the Canning Bridge, on the western side of the Freeway, within walking distance to bus terminals, adjacent to the Freeway bike paths, and all in a top riverside location with a jetty and protected waters.

Access and parking is available by arrangement off the Freeway and adjacent to the Centre. Other parking is on the western side of the Freeway (Henley St and Melville Parade) and a short walk over the Freeway footbridge.

Regular visits by dolphins and other wildlife, provide great birdwatching in a very special environment.

Facilities include kitchen with commercial size oven, BBQ, areas for tentage, hot water showers, tables, benches, fridges, inside hall sleeping available, hammocks.

S2.3 SWAC offers opportunities for Leaders to enhance regular programs and provide safe and exciting opportunities for members of all ages and experience, and provides access to a range of affordable equipment.

Contact for Bookings can be made on swac@wa.scouts.org.au

S2.3.1 SWAC - COMO SAIL WEEKENDS.

Available on specified weekends, usually during terms 1 and 4.

The resident Sea Scout Groups provide Coxswains and Charge Certificate holders for Saturday afternoon sailing. These are during summer/best sailing months, and bookings are essential.

Times: (10.00am Saturday to 3.00pm Sunday), however times are somewhat negotiable.

Cost: Costs negotiable. Usual cost is \$10 for Saturday, day and evening and Sunday, and this includes the Saturday afternoon sailing (extra hire cost for some boats), the use of paddles boards and general equipment. An extra \$5.00 is charged for Friday nights. Minimum numbers (30) for exclusive bookings, although more than one group can usually team up.

S2.3.2 SWAC - COMO CAMPOUT WEEKENDS.

Camping and accommodation is provided, but Scout Groups are encouraged to design programs and activities to take best advantage of the location and facility.

Fish from the shore and jetty, canoe, swim, use as a base for the Como Heritage Trail and/or trips to the city, generally mess about in boats and wave skis, plan an expedition around the Swan, discover the unique Canning River

ecosystem, within walking distance to the Heathcote playgrounds and scenic BBQs, or cycling distance to the Zoo.

Some Groups cycle from the northern suburbs, or catch the bus system that is close.

Dates: most weekends other than the SWAC Sail weekends above, and training course weekends.

Cost: Costs negotiable. Usual cost is \$10 for Saturday, day and evening and Sunday, and this includes use of paddles boards and general equipment. An extra \$5.00 is charged for Friday nights. Minimum numbers (30) for exclusive bookings, although more than one group can usually team up. Times negotiable

S2.3.3 LEADER RETREATS, THEME WEEKENDS.

SWAC Como encourages Leaders, and their families in particular, to stay on site, with a special invitation to country-based Leaders. Times are negotiable. Central metropolitan base for range of Scout Branch events, and adjacent to public transport.

Ideas and support on Pirate theme weekends, fishing clinics, enviro projects, Hawaiian and viking theme programs are available.

S2.3.4 SWAC CAT.

A 23ft International catamaran is available for use with Skipper from the SWAC team. Great fun and an exciting introduction to sailing and the Swan River.

Dates: Available most weekends by arrangement.

Cost: Costs negotiable, however the usual \$100 for afternoon trip which includes skipper and crew, for river trips only.

Authority:

The document was endorsed by the Chief Commissioner’s Committee on 28 September 04 and by the Branch Management Committee on 16 November 04 for inclusion in the Policies and Operational Procedures Manual and accordingly is incorporated into the Branch Risk Register from this date.

Signed Chief Commissioner.

..... Branch Chairman.