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Tamborine Mountain Scout Group

PARENT INFORMATION BOOK

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Our Group is always seeking new Leaders and Adult Supporters.

If interested, please speak with our Leader in Charge.

Group Support Committee Members

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Position Vacant

Group Secretary

Position Vacant

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Publicity / Fund Raising

Position Vacant

All Parents and / or Guardians are members of the Group Support Committee.

Parents and / or Guardians are welcome to attend our Monthly Meetings; to support the Executive Committee and the Leaders to provide Scouting for our Group.



INTRODUCTION:

This booklet is designed to give parents an understanding of your Scout Group and Scouting in general. We ask you to read it thoroughly to assist you, the Leaders and youth members to achieve the aims of Scouting.

DEFINITIONS:

The term Scout refers to all uniformed members of the movement – from Joey Scouts to Leaders.

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF SCOUTING:

The Aims of the Scout Association of Australia is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

The Principles of Scouting, as identified by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts should serve their God, act in consideration of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves and their families and the community in which they live.

HISTORY OF SCOUTING:

In 1907 Robert Baden-Powell ran the first experimental Scout camp at Brownsea Island off the South Coast of England. Both Baden-Powell and the boys who attended agreed the camp had been successful. This is considered the beginning of Scouting.

The following year his book *Scouting for Boys* was published and proved a great success, being reprinted 10 times in only two years. Scout Troops sprang up around Britain, and by 1922 a world Scouting Organization had been established.

Throughout the years Scouting has become the world's largest youth organization, with Scouts in hundreds of countries worldwide. Each scout becomes a member of a worldwide family spread over many languages and races.

Baden-Powell insisted that education should be fun and this idea is the basis of the Scouting movement. His system allows youth members to learn how to improve themselves and help society, while having fun and making friends.

Scouts have the option of deciding what they want to learn and how fast they learn it, have goals to work towards and obtain recognition for their efforts. As the Scout progresses through the sections, they can also develop leadership skills which may help them in the future.

GROUP STRUCTURE:

Tamborine Mountain Scout Group currently offers these four (4) sections of Scouting – Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturer Scouts. Rover Scouts may be added in the future.

The Group aims to provide quality Leadership, with both male and female Leaders in attendance in all sections where possible. All Leaders are trained by the Scout Association to ensure a high quality of Leadership.

All Sections meet at our Heritage Den, located at 127 Hartley Road, Tamborine Mountain. We do conduct several activities away from our Den, to provide variety in programming.

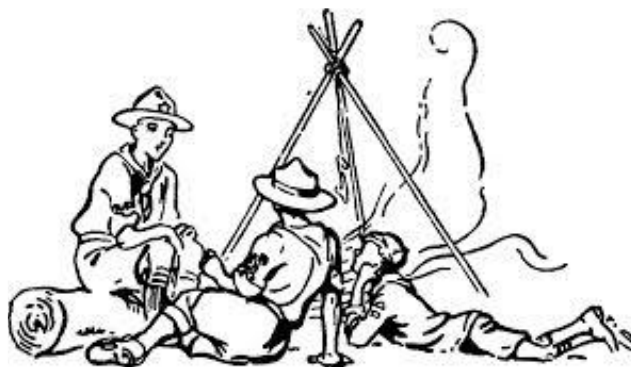
JOEY SCOUT UNIT:

Ages 5 – 8 years

Tuesdays - 4.00pm to 5.00pm

The Joey Scout Motto is “Discover Adventure”. They have great fun learning skills to help them help others and enjoy crafts, games and excursions. The Leaders generally have names of Australian Bush Animals.

Joey Scouts progress to the Cub Scout Section from 8 years of age, with this progression completed by their 9th birthday.



CUB SCOUT UNIT:

Ages 8 - 11 years

Tuesdays - 6.15pm to 7.45pm

The Cub Scout motto is "Create the Path".

The Cub section uses the philosophy youth leading, adult supporting. Cubs use their ideas to create activities and challenges while developing an understanding of themselves and the world around them. Our diverse program of creative, outdoor, personal growth and community challenges will promote cubs to be active, express themselves and conquer their fears. There are many badges to earn in the Cub Scout section with the highest being the Grey Wolf award.

The section is divided into groups of up to six, known as a Patrol and distinguished by colour patches. Each Patrol has a Cub as a leader, known as a Patrol Leader, and the second in charge is known as the Assistant Patrol Leader.

Cub Scouts progress to the Scout Section from 11 years of age, with this progression completed by their 12th birthday.

SCOUT UNIT:

Ages 11 – 15 years

Wednesdays - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

The Scout Motto is "Explore the Unknown"

The Scout Unit consists of groups of up to eight youth members called a Patrol, which has a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader. Each patrol has its own camping equipment and can help decide on programs and activities for their patrol.

There are many badges to earn, the highest honour being the Australian Scout Medallion. There are competitions and camps to take part in and many activities during meetings at the Den.

The Leaders are there to direct the patrols and keep the programs varied and interesting as well as providing support for the Patrol Leaders in Patrol activities. Scouts normally progress to the Venturer Scout Section around 15 years. The linking process would start at about 14 years and six months, depending on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually.

VENTURER UNIT:

Ages 15 – 18 years

Thursdays – 6:00pm to 8:00pm

The Venturer motto is “Look Wide”

Venturers are recognised by their maroon uniforms and distinctive “Venturer” badges. They are encouraged to run the Unit themselves, with a Unit Council elected in an administrative role. The Unit Council consists of Venturers in the roles of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer etc., along with the Leaders in a supervisory capacity. The award scheme culminates in the Queen’s Scout Award. Activities are decided by the Venturers, but often include adventurous activities such as hiking, abseiling, rock climbing etc. There are many camps throughout the year for the members to attend and also courses in Leadership, Unit Management, and Initiative.

Venturer Scouts progress to the Rover Scout Section after their 18th birthday, with this progression completed by their 19th birthday.

ROVER UNIT:

Ages 18 – 25 years

[Our Group does not currently have a Rover Unit.](#)

[Expressions of Interest are open for suitable persons wishing to volunteer as an Advisor.](#)

The Rover Section is the young adult section of the movement. They are self-governed and have a Leader in an advisory role only. The section is administered by an executive committee.

The Rover Unit is based on the system of Knights and Squires. When a person first joins the section, they become a Squire and undergo training to help them understand the Rover section and the role of the Rover.

The B-P Award is a four-part award which a Rover may work towards. There are many moots (camps) organised at many levels for Rovers to attend, to meet other Rovers, participate in adventurous activities, and some not so adventurous.

The activities, frequency of meetings etc is decided entirely by the Unit.

Adult Roles in Scouting

LEADERS

All Leaders act in a voluntary capacity and some are also parents. Although the youth members are extremely enthusiastic about Scouting, it cannot survive without the support and assistance from parents, guardians and the community. Being a Leader is a rewarding way to take part in the development of the youth members.

Scouts Australia is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), and the Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) is recognised to deliver specific leadership qualifications. As a result of completing Scout training adults involved in Scouting have the option of applying to SAIT for RPL to gain a Certificate 3 in Business or a Certificate 4 in Leadership and Management, and Diploma in Front Line Management.

Each section must have a qualified Leader and one or more assistant Leaders, preferably both male and female.

The Leader in Charge oversees the Leaders and ensures the Group runs smoothly and effectively. The Leader in Charge is also the uniformed representative at Group Support Committee meetings and part of the Group Executive.

ADULT SUPPORTERS

Adult Supporters are defined as persons appointed to assist Leaders in the delivery of the Youth Program on a regular basis and / or providing service to Scouting through membership of committees within a Group, District, Region, Branch or National level.

Adult Supporters are required to hold a Blue Card, and complete three National e-Learning modules:

- Child Safe Scouting
- WHS for Scouting
- Code of Conduct

Please note that the three mandatory modules must be completed within three (3) months of joining, and re-affirmed every three (2) years.

GROUP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

All parents and / or guardians are members of the Group Support Committee, however, are not members of the Association.

Executive Committee members include the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee members are appointed by the Leader in Charge at the Annual Report Presentation (ARP). Executive Committee are members of the Association and as such have the same membership requirements as Leaders, including a Blue Card.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Group, including account payments, Den maintenance, and equipment maintenance and purchases, Leader training and recruitment.

They offer support to the Leaders and provide an alternative way for parents to be involved in the Group. Committee roles may also include Fundraising Coordinator, Quartermaster and any other roles as deemed appropriate by the Leader in Charge.

Without the Group Support Committee, more pressure would be placed on the sectional Leaders which would decrease the quality of Scouting in the Group.

The smooth running of the Group Support Committee ensures the effective running of the Group and therefore we extend a welcome for any parent or guardian interested in attending our Group Committee meetings. These meetings are held once per quarter.



NEW MEMBERS

The enrolment of Youth Members into the Scout Movement is achieved by the completion of an on-line Youth Member Registration Form and the payment of the appropriate fee. The Youth Member's membership and insurance commences on the date of this application. The new Youth Member then attends approximately four to six weekly meetings before being invested. A uniform is required before investiture. (Some second-hand uniforms may be available).

The on-line registration link is provided to the parents and/or guardians of the new youth member after attending a trial meeting.

Scouts Queensland will issue a membership fee invoice directly to the new members.

This is the only time that parents and/or guardians are required to pay Scouts Queensland directly. All other fees will be paid into the Group account (unless advised for a specific event).

After the youth has been invested, there will often be functions to which parents are invited. Please endeavour to attend these and show your children you are interested in their progress and the Group.

ATTENDANCE

Youth members should try to arrive approximately five minutes prior to the meeting to ensure the opening activity starts on time. Parents are required to sign their children in when they arrive for their meeting and sign them out again at the end of the night. Each Section has an attendance book to be signed and a telephone number for an emergency contact for the night. This is a safety and duty of care requirement as well as helping the parents and leaders get to know each other and find out what is happening with their Section and the Group.

Our Scouts look great in their uniform and it is expected that all invested youth members are in correct uniform for meetings and when travelling to and from any Scout activity or camp. Part of the uniform must include the wearing of suitable fully enclosed footwear.

From time to time, you may be asked to provide transport or assistance for activities. Support is needed for these events and your help would be appreciated by the Leaders and youth members involved.

Please make sure you know when outings will be leaving and arriving home, so you can pick up your child. Take into consideration traffic may sometimes cause delays, and Leaders will thank you for your patience. If there are any queries regarding an activity or camp feel free to approach a Leader before or after the meeting.

FEES

Scouts Queensland Bi-Annual Membership Fee

Scouts Queensland require each youth member, young adult, leader, adult member or adult supporter to be registered, and place a membership fee (also known as a registration fee) per person covering a six-month period.

This fee includes World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) membership fees, Scouts Australia affiliation fees, Scouts Australia eLearning, New Youth Program levy and expected digital support system levy, Operoo license fee, Event Management System access, Branch Office functions including SMS maintenance and access, membership system, operational staff, complaint management, facility management, finance brand & sponsorship, IT, grant support, legal support and program support.

The Scouts Queensland financial year is from 01 April to 31 March.

All members will be advised of the fees for the upcoming year when they are published by Scouts Queensland (usually around the start of December of the previous year). Our Group will send out payment information at the start of the new calendar year. This information will include payment amounts per member, payment methods and deadline. This information is also contained within the Parent Information page of our website.

The Group's preferred method of payment is via direct deposit into the **Group** account:

National Australia Bank
BSB: 084 852
Account 970 287 989
Reference: As per Invoice Number

Failure to pay by the due date will result in the member being no longer covered by insurances and therefore cannot attend any further meetings until the payment is made.

Any member that is not returning to Scouting is required to advise our Leader in Charge as soon as this decision has been made.

Members that do not return to Scouting (for example at the commencement of a new year), and do not advise the Leader in Charge, will be resigned from the Group. The Leader in Charge will liaise directly with the Section Leaders and will attempt to contact the parents and/or guardians of this member.

Members who wish to return to Scouting after being resigned will be required to pay the membership fee and enrolment fee as set by Scouts Queensland.

Group Fees

Our Group charges a Term fee per member. This fee is set at our Annual Report Presentation, and allows each Section to purchase badges, provisions and consumables for our weekly activities, and for Group related expenses including leases, electricity, water, leader training, registration, insurances, and equipment maintenance & purchases. This fee is separate from any fee charged by Scouts Queensland.

This fee is to be paid in full, regardless of whether the youth member attends each meeting night or not.

These fees are as follows: **\$80.00 per term**

The Group's preferred method of payment is via direct deposit into the **Group** account:

National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-852
Account 970 287 989
Reference: As per Invoice Number

Please note that our Group Treasurer will issue an invoice for all Scouts Queensland and Group fees, through our accounting program Xero. We request that all payments include the invoice number within the payment reference field, for example, INV-1234. This allows for easy reconciliation of payments by our Group Treasurer.

If a family is having financial difficulty meeting any of the costs associated with their child's scouting life, **please** speak to their Section Leader, our Leader in Charge, or our Group Treasurer.

Our aim is for every member to be able to continue Scouting!

Group Yearly Costings

Our Group functions on three levels:

The First level (1) is delivered by the Leaders, who volunteer their time and their energy to each and every child. Their role is to deliver an exciting, program in accordance to Scout Australia guidelines. When they sign up, they commit to undertake study to meet that expectation.

The Second level (2) on which we function, is by means of a support committee. The committee's role is to provide the Section Leaders with everything they need to deliver their program, and to coordinate the raising of those funds to keep the Den in operation. These roles include Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator and Quartermaster.

The Third level (3) is for anyone who has not taken up any other role in the organisation to volunteer their time to help raise the funds required to keep the Group in operation, and the Scouting programs running. All parents and/or guardians are expected to support their youth member's journey.

FUNDRAISING

During the course of the year, we run several fundraising events. All scouts benefit from this fundraising; we therefore request that all parents volunteer to assist where possible. All funds raised are used towards our upkeep, as well as covering the day to day running costs of the Den including Hall Hiring, insurance, water charges and electricity. Regular fundraising ensures that our Group maintains a modest fee structure!

ACTIVITIES

Cubs attend between 2 to 3 camps a year. Some of these are organised by Scouts Queensland, Gold Coast Region or Broadwater District, with some organised by our own Group.

Scouts attend between 3 to 5 camps a year and will also take part in many Patrol Activities organised and run by their fellow Scouts. As they progress through the badge system, they will also be invited to attend hikes, both day and at night especially the now famous “Operation NightHawk” each winter in the Darling Downs. They will start off supervised and incrementally move towards being self-managed. The pinnacle of Scouting is to complete the 30km 3-day hike unassisted. All scouts must get to this level to achieve their Australian Scout Award.

UNIFORMS

Our uniform consists of the Scouts Australia button up shirt, a hat and sandstone-coloured shorts (we request that no short shorts be worn at Scouts). When attending official functions (for example: Queen Scout and Australian Scout Medallion Ceremonies or ANZAC Day marches) sandstone knee length shorts or long pants must be worn.

The shirt, scarf and woggle are to be purchased from the Scout Shop:

<http://www.scoutshop.com.au/>

Parents and/or guardians can purchase these items without the requirement to log-in or create an account.

All Scouting Australia, District and Group badges will be issued to your child upon their investiture.



VISITORS & WAITING LIST

Current members are encouraged to discuss Scouting with their friends. This is one of the greatest methods of Group promotion!

As we may be operating a Waiting List in several of our Sections, we request that all membership enquiries are directed to our Leader in Charge via email.

Our Waiting List is operated on a first in basis, with position offer emails sent to prospective members when a position becomes available.

SMOKING POLICY

In the interest of our youth's health, we ask that parents and / or guardians along with Leaders abide by the no smoking policy that is in place on all Scout property, in or near the Den and during all activities where Youth Members attend including camps and activity days. This includes the use of e-cigarettes (vaping).

PARKING

Parking is available to the eastern side of our Den, accessed from our circular driveway. We request that all persons enter through the most Eastern driveway, and exit closest to our Quartermaster's Store.

Please take care to watch for our youth members when entering or exiting that parking area. Please encourage youth members to be in this vicinity only when arriving or departing the Den. A torch may be required.

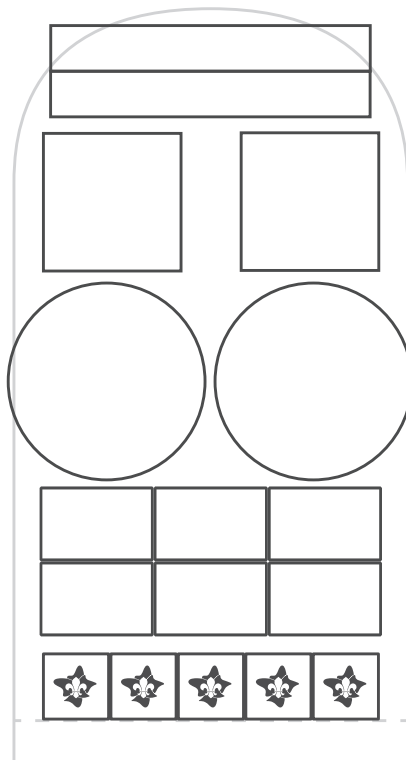
[All members are to be mindful that Hartley Road is a narrow residential street. Please consider our members and neighbours when entering and exiting our property.](#)

SAFETY PLAN

A safety plan is situated at each exit from the Den instructing all Scouts and family members of the emergency evacuation plan for the Scout Den.

In the event of an emergency the youth members and Leaders will assemble at the front of the Den. From this area relevant emergency personnel can be contacted and parents / guardians if necessary. If required the Scouts can move as a group further away from the Den area, as directed by the Leader/s.

Uniform Layout for Youth Members



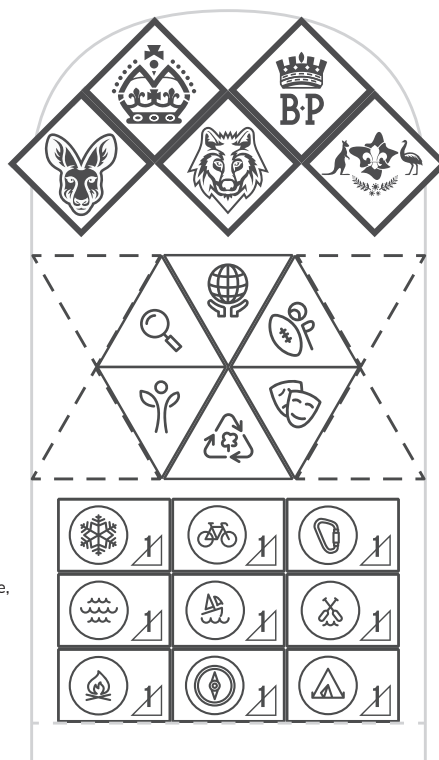
Name Tapes

District / Region Badge

Better World Framework

Additional Awards
(Camper, Duke of Edinburgh, First Aid, Landcare, Personal Development, Pilot Wings, SES, Their Service, Our Heritage, Unit Management, Walkabout)

Introduction to Section Badge



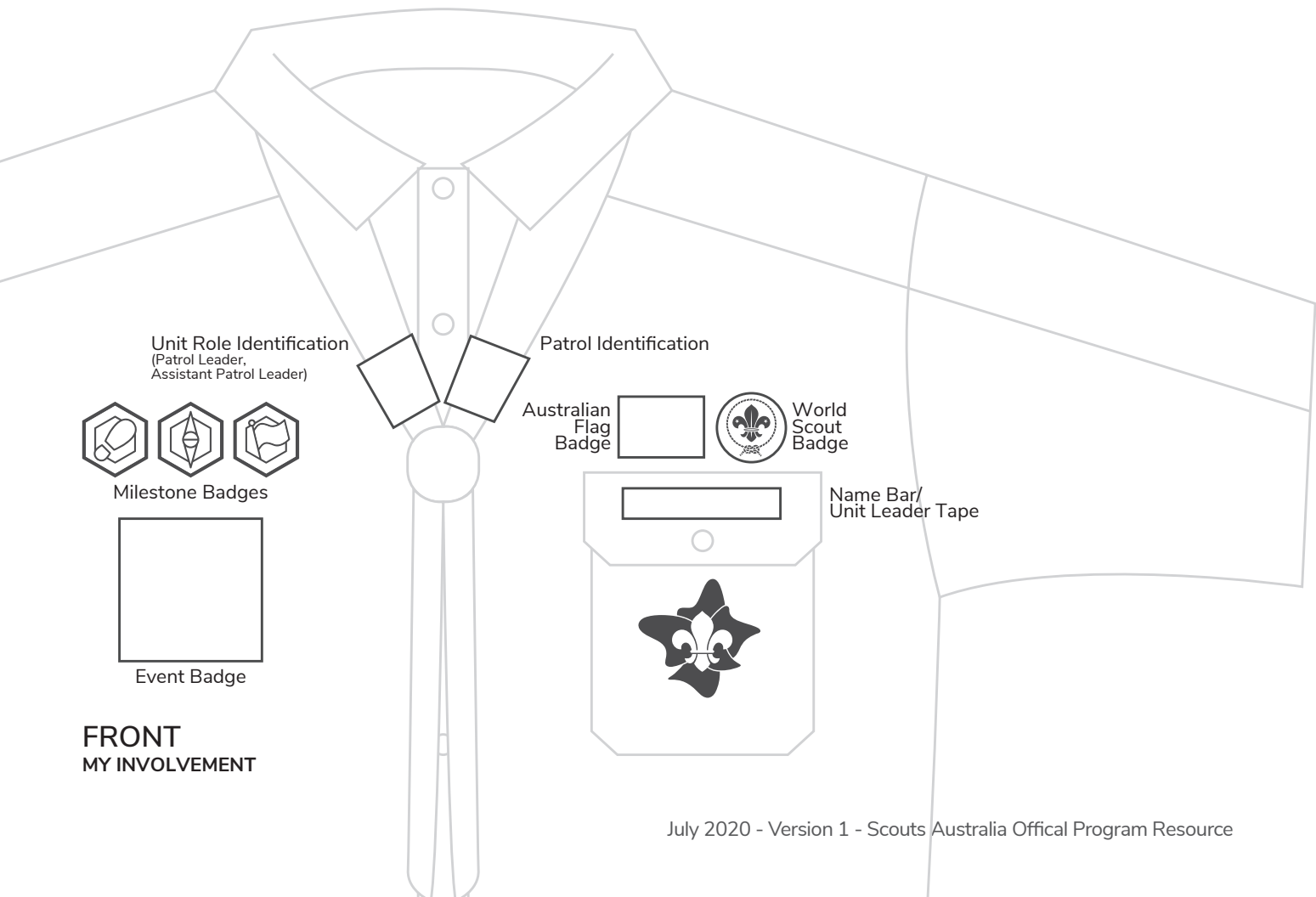
Peak Award Badges

Special Interest Area Badges

Outdoor Adventure Skills Badges

Right Sleeve
MY IDENTITY

Left Sleeve
MY JOURNEY



FRONT
MY INVOLVEMENT