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## **Scouts Get Ready for an Active 2018**

Thousands of Scouting families around New South Wales are set to benefit from the NSW Government's Active Kids rebate, with Scouts NSW announced as an eligible provider of the Program.

From 31 January 2018, parents and carers of school-aged children in Scouts can receive a \$100 voucher to go towards covering membership fees for the calendar year.

One voucher will be available for every child in the family annually over the next four years.

Chief Commissioner of Scouts NSW, Mr Neville Tomkins OAM JP, said the rebate will open the door for more families to become involved in Scouts and enjoy the healthy lifestyle it endorses.

"Participation in Scouting leads to a lifelong association with the outdoors and an active lifestyle," Mr Tomkins said.

"Not only does it unlock the inner adventure in young people and gets them outside to explore fun, healthy activities, but we've found that many people continue to live an active lifestyle post-Scouts, participating in bushwalking, canyoning, abseiling and canoeing well into adulthood."

Chief Executive Officer of Scouts NSW, Mr Andrew Smith, said that Scouts had been working closely with the Office of Sport to ensure the program is implemented effectively, and is integrated as seamlessly as possible so that Scouting families can redeem their vouchers easily.

"In just under a week, parents and carers will be able register for the Active Kids rebate online through the Service NSW website and then redeem that voucher against the 2018 Scouting fees through the Scouts NSW website," Mr Smith said.

"The rebate will help reduce the financial burden on the thousands of families currently in Scouts, as well as those who want their children to enjoy the Scout program.

"I'd like to encourage families to mark their calendars for the 31 January 2018, and make the most of this fantastic opportunity by making Scouts their provider of choice," he concluded.



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Information about the NSW's Government's Active Kids Program can be found on [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids). Information about the Scouts NSW Active Kids Rebate Program can be found on [www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids).

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