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### ***Limited Overnight Activities to Resume from 25 September 2020***

At its 7 September and 16 September meetings, the Scouts NSW COVID-19 task force considered the status of overnight activities for our Scout Members. This was an important review and the task force wanted to ensure it had a comprehensive understanding of the current situation in NSW as it relates to COVID-19 in order to make an informed recommendation to the Chief Commissioner. As a result of that review, the task force has recommended a resumption of limited overnight activities from Friday 25 September.

Our Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins, has accepted this recommendation, in consultation with his two Deputies.

**More complete details for the safe resumption of overnight activities will be published on the [Scouting Guide to Coronavirus webpage](#) by Wednesday, 23 September 2020. Outlined below are some of the key elements to know before you recommence overnight activities.**

#### Overview

- Limited overnight activities can commence from Friday 25 September 2020.
- All overnight activities must be submitted for approval to your Region Commissioner via Folio and approved prior to departure. The current forms will be modified to incorporate overnight stays and will be available by Wednesday 23 September.
- The maximum number of participants including adults is 20. Smaller parties are encouraged.
- Social distancing must remain in place.
- Outdoor camping only. The campsite must have a COVID-19 Safety plan in place.
- If camping at a campsite managed by Scouts NSW, you must comply with all directions of the caretakers.
- Only one person permitted per tent or shelter. Family members can share tents as long as this complies with Scouts NSW policies.
- Parents must transport their children to and from the activity or account.

Please remember: The situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and can change quickly. You must be ready to alter or cancel your plans should there be a recommended change.

Activity Centres and campsites wishing to accept camp bookings must submit a COVID-19 Safety Plan for approval by the relevant RC if they have not already done so.

Please be mindful that some Groups and families may not be comfortable with overnight activities at this point, and it's important to be respectful of those feelings.

Continue to keep up to date through the [Scouting Guide to the Coronavirus webpage](#) for ongoing updates and details about relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Child Safety in Scouting**

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a child safe organisation and implementing child safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

#### **Remember**

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the NSW State Office.

To make a report use the [online child protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email [childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au).

#### **Imminent Danger**

If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to NSW Police on 131 444.

Where a report is made to the police, you should also subsequently notify the NSW State Office.

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