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CUBOREE 2011 - TIME WARP Opening and Closing Ceremonies

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

How quickly time flies when you are having fun. The holiday season is over and another Scouting year is upon us. I hope this is another year of growth and good Scouting for our youth members.

Over the break I had the opportunity to visit the Cuboree and it was terrific to see the faces of the children (and some Leaders) enjoying themselves. From the feedback I have received it seems that a good time was had by all. Congratulations to the organisers and a big thank you to the Leaders and Parents who were involved during the event.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin Bundilla has received a State Government Grant to upgrade the kitchen in the Brownsea. Grants are a good source of revenue for Groups so don't forget to check your local council website or through your local registered club as the CDSE Grants in some areas are open and available for Scout Groups if they are successful.

Remember the Scout financial year closed on December 31 and Groups should be in the process of having their books updated and audited and not left till the last minute before the AGM's in April and May 2011. If you missed the last Bulletin the fee for 2011/2012 is \$100 per member.

I can also report that Mitchell Hodgson, a Venturer at 1st Ermington Scout Group was awarded Parramatta City's Young Citizen of the Year on Australia Day. Congratulations Mitchell. Also Matthew Knox, a Venturer Scout at 1st Ermington was a finalist nominee in the Young Citizen of the Year category.

More good news is that a program run last year called **Scoutreach - Learning for Life** was recognised on Australia Day by Parramatta Council as their Community Project of the Year. This was a program run at a Telopea Primary School by Tracey Hansford, with the assistance of a number of Cub, Joey and Group Leaders and Youth Members from the Parramatta District. The content of the program was based on the Cub Scout Program and was designed to feed students into local Scout Groups. The project was funded by Parramatta City Council and would not have been possible without the support of Councillors Michael McDermott, Lorraine Wearne and Andrew Wilson and the Parramatta Lord Mayor, John Chedid. Many thanks to the Leaders who made this concept evolve into an extremely successful reality.

Don't forget to check our website regularly for updated information. My team and myself look forward to another successful year working with you all.

Until next time...Carry on Scouting!

Neville Henderson

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FROM THE REGION OFFICE

Lost Property

Don't forget that any lost property that has not been claimed by the end of February, will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Forms

Could everyone **please ensure that all A1's submitted to the office have membership numbers, emergency contact details and mandatory signatures.**

We receive many applications for courses and it takes a great deal of our time to check the numbers and return the forms for details and signatures which should have been included in the first place! Please check the forms carefully before ending them to us.

It might be helpful if you make sure that every youth member and their parents know their membership number and have it written down so that they can put the number on every form they have to complete. It is amazing how many people (Leaders included) do not know their membership number.

Many thanks in anticipation of your cooperation.

Maggi Roynon and Kim Harris - Office Assistants



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Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm
Friday: 9am - 4.30pm
Saturday: 9am - 12pm

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to all Leaders and their mobs. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and have come back full of anticipation for a great 2011.

Joey Scout leaders are preparing for the Konara in May. A Konara is a meeting of Leaders, over a weekend, used to show new ideas and procedures and is aimed at enthusing new Leaders and re-enthusing the experienced leaders. A Konara is a training weekend and all participants will be completing an elective from the training calendar.

The Region Wandarrahs will now be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (instead of 3rd Friday) and the first one is on the 17th February in the Rotary Hut at Bundilla. I hope to see as many Leaders as possible as this is our **'Planning'** Wandarrah.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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*Pack 115 - Holroyd District
Photo Charles Yendle*



*Penrith District Cubs prepared for
Opening Ceremony - Photo Heather Stein*

CUB SCOUT NOTES

CUBOREE 2011 - Wow! What a wonderful time we all had. Thank you to all the Leaders, Parent Helpers, Venturers and Scouts who helped make this a great event filled with unforgettable memories for our Cub Scouts. No matter where you worked; in the lines, as a cook, at an activity base or behind the scenes your efforts are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU for making Cuboree 2011 GREAT! Special congratulations to Pack 213 (Blacktown District) on receiving the Good Camping Award. 1-2-3-Woof.

A **Youth Helpers Course** will be held at Bundilla on Saturday 12th March. If you have young people working with you at the Pack please remind them of the Course. Applications should be made on **'The Application to attend a Training Course'** and sent to the Region Office by 1st March.

Invitations to attend the Cub Scout Leadership Course are with your District Cub Scout Leader; please ensure you get yours at Seeonee so that your cubs have plenty of time to get them in on time, as no late applications will be accepted.

Leaders please put this date in your diary now - **Palaver on 4th & 5th June**. This is your chance to share with other Leaders and come away with some new programme ideas. So plan to be there and join the fun.

DIARY DATES - 2011

12 March	Youth Helpers Course @ Bundilla
20 March	PLA Course @ Bundilla
26 March	Cub Scout Leadership Course
4 - 5 June	PALAVAR
12 June	CUB DAY @ Jamborette
28 August	REGION COOK-OFF
17 September	Cub Scout Leadership Course
24-25 September	STATE COOK-OFF
29-30 October	Cub Baayna

'Tricia Shaw - RC Cub Scouts

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BP keeps an eye on the Cubs and Leaders at Cuboree

VENTURER REPORT

CUBOREE

The NSW Cuboree was held during January and was a huge success. A special thank you to all of the Scouts and Venturers who attended the event to ensure that the activities were a huge highlight for all of the participating Cub Scouts. GWS had the highest attendance of Junior Service Leaders of any Region with a total of 31 Scouts and 14 Venturers completing valuable service throughout the Cuboree. Well done!

All of the packs and activity leaders have remarked on the huge effort and determination by the Junior Service Leaders to make the Cuboree experience enjoyable for all participants and this is very much appreciated and applauded. Indeed, we look forward to seeing each of the volunteers returning for other upcoming events in the future.

In the meanwhile, don't forget to have your Service signed off in your Scout or Venturer Record Books.

The next NSW Cuboree is in January 2014!



DRAGON SKIN

Dragon Skin registrations are currently being accepted online. All Venturers must complete their Venturing Skills Award and have at least one qualified First Aider for each team. Applications close on 15 April 2011. Visit <http://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au/> for more information.

15TH AUSTRALIAN VENTURE

Applications for the Australian Venture close on 15th March 2011. That means that everyone who plans on attending this event must have their forms completed online (www.wilddayz.com) – printed – signed by their Group Leader – have payment attached – and sent to the Region Office so that they arrive before this date!

A deposit of \$500 (or \$600 if doing the pre-tour) is due with your application form. Please ensure that your applications are submitted as early as possible. There are only limited positions on the tour for the first 80 Venturers to apply. So be quick to avoid missing out. Any questions can be directed to myself.

Venture is open to all registered Venturers and Guides aged between 14 and no older than 18 years at 3rd January 2012. To be eligible to attend **Wild Dayz** Venturers and Guides need to be registered with their Branch, and to have earned the Venturing Skills Award or equivalent. Registrations are open online and Venturers, Leaders and Rovers must attend the event as part of their state Contingent. The cost of the Venture is:

15TH AUSTRALIAN VENTURE COST SUMMARY

Participants	\$950
Line Leaders	\$650
Service Leaders	\$550
+	
Contingent Fee	\$950
+	
Expedition Fee	\$150 - \$800
+	
Optional Pre -Tour	\$700



EXPEDITIONS



Abseiling; The Carabineers Club \$150



Diving:
The Seals Expedition Scuba Diving \$800
The Walrus Scuba Diving Sensation \$700



Spinnakers Sailing Club
@ Beauty Point \$580
@ Hobart \$150



White Water Rafting \$600



Tarkine Tour \$550



North East Explorer \$500



The Bush Raiders Tour \$550



Maria Island Experience \$TBA



South Cape Experience \$300



Extreme Adventure Tour \$700



Southern Adventure Tour \$550



Spectacular Bruny Island \$350



Wilderness Experience - Cradle to Pelion \$200



Wilderness Experience - Walls of Jerusalem \$200



Weindorfer's Footsteps - Cradle Mountain \$230



East Coast Bushwalking Freycinet N.P. \$350



The Windward Bound Square rigger sailing adventure \$800

SOME OF THE MANY ON SITE ACTIVITIES

ENTERTAINMENT

- Indoor and outdoor stages
- Aurora stadium big screen
- Mixture of entertainers:
- Bands
- DJs



LASER SKIRMISH

Tas Laser Skirmish provided an exhilarating outdoor combat simulation. You will require strategy, skill, and teamwork to complete your mission and survive. You will be provided with full camouflage gear and a weapon of your choice to go into battle.



RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

A NEW TEAM MEMBER

We farewelled **Bruce Arnsby** at our last activity for 2010, at his Scout Group. Bruce was a Scout Leader at 1st Kings Langley and helped us out on nights that didn't clash with his work roster. Bruce is moving to Adelaide and we will miss his enthusiasm and cheerful presence.



Andy Walker reckons we almost farewelled him *prematurely*, the first week of this year. Always one for a big challenge, Andy contracted Legionnaires' Disease on New Years Eve, and nearly met his match. After two weeks in Westmead he returned home very much weaker, and is gradually regaining his strength. I had known about Bruce leaving for about 6 months, and we were concerned that we didn't overload Andy by depending on him to attend every night (even more critical now after his recent illness).



Luckily for us, another Leader has decided to join our activity team. **Lillian Ewe**, a former Cub Leader from Mt Druitt. Lillian has been helping out occasionally over the last few months and likes the variety and technical nature of the activity. She will bring a wealth of Cubing knowledge to enliven our programs. (Lillian is pictured receiving her Wood Badge from Ann Pounder). However we are not out of the woods yet, and I am still looking for another Leader to join the activity team to fill in for Karl, whose work takes him out of the Sydney area regularly.

ROCKETS AT 1ST KINGS LANGLEY

We had a shortened night with the Scouts, because of Bruce's farewell speeches and supper afterward.



Here in a couple of typical photos of a rocket night, we see Bruce explaining the finer points of the water rocket release mechanism. The other photo shows scouts looking skyward trying to locate the small 'Disk Burst rocket'.



WHERE DID THE ROCKET GO?

FREE SCIENCE APP FOR IPAD

If you can imagine it, you can build it with TinkerBox. TinkerBox is a fun, free to play physics puzzle game. While it is full of interesting science facts and teaches basic engineering concepts, TinkerBox is more than just educational.

Take the tools in your hands to explore your creativity and imagination with invent mode. Build outrageous machines, share them with your friends or download popular inventions from online.

Stretch your brain through the devious Puzzle mode. Get immersed in physics based puzzles and mechanical concepts, where your only hope for success is your creative problem solving.

Dream. Build. Share. TinkerBox - for iPads
<http://tinkerboxnews.com/>



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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMING ACTIVITIES

Canyon Course: 5th and 6th March. Bowens Creek South and Serendipity Canyons. Camping at Mt. Wilson. Abseil qualification needed.

Abseil Courses: 15th February (theory at Bundilla) and 19th and 20th February (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock) also 10th May (theory) and 14th and 15th May (practical).

Rescue (Recovery) course: Sunday 27th February at Bowen Mountain.

Caving Trip: 19th and 20th March – Wee Jasper.

Scout Caving Badge Course: 9th and 10th April (no experience needed)

Caving Course: 17th May (theory) and 21st and 22nd May at Bungonia (Abseil qualification needed).

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 27th March (practical), with a theory night in the week before at a location suited to applicants.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course: Sunday 26th June at Dargans Creek with a theory night during the week before.

The complete year's program is on our web site at:

www.beprepared.com.au/gws

Group Courses can be arranged by contacting Rick.

A1 forms are on the GWS website in the activities calendar section. Applications (on the A1 Form) should be sent to the Region Office two weeks before the course. Two-day and three-day courses cost \$30, one-day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$10 (one-day) or \$20 (two-day). **No charge for theory nights.**

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*Scout prussiking
at Bundilla
Photo Matt Thompson*

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Welcome to 2011 and another exciting year of specialised activities, which is what the **Region Activities Team** is all about.

My name is Mark Fell, and as the new Region Commissioner Activities - I am certainly looking forward to my new role and the many challenges it will no doubt bring!

Can I start by firstly, acknowledging the time and effort that our retiring RC Activities, Mr Keith Travers put into the role, over many years. In particular, Keith's role with water activities, for which he had a real passion - be it sailing, canoeing or power boating.

So what does the Region Activity Team actually do? We all know they run canoe courses and you often hear about an abseiling or caving course being run somewhere; but there is a lot more to it than that. GWSR is truly fortunate to have an incredible team of very dedicated adult Leaders who have skills in a wide range of **adventurous and specialised** type activities.

These highly trained Leaders are eager to share their passion and pass on their skills to our youth members and Leaders in a safe and structured learning environment, that is most importantly, lots of fun!

So whether it is Canoeing, Sailing, 1st Aid, Bushwalking, Abseiling, Caving, Science, Radio, Flying Fox or the performing arts through Cumberland Gang Show - there is something for everyone.

Of course we are always looking for new Leaders to be trained up and become part of the Activity Team. You may just discover a new passion in your life.

Whilst I have a lot to learn myself, I can see that a great deal of the ground work is already in place for GWSR to have a **Region Activities Team** that will become the envy of the whole state. That's my challenge to you. Let the adventure begin!

Mark Fell (Dingo) - RC, Activities
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*One of the many challenges at
Cuboree - Photo Julie Pye*

ROVER REPORT

I would like to wish you all a Happy 2011 – this is going to be another big year for everyone in Rovers.

2010 LORD MAYOR'S PICNIC

The 2010 Lord Mayor's Picnic was a great success with members of Kings Langley, 2nd Castle Hill, Blaxland *Kalangadoo* and 1st/2nd Merrylands, as well as many other Crews, (apologies if I haven't mentioned your crew) participating in the event.

Some of the Rovers' duties included security of the venue's car park, supervision of activity tents, supervision (and grooving) on the dance floor, and helping the Girl Guides with food preparation as well. The event was capped off with a spectacular fireworks display over Sydney Harbour. All in all, a fun end to 2010 was had by everyone who attended.



GWS REGION ROVER COUNCIL AGM

The 2011 GWS Region Rover Council AGM will be held at Bundilla Scout Camp on Wednesday 16 March 2011. All Rover Crews of this Region will need to have held their AGMs before this date. **Nominations will be**

taken during the AGM for the following positions:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- PR/Internet Officer
- Training Officer
- Venturer Liaison Officer
- Activities and Service Co-ordinator
- BRC Delegates
- YACS Representative

DRAGONSKIN

The 2011 Dragonskin will be held at the Belanglo State Forest on the weekend of 22-25 April (the Easter/Anzac long weekend). The full weekend's theme is **GET-A-JOB** while VOC4's sub-theme is **Emergency Services**. Applications are open for anyone who is wishing to run an activity base or participate as a staff member at this year's Dragonskin. For more information, visit <http://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------------|---|
| March 9 | GWSR Rover Council AGM, Bundilla
7:30pm for 8:00pm start |
| March 26 - 27 | GWSR Roventure (contact GWSR Rovers for more information) |
| April 6 | GWSR Rover Council, Bundilla
7:30pm for 8pm start |
| April 9 | NSW Branch Rover Council AGM
http://nsw.rovers.com.au |
| April 21 - 25 | NZ Moot, Rotorua
www.sm69thmoot.com |
| April 22 - 25 | 2011 Dragon Skin (visit http://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au) |
| May 7 | Kings Langley Rover Crew's Annual Formal Regressive McDonalds Dinner |

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TRAINING TALK

Welcome to 2011 and the launch of e learning!

PLA's have now been logged on to the State website, ready to support new Leaders.

Unfortunately due to an audit of the Association as a RTO we have been unable to obtain new Introductory Kits. These kits should be available by the end of the month. The new kit will cost \$40 as it will include section handbooks.

There is a new M5 (old PED form) which now applies to all Groups and this should be used from now on. Please check the state website for updates to 2011 forms. I am told if you download all forms the old PED form prints out, but if you only print the single form the correct form prints! Don't ask me why! This problem is being rectified but please make sure you use only the current forms.

All trainee Leaders will need to know which section they will be working in when completing their Interview.

So what is the pathway for new Leaders?

- Obtain a \$40 kit
- Complete a W1 (Application for membership)
- GL or LIC to check referees
- Book into an *Introduction to Scouting* Interview either with GWSR Office or your DLT

Frank Barr conducts interviews for Blue Mountains and Penrith Districts - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The venue varies according to the Leaders who have made a booking.

Aafke Fatcher-Hall conducts interviews 1st Thursday of the month at Bundilla at 7.30pm.

The Interview:

- The GL/LIC is to attend interview with the new Leader and the Introductory Kit.
- A PLA will be assigned at interview.
- The new Leader will be asked if they hold a Cert III, Cert IV or Diploma in Management/Leadership. To assist in this process - the GL or LIC should ask the Leader if he/she holds any of the above qualifications, prior to attending the interview. If yes - they must bring a **JP signed copy of the qualification** to the interview, which will be recognised on the MIS. If the Leader does not hold any of these qualifications, they will be given the option to complete a Cert III in Management.

- When the police check is completed, the trainee Leader will receive their log on details and a Cert III assessment book (If required). GL/LIC will give handbooks to their new Leader.

Training:

- Trainee Leader completes e-learning modules
- Inservice is concurrently occurring at this time, as is the Cert II workbook
- At completion of e-learning modules trainee Leader applies to do Basic Course for section
- After e-learning, Basic section weekend and Inservice is completed the trainee Leader attends a final night with paperwork - Inservice sheet, W3 and Cert II workbook (if applied for) and current First Aid Certificate if applicable.

We have been advised that e-learning is not recommended for dial up, so a disc is available for these people.

Please refer to GWSR website for updates on courses and changes that may occur in training.

People wishing to contact their DLT can do so through training email on GWSR website.

Please note If you are currently waiting for your Cert III or Cert IV you have been effected by the audit and all certificates are on hold for the moment. It is hoped that these will be available before March.

Adam McLean has transferred to Region Leader Training and will be co ordinating courses.

Your District Leader Trainers are;

Frank Barr	Blue Mountains District
Mary Garrett	Hawkesbury District
John Hardiman	Blacktown District
Aafke Fatcher-Hall	Hills South District

Ann Pounder - RC AT&D

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New Year's Eve fireworks - Lord Mayor's Picnic
Photo Brendan Richards



1ST OAKVILLE SCOUT GROUP REUNION

29TH MAY 2011

**OAKVILLE SCOUT HALL
OAKVILLE ROAD, OAKVILLE**

RSVP: 8TH MAY 2011

As part of her work towards achieving the Australian Scout Medallion, Jessica Smith PL of Scorpion Patrol, is organising a reunion to help celebrate the Group's 30th year of registration. She would like to make contact with as many past Leaders, Youth Members and Supporters as possible to invite them along to join in the celebrations.

The reunion will commence at 11:00am and sausage sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee and cordial will be served. If you would like to attend please contact Jessica via her Scout Leader, Rose Smith (Panda) on **0418 970 085** or email: rose@winstonexpress.com.au

*Please pass this information on to anyone you know
who may be interested in attending.*



1ST GRANVILLE SCOUT GROUP CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2011

We are in the process of compiling a contact list of past members and supporters to keep everyone updated on the planned celebrations and to ensure they receive an invitation. Ex-Members of other Granville Groups are also invited to make contact, as we would like to involve all who enjoyed Scouting in the area over the many decades.

Please email: 1stgranvillescouts@gmail.com or bruceroberts12@hotmail.com
or sms **0403 547 530** or phone **9681 2478**

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at this special event.

It's on again...

THE SIRIUS CUP REGATTA



What is it?

- a chance for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to get together at a camp based around water activities
- the Scout Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, just a hop, skip and a jump from the waters of Middle Harbour, as a tent city comes to life from Friday afternoon
- Scouts come from all around including interstate, Lake Burley Griffin and Lake Tuggeranong from the ACT, from the north (Belmont North, the Hunter and Coastal team, Ourimbah), from the west (Penrith) and from the south (Gerringong).

More details...

- the Sirius Cup Regatta is the premier Scout sailing regatta on the Branch calendar and it is held annually
- there are 5 divisions of sailing races
- canoeing races for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders
- rowing events
- iron man events for all-comers
- activities for the land lubbers
- evening entertainment

The when and where...

- 11th to 13th March 2011
- Balmoral Oval/Balmoral Beach, Sydney
- For more details, visit <http://siriuscup.webs.com/> or email siriuscup@yahoo.com.au

MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Hi everyone. Welcome back for the New Year. We have a fresh start and I'm sure you are all back hard at work in Scouting.

A big thank you to all Leaders and Scouts who assisted at Cuboree and helped to make it such a memorable event for the Cub Scouts.

At the start of the year it is a good idea for us to set some plans/goals on where we would like to get to during the year. Things which I have noticed we need to focus on is having our Troop Councils working with the Scouts having the responsibility for them including running the Council. They will need mentoring by us Leaders. Closely tied in with that of course, is the District Scout Youth Councils (DSYC) and then the Region Scout Youth Councils (RSYC). These need to be up and running so that the Scouts, both Patrol Leaders and normal Scouts have a chance at communicating and have a say what happens in Scouts.

The Scouts should be doing some sort of outdoor activity, i.e. hiking and camping, every month. Obviously we need more Leaders to assist to allow for better sharing of the work that is needed. We need more recruitment for this to happen. Family Camps are a great way to have parents participate with the Troop and see what is involved.

We also need to see more Scouts going on to achieve their Green Cord and Australian Scout Medallion. Brian Roberts, Col Nicholas and I are willing to come out to your Troops to talk about these things and assist where we can. We would like to see at least a 20% increase on these numbers this year.

I have mentioned before, our need to improve our quality of Scouting and introduced everyone to the ***Desirable Standards*** which we should be striving to reach. This was also presented at Region Mindari and should have been presented at each District Mindari. I was present in two districts where this was done and also had some feedback from one district on where they were up to at that time. I would like us to really focus on reaching these standards for 2011.

There are many things in the standards which Troops are already achieving, but I'm sure there are many areas which could do with more work. Can I ask that each Troop do a self evaluation of these standards at the moment or where they were at the end of the year, then please look at some areas where you would like to improve your Troop?

I would like to suggest that you make a note of where your Troop is at currently and then identify on paper in which areas you would like your Troop to improve. When you do that, please send this document to your

District Scout Leader or whoever is acting in the role, as well as a copy to myself. As we plan to visit your Troops throughout the year we can talk more specifically about your plans and see if anything can be done to help you achieve your goals. We have published the ***Scouts Australia Scout Troop Desirable Standards*** in the September 2010 Bulletin but if you do not have a copy, I am happy to email one to you - just email your request to me.

If there are any specific areas of training that you would like to see provided to yourself or other leaders, please let me know and we will see what we can do to get that happening. Our Region and District Mindari are supposed to be additional training meetings so we need to make that happen. We may call upon you to assist or provide some training if we believe you are an expert in that area. Please let us know what we need to provide for you. Your attendance at your District Mindari is very important to gather information, share ideas and learn or refresh your memories on some aspects of active Scouting.

I hope you all have a great new year ahead with lots of fun things to do with the Scouts. I'm sure we can have as much fun providing the activities for our Scouts as they will have doing them.

Remember the Patrol System and the Troop Council is the way to go.

Robin Garrett - RC Scouts

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Another Cuboree challenge

*Photo
Fiona
Sherwin*



*Parachute Games at Cuboree
Photo Sharon Zarth*

HAVING FUN AT CUBOREE

Photos courtesy of Charles Yendle CSL 3rd Merrylands



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Thank you to everyone who sent me photos from Cuboree (all 600)!

I'm just sorry I couldn't publish more of them.



DOING THE TIME WARP AT CUBOREE

Photo Darren Oster