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Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.30pm	Sullivan
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	7.30pm	Sullivan
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm	Gilbert
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00am	Sullivan
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Gilbert Finale
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## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

Wow! Like many in our Region, I spent the last weekend at Jamborette and can I say, that it was amazing to get out and attend a large Scouting event once again. Everywhere I looked, I saw Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders having a great time. My thanks and a huge BRAVOOO go to the Jamborette team for delivering this event.

**Scouts NSW E-mails** have now been in place for a while, and we all need to make sure that we are using our Scout e-mail when communicating Scouting matters. From now on, if anyone e-mails the Region Office from a personal account, we will check and reply to that person's Scout Account. If you need help in setting up or are having issues with your Scouts NSW E-mail, please contact [itsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:itsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au)

I do want to touch on the issue of **Respect**. I have noticed quite a few times now, instances of both Youth and Leaders not treating each other with respect. Apart from being one of the key parts of our Scout Law (Be Respectful. Do What Is Right. Believe In Myself), it is general courtesy and should be expected of anyone. Please remember - we are all volunteers and are here for one reason - the youth members.

There are several **grants** on offer to help you maintain your properties. Reach out to your local State and Federal MPs and get added to their grants e-mail - it is a great way to ensure that you are always in the know. Remember - you are always able to reach out to myself, the Region team or the State grants writer for assistance. Grants take a bit of time and effort, so please do not leave it to the last days.

The next major Region activity is the **Gang Show** performance season occurring over the July School Holidays at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre - the Gang have created an amazing show and I know you will love it. Get your tickets from <https://gangshow.asn.au/> and I look forward to seeing you there.

*Dave*

**David Stopps JP**  
Region Commissioner  
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## RICHARD SHORE

8 June 2021

In 1981 Richard commenced his service as a Scout Leader at Guildford. He moved to be Group Leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Murray Farm from 1986 to 1992.

After a short break he served briefly as the Deputy Chairman of 1<sup>st</sup> Bossley Park.

He was awarded the Scout Wood Badge in 1984. More recently, Richard was a fond member of the Georges River Scout Fellowship



*Our sincere sympathy is extended to his partner Dianne, family and loved ones.*



## FIRST AID COURSES

21st August 2021

2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall  
25 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills, 2153

Scout & Guides (\$55.00) Non Members (\$75.00)

Suitable for Leaders, Rovers, Venturers  
AND Scouts over 14 year of age.

**8:30am to 11:30am**

Applications open now, close Fri 6th Aug 2021 (11.59pm)  
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/434>

**12:00pm to 3:00pm**

Applications open now, close Fri 6th Aug 2021 (11.59pm)  
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/435>

This is a one-day intensive Course, HLTAID011 Provide First Aid, equivalent to HLTAID003, Senior First Aid. Suitable for Work Cover, Venturer First Aid, Scout Blue & Green First Aid (over 14) and pre-requisite for Remote First Aid.

**No BBQ provided!**  
**Bring a drink bottle**  
**Wear Uniform**

All applicants will need to complete a pre-course work and online quiz before attending.  
<https://www.hatraining.com/quiz/>

All applicants must have a Universal Student Identifier (USI), go to  
<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

## DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING

There has been a significant notice come out about **A1 and A2** applications; when filling these out to become a Leader or Adult Supporter you will find that when you get to the **WWCC** part, you must have a completed WWCC Number - the form will not accept APP numbers anymore and the form will not allow you to submit.

When speaking to possible applicants they should be advised to obtain their WWCC as soon as possible; this also goes for Venturers soon to turn 18 - a Venturer can apply for their WWCC at the age of 17 and 9 months.

I would also like to bring up that **Mandatory Modules** are your responsibility to keep up to date. You get notified 4 times during the months prior to them expiring, so don't be surprised when you are suspended after they expire, and if not renewed within the time specified from suspension you will be resigned.

**Online Training** is about to change, at the end of June; all old Program modules will be removed. What will be left is the New Training path.

**Scouting Preliminary – 7 modules**

**Scouting Essentials – 7 of 10 modules**

**Scouting Adventures – 12 modules**

These need to be completed to attend the Face to Face courses.

Lastly there are a large number of Leaders in Training that have gone past 12 months to be trained; if there is an issue, talk to your Group Leader or contact Training to assist. We want to help you become the asset to your Group that a trained Leader is, and to reach your potential.

**Tony Dent**

**Deputy Region Commissioner -  
Acting RC AT&D**

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### PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

**All Leaders:** You need to ask at your local meeting when you need help with Programming and Activities; you should also be attending those meetings on a regular basis to support your networking opportunities.

**The monthly Meeting of each Section is for all the Leaders of the section** not just a Leader from each Unit; it is at this meeting where you can make connections with people and share resources and ideas to assist you and the Unit.

Does your **Unit Council** work well? We would like to hear about some of the successes of the Unit Councils; let us know send us a story, photos etc.

We are formulating the upcoming **Field Days** into specific areas for Leaders to come and get some support with understanding the Program— they will be available to every Leader and Rover in the Region. We will publish the dates for these soon.

The last thing I want to bring up is that there is a lot of **false information** going about re **Peak Awards** and what makes it hard to achieve Peak Awards.

The number of skills required to achieve a Peak Award has not differed from the old Programme, just the documentation has been changed.

If you have any questions - ask for a subject matter expert to come and talk about it; they can assist your understanding of the Program and the opportunities that are built in.

**Tony Dent**

**Deputy Region Commissioner –  
Program and Activities**

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### APPOINTMENT OF RC CUBS AND RC JOEYS

Following the application process and the departure of Gabie Thompson to her new role at State, we are happy to announce the appointments of

**Emma Watson to Region Commissioner Cubs and  
Kelly Wallace to Region Commissioner Joeys**

Both have a wealth of knowledge as Leaders of Youth and enthusiasm for the growth of Scouting. With lots of change to the program and support of youth in their challenges it will benefit all of us with Emma and Kelly joining the Region team.

***Congratulations and the whole Region says welcome!***

***Tony Dent - Deputy Region Commissioner - Program and Activities***



*Congratulations to Joey Scout*

**JONATHAN SCHILLER**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill

*on being awarded the Promise Challenge Badge  
HOP HOP HOP*



## **GWS JOEY FUN DAY - 2021**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, GWS Region held their annual Joey Fun Day at Bundilla Scout Camp.

We had 150 Joey Scouts enjoy a fun packed day of adventure and games as we celebrated 30 years of Joey Scouts. This was an increase of 25 Joeys from the last Joey Fun Day which was held in September 2019.

There were 9 different bases for the Joeys to experience. These bases were supported by 45 Youth helpers (Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and a couple of Girl Guides) and 27 activity base Leaders. Each Joey Unit was supported by Leaders and Parents, 70 in total, as they rotated through the bases during the day. A whopping 290 people in total!

Some of the activities Joeys had the opportunity to enjoy included: the Climbing Wall, Horizontal Bungee, Mini Golf and Big Games; Cumberland Gang Show; a range of activities offered by the STEM team; a Reduce>Recycle>Reuse>Rethink base; a fantastic base full of challenges offered by the Scouts; slacklining offered by Venturers and bases run by the Districts including: Pirate themed games and craft; party games and traditional games like egg & spoon and 3-legged races.

What is a Birthday party without cake? At lunch, all the Joeys joined in the celebrations by having a cup cake.

A great big thank you goes to all who assisted in ensuring the success of this fabulous event. Members of the Region Team, Activities Team, STEM Team, Gang Show Team, District Leaders, and a big BRAVO to all the youth helpers (Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Girl Guides); without their help, the event would not have been such a success. The Joeys all went home, happy but tired at 3pm, following a full day of activities.

**Gabie Thompson**  
**(Past) Region Commissioner Joey Scouts**





## **CUB REPORT**

The month of May in the Cub Scout section has been a busy one for GWS, with a number of activities and events running.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that **Gabie Thompson** has taken on a State Program Support role, and subsequently there is a change in leadership at the Region level in the Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections.

We want to thank Gabie for her fantastic work and wish her every success in the new role; I am certain we will see her around at future events across the Region and State.



Sunday May 16th saw our **Region Joey Scout Fun Day** at Bundilla; we were fortunate to be well represented by the Cub Scout section through the mini-golf activity base, organised by Ian (CSL 1st Riverstone) and hosted additionally by Cub Scouts Rayaan (1st Carlingford) Denith (1st Carlingford) and Devashi (SL 1st Ermington).



***If you are looking for a mini-golf course at your next event, contact Ian or Devashi - they can help you out!***

Thank you also to the Cub Scouts from Cumberland Gang Show who assisted on the Gang Show activity base and all the Cub Scout Leaders who supported their Joey Scouts in attendance.

Sunday May 30th was our Term 2 Region based **Cub Scout Leadership Course**. This event was oversubscribed, and I would like to thank the Cub Scouts from 1st Murray Farm for helping us out by changing to the next course.

We had 30 in attendance, following some late illness withdrawals (thank you to everyone who did the right thing!) and a great day was had by all, we hope. I would like to thank those who assisted on the day - Phirooza (1st Dural), Rebecca (1st Kellyville), Gavan (Blue Mountains District) and Maureen (Sydney North Region).

Traditionally, or so I'm told, the Cub Scout section has hosted the annual **Youth Helper Course**. This ran on

Saturday 29th May and was a great success. I would like to thank Jeff Hook, Ayla Truscott-Jones and Gabie Thompson for their support in assisting in the preparation and review of this course, as well as Brian "Sparky" Nelson and Maureen Twin who helped out on the day. We trialled something different this time, and I look forward to expanding on that next time, possibly with a few of the 14 participants from this course helping to run the next course!

***Congratulations to this month's Grey Wolf recipients .***



*Congratulations to the following  
Cub Scouts, who have achieved their  
Grey Wolf Award*

**JAMIESON SONGVILAY**  
1st Carlingford

**CHRISTIAN ZAPLETAL**  
1st Dural

**BRIGITTE ZAPLETAL**  
1st Dural

**JONAH PICKERING**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill

**Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!**

**COMING UP WE HAVE...**

**Cub Scout Leadership Course**

**Saturday 31st July**

**Applications close Friday 16th July**

**Cuborette**

**October Long weekend (1st-4th) - Camp Ku-ring-gai**

Finally, with Cuborette on the horizon, we are seeking **Expressions of Interest** to progress the planning and production of this event. GWSR Program Team are in the process of planning a weekend-long camp open to all Cub Scouts in the GWS Region. Whilst the initial concept and some preliminary plans are in place, we are seeking Expressions of Interest from members (adults and youth) across any and all sections to be involved in the planning and delivery of this event.

The event is scheduled to occur on the 1st to 4th of October. This is the long weekend and falls at the end of the school holidays. We have a booking on hold for "Camp K" (Camp Ku-Ring-Gai).

Ideas for themes, activities and menus have been captured from the Cub Scout Leadership Courses that

have been run in the region in 2021. A small team has started discussions, but now is the time to pick up the ideas and concepts and take flight with preparing an exciting event!

**\*\*Please Note:\*\***

***This is not a guarantee that the event will proceed!***

Nobody likes to plan an event and then have to cancel it; however in the world of pandemics, we cannot forecast what the next month will look like regarding restrictions or otherwise, let alone four months away!

Here is the **Expressions of Interest link** for you to register your interest in assisting in the planning: <https://forms.office.com/r/FGXzTKXQqK>

Once we have finalised a few more details, applications will open on the GWS Events system.

I look forward to seeing where the Cub Scout section goes over the coming months as we work to build a new team in the Region.

**Emma Watson**  
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts  
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## CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW 2021

Cumberland Gang Show – **Rise Up** is a huge spectacular musical variety show. It features a fabulous musical score and a live orchestra, fantastic sets and costumes, amazing audio visuals and an awe-inspiring cast of more than 150 Scouts and Guides aged seven and up who can't wait to perform again after our show was cancelled last year.

This year the Gang plans some fun items for the audience including **Land of the Brontosaurus**, where they go back in time with David Attenborough; **Pirate Life**, an hilarious trip through the seven seas and **One Day in Sydney** which is a celebration to show how proud we are to be Aussies.

The 2021 show promises to delight audiences of all ages, so please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment! Visit the **Cumberland Gang Show website for further details** [www.gangshow.asn.au](http://www.gangshow.asn.au)

**Cumberland Gang Show** takes over 5000 person hours of cast rehearsals from March to July, plus over 8000 hours of set, costume and technical preparation to give you an indication of just how well this show is produced.

This theatrical masterpiece also has a hidden side; it's actually about training young people in the performing arts; about building their self-confidence and showing them how to succeed through teamwork; it's about how leadership, hard work and determination can be combined to achieve one's wildest dreams; but most of all it's about showing young people what they can achieve when they work together.

**Sonja Simpson**  
Marketing Team  
Cumberland Gang Show





2021

Finally, I can write about some of the great activities we have been doing over this last month. Like everyone, COVID has not been kind, and trying to run an Activities Team through a Global Pandemic; well, that has not been fun at all!

Our month kicked off with an Abseiling Workshop. As per usual it was at Bowen Mountain on the Saturday, then the slightly more challenging cliffs of Yellow Rock on the Sunday. Always lots of fun for those who just like to hang around.

While on abseiling, no doubt most of you are aware of a recent Abseiling accident, which occurred up in the Blue Mountains, involving Scouts from another Region. It would certainly be wrong of me to speculate on what may have happened. In these situations, we all need to wait until the appropriate investigations are made, both by the Scouting Association and in this case, WorkCover. In the interim, and rightly so, there has been a blanket ban placed on all Abseiling activities. This was first brought in by Scouts NSW, and then quickly followed by WorkCover. We have no choice but to fully abide by this ban until investigations are fully completed.



I was very privileged to be part of the Joey Fun Day held at Bundilla, under one of those spectacular clear autumn days. Our Science team headed up by John and Karl kept the Joeys highly entertained while I was kept busy on the Climbing Wall and ably supported by James Brogden from 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Venturers.

It was great to be able to get the Climbing Wall back into action again! What a great bunch of kids we have coming up through the ranks. When you see the Joeys doing what they do, you realise that Scouting in GWS has a great future.





At the end of the month, I spent a very enjoyable weekend on the water, with an overnight canoe trip down in Kangaroo Valley. Heading downstream from Bendeela to Acacia Flat, (*not the Blue Mts' Acacia Flat,*) where we camped the night. Next day we headed back to Bendeela covering around 25km in total. A big thank you to Ben Gross who organised the event.



### Have you bought your Gang Show tickets yet?

Being cancelled last year due to COVID-19 everyone involved at Gang Show has pulled out all stops to ensure we have a season to remember in 2021.

Yes, it will be slightly different to what has been done in the past, but one thing that has not changed, is the unbelievable talent, and enthusiasm shown, not just by the Back Stage Crew, but the entire cast!

Hopefully, I will see you there!

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**  
**Region Commissioner Activities**  
**Assist. Tech. Director - Cumberland Gang Show**  
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## GWSR Bushwalking

### Blue Mountains Winter Bushwalking Trips 2021

#### Lawsons Long Alley overnight bushwalk

2 days Mount Victoria

Fri 9th Jul 2021 (9am) to Sat 10th Jul 2021 (3pm)

**Applications close Friday June 25**

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/371>

#### Mermaids Cave

½ day Blackheath

Sat 24th Jul 2021 (9am to 1pm)

**Application close Friday July 9**

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/416>

**Contact Person: Tristan Flores RL Bushwalking**

Only available Saturday mornings, please email or leave a phone message and I will get back to you on Saturday morning.

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## SCOUT REPORT

At our Region Jamborette our new Region SYC Exec were voted in. It was a tough vote but - introducing our Region SYC Executive..

**Region Chair: Frank Javadi from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley**

**Asst Region Chair: James Baker from 1<sup>st</sup> South Penrith**

**Region Secretary: Emmie Pecar from 1<sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury**

Congratulations and I look forward to working with you over the next year!

The Region Syc also came up with next year's theme: '**The Might of Mythology!**' With such a great theme we should have some interesting bases presented to us. I can't wait to see what you all come up with. Get your thinking caps on!

### THE COVETED BEST BASE AWARD WENT TO...

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kingdom of Glossodia by  
1<sup>st</sup> Glossodia Venturers**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Unleash Your Inner Thanos by  
Ermington Venturers**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Storming the Bastille by  
Blue Mountains District**

### THEMED GATEWAY...

*Special mention to the Rovers gateway. It would have won on 69 points if it was included in the competition!*

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills on 67 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Holroyd District on 65 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 1<sup>st</sup> QHD 61 points**

### TRADITIONAL GATEWAY...

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1<sup>st</sup> Balcombe Heights on 63 points!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Blue Mountains District on 61 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings Langley on 58 points**

### SCOUTS CHOICE GATEWAY...

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1<sup>st</sup> Oakville**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - GWS Rovers**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 1<sup>st</sup> Quakers Hill Doonside**

**Congratulations to  
all our winners!**



### *I have so many 'thank yous to go out!*

**Rovers** – you did an amazing job from security to running the disco; from running the wide game for the Venturers to running a base for the Scouts. Thank you for everything you did! Congratulations on being an integral part of Jamborette.

**Venturers** – you ran some awesome bases and we would be very bored if you didn't come to run them. So thank you one and all!

**Activities** – Unfortunately we hit a snag with some of our activities but in true Scouting style you guys rallied and delivered a variety of activities a lot of Scouts haven't seen before. Thank you!!

**St John** – Thankfully you weren't too busy this year. Thank you for your support again this year.

**Luna** – Ray Shephard thank you for cooking for us again this year. You kept us full and warm.

**Cataract Fellowship** – These guys supported us by clearing sites, mowing grass, cutting down trees, dealing with the plumbing issues onsite and taking on the toilet roster for which all the leaders are grateful for. So a huge thank you to you guys. You rock!!

**Wendy Dimmock** – thank you for all the admin stuff you have done and will continue to do in the near future until we close the books.

**Steve Wallace** – Thank you for all the behind the scenes admin in the lead up to Jamborette and whilst onsite. You made my life so much easier.

**Thank you to my Team** – you all play an integral part in running Jamborette. You may not think you do but you did. The district Leaders who organised bases to run; chased people to attend; ran units at Jamborette and still managed to have fun. Thank you for all you do.

**Region Commissioner, David Stopps** – Thank you for having faith in us and pushing for the Jamborette to run even though it would have cost the Region money if we couldn't run Jamborette!

**Thank  
You!**

**Lost property is at Bundilla** – if it's not collected within 2 weeks it will either go in the bin or be donated to charity.

Our next big adventure is **State Rally Friday 30 July to 1<sup>st</sup> August at Cataract**. All GWS scouts will be given a 5 point bonus when they register before **25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. So get your registrations in.

Our **RAC theme is RAC at World's End**. So, Leaders, Venturers and Rovers, theme up your bases and let's have some fun!! We are RAC 1 again this year and Ray is catering for us once again this year! I look forward to seeing you all there.

We are working on our **Mindari Camp** to be held on the **8th-10th Oct at Bundilla**. It will be open to register by the 1<sup>st</sup> July on our EMS. More info will come as we plan it. This camp is for all Scout section Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Trainee Leaders. I hope to see most of you there over the weekend.

**Tracey Stopps**  
 Region Commissioner Scouts  
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Jamboree photos courtesy of 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group



# GWS ROVERS

Over the course of May and into the first few days of June, a number of the region's Rover units chose to immortalise their activities on sites like facebook.

**Blacktown Rovers** held a debating night, a paint and sip night, an OAS mapping night, Shared images from the Region ARP and had a DND night.



In other parts of the Region, **2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill Rovers** made a great escape from an escape room, as well as saying farewell to three of their somewhat iconic members.



*A fond farewell to Rachael, Neal and Grizzly*



Out west, **Nepean** recently gave Oz tag another go, aiming for the stars in sports.



Rivalries were shown in games between **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Rovers** not long ago, although its unclear if there was a distinct winner.



**Kings Langley** had an excellent time at Holey Moley Castle Towers not long ago, in addition to holding unit councils and planning further for events to come.



*A few more than 'four' at KL's Holey Moley night*

Believe me when I say that this is just a glimpse into the many things that GWS Rovers get up to!

All the crews have pages for you to check out, nearly all of them should have Instagram too, so check them out to learn more.

*KL knows that great events aren't going to plan themselves!*

I'll leave you for now with a glimpse into a Region Council, including the Cancer Council fundraiser on the night from Blacktown Rovers, and I look forward to next time!

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*Some of the many smiling faces of GWS*



*Follow us on Instagram*  
@GWSROVERS

Follow us on our Instagram page to keep up-to-date with all our activities! And don't forget to use the hashtag #gwsrovers so we can see what you've been up to!

## 1st Toongabbie Cub Scouts Complete their SES Badge

When our Unit Council discovered the 'new' SES Badge, and that one of our members had a link with the Blacktown SES Unit, it was an easy decision to spend part of Term One working towards this badge. At our Cub meetings we spent time learning some knots, exploring storm readiness, and gaining new skills for household maintenance.

In April we visited the Unit on one of their meeting nights at their HQ, having a go at sand-bagging, practicing those knots and seeing first hand how the SES prepares for their role and serves our community.

The culmination of our experience saw two of their reps join us on our Unit night to review the posters that our Patrols had created and to present the badges to our Youth. We took the chance to return the favor, presenting Certificates of Thanks to them for their time and effort.

Everyone involved has had fun and learned lots in a great community activity.

*Suzanne Cornell ACSL 1st Toongabbie*





# Scouts in Action Month 2021

1<sup>st</sup> August – 31<sup>st</sup> August

2021 will be about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. For more specific information about the SDGs go to the **Scouts in Action Website** <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/about-the-sdg-s>

The website will also provide WOSM (World Organisation of the Scout Movement) resources that include activities for your Unit or Patrols in your Unit to try; with 17 SDGs there will be lots of choices for activities and ideas to help guide us in making this a Better World.



The **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".

As usual we are keeping track of our participants. Please ensure you **register your Group or Unit** so we can keep a tally on participation. So far over 234,000 have participated in Scouts in Action since 2010 and we celebrate those Groups that have been part of SiAM for 10 years or more. Don't forget to tell the other Leaders in your Group, District or Region to get on board and support this activity that has supported Leaders and Youth for more than 11 years!



## 2021 Scouts in Action Month Badge

The 2021 SiAm Badge is a simple representation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. You can order your badges by clicking on this link [2021 SiAM Badge Order Form](#)

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