



1st Wembley Downs Scout Group Welcome Pack



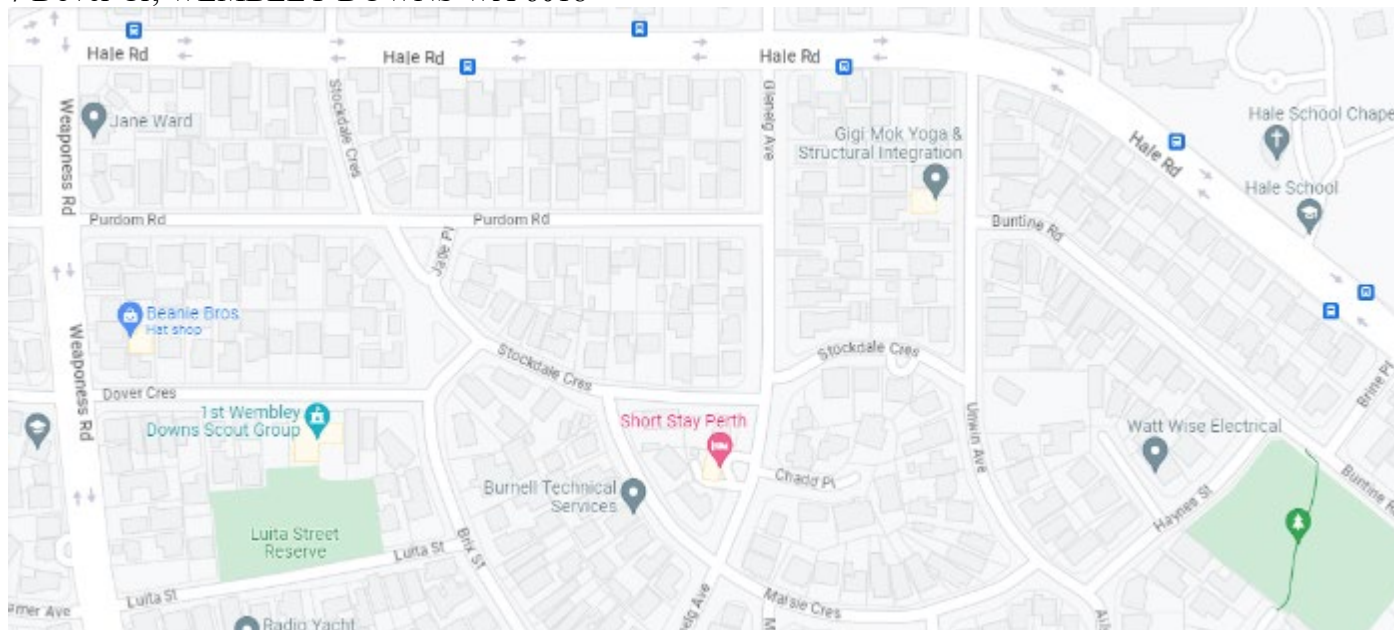
Welcome to 1st Wembley Downs Scout Group (“1WD” or “Group”)! You are joining one of the largest and most dynamic Scout Groups in Western Australia. We’ve been established for more than 50 years and have active male and female members ranging in age from 5 years old to over 90 years old. There’s something for everyone, and parental participation is actively encouraged.

This Welcome Pack is targeted at parents and guardians of prospective or new youth members. It should provide you with all the information that you and your new youth member require to “**Prepare for Adventure**”.

Location

1WD have their own, self-operated facility in Wembley Downs (“The Scout Hall” or “Hall”). This is where all regular meetings of members are held.

7 Dover Cr, WEMBLEY DOWNS WA 6018



Scout Sections & Regular Meeting Times

Depending on the age of your youth, they will be placed into an appropriate Scouting “Section”:



Joey Scouts
(6-7 yrs)
Tues 5:30 – 6:30 PM



Cub Scouts
(8-10 yrs)
Wed 6:00 – 7:30 PM



Scouts
(11-14 yrs)
Mon 6:30 – 8:30 PM



Venturer Scouts
(15-17 yrs)
Mon 6:45 – 8:45 PM



Rover Scouts
(18-25 yrs)
Sundays

Trial Period

Your prospective youth member is welcome to attend a few section meetings as a trial at no-cost and with no obligations. Once you and your prospective youth member feel comfortable with joining our group, you will need to complete several registration forms and pay some fees.

Registration Forms

If you haven't already, you will be required to complete a few registration forms. These allow your new youth member to be registered both with the Scout Group, and The Scout Association of Western Australia (aka "Branch"). You will need to complete:

Y1

[Fill-In](#)

Application for Youth Membership

This form contains personal information about your new youth member as well as information about yourselves as parents and guardians. It also includes standard waivers, authorities, and privacy protection information. Completing the Y1 form ensures that insurance cover is extended to your new youth member.

H1

[Fill-In](#)

Health Statement

This form contains information about any medical conditions that your new youth member has that may be important for our Scout Leaders to know. The Group requests periodic updates to health statements for all members.

NOTE: Personal information is NOT retained by 1WD Group. The information is provided to The Scout Association of Western Australia and is only accessible to adult leaders on an as-needed basis.

Fees & Costs

Annual membership fees apply to both the Group and The Scout Association of Western Australia separately. There may be occasional additional costs for specific activities and camps.

Joining Fees

1st Wembley Downs Scout Group

Non-Applicable

The Group provides the Group scarf and uniform badges at the "Investiture" of your new youth member into the Group and the world of scouting.

Group Fees

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\$220.00 Annually

Fees are prorata per term – so if your new youth member joins the Group mid-year, you will only be charged for the portion of time that they were present. This fee includes all operating costs for the Group including maintenance of facilities & equipment, utilities (water, gas, electricity, council fees etc.). You will be sent an invoice for these costs from the Group.

Branch Fees

The Scout Association of Western Australia

\$218.00 Annually

Branch fees cover costs associated with the operation and administration of the Scout Association of Western Australia, including staff (but not volunteers) and insurance for your new youth member. You will be sent an invoice for these costs from Branch.

Uniform Costs [Buy](#)

The Online Scout Shop / Second Hand from Group

\$20 - \$75

Your new youth member will require a section specific uniform shirt and a “woggle”. These can be purchased on-line at the [Scout Shop](#). See section below for more information about uniforms.

Activity Costs

1st Wembley Downs Scout Group / The Scout Association

\$Variable / Event / Activity

From time to time there may be additional costs associated with an activity. These costs may cover a camp, out-of-hall activity, special materials, or a large event organised by the Scout Association. You and / or your youth member will be notified of these additional costs when the time comes.

If you require support to make the necessary payments, please contact 1wdsregistrar@gmail.com.

Uniforms

Your new youth member will require a section specific uniform shirt (the colour of the sleeves and collar reflecting the section that they will join). Most of our members prefer the polo shirt style. The uniform shirt should be paired with navy blue shorts or trousers. The “woggle” is used with the scarf. Uniforms are worn at weekly section meetings and all official functions. A Group activity shirt is also required for activities where the uniform is not appropriate.



Uniforms may be purchased on-line at the [Scout Shop](#). Group activity shirts and some second-hand uniforms are available at the Scout Hall and can be purchased from an adult leader (~\$10).

What's Next?

After new youth members have attended a few meetings, they will be formally “invested” into their section and the world of scouting. The investiture will include the presentation of the Group scarf and various badges that will need to be sewn onto their uniform shirt (see [here](#) for badge layout). Parents and guardians are welcome to attend the investiture.

To get an idea of what major activities are planned so far for the year, please visit our online [calendar](#).

Consent for Out-Of-Hall Activities (Y3 Form)

Youth members have many opportunities to participate in activities that are outside of our Scout Hall. These activities are risk assessed by our trained adult leaders and will require your consent. Prior to an out-of-hall activity the leaders will send you a “Y3” consent form which you will need to fill in and return before the activity commences.

Isn't Scouting all about badges?

All scouting activities are guided by a series of underlying philosophies:

1. [The Scout Law & Promise](#)
2. Development of the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional, and Spiritual aspects of individuals (SPICES).
3. Youth leading, adults supporting.
4. Learning by doing.
5. Teamwork.
6. Planning, doing, and reviewing.

Our youth members are encouraged to pursue their section "Peak Award" – this is achieved through milestones and progressions that are earned throughout their scouting journey and are awarded by the presentation of badges.

Milestones are achieved by youth members through their participation, assistance, and leadership in a number of activities that are focussed on four challenge areas: community, outdoors, creative, and personal development.

Progressions are earned by demonstrating competency in various outdoor adventure skills (e.g. camping, bushcraft, bushwalking, climbing, cycling, kayaking, etc).

Youth members are also encouraged to pursue their own special interest projects which may include sports, arts, music, science, technology, the environment etc. These projects also contribute to their journey towards their "Peak Award".

All members of the Scout Association of Australia are granted access to an online system ([TERRAIN](#)) which tracks the progression of the youth members towards their "Peak Award". Youth members are encouraged to actively use the system to earn their badges and record their progress. For younger youth members, parental support may be required.

If you would like more information about the progression and badge system, or how to use TERRAIN, please contact our group leader (gl.wembleydowns@scoutswa.com.au).

Behaviour

Our Group expects behaviour that reflects [The Scout Law & Promise](#). We have a duty of care to the whole Group, and any behaviour that is disruptive, aggressive, or bullying will not be tolerated and may result in suspension. We will contact you first if any issues emerge.

Please let us know of any challenges or difficulties your youth member may have, and ways of managing these that you have found useful.

Our Group

Established in 1968, 1st Wembley Downs Scout Group has been successful for more than 50 years. It is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. Our adult leaders form our Group Council and work directly with our youth members by helping them develop and deliver their own scouting program. Our Group Support Committee is formed by parents and friends and works to ensure the long-term health of our group.

We consider ourselves a "family group" and you are now part of our family.

Our Group motto is "It All Depends on Me" (IADOM) – a call for all our past and present members and parents regardless of age to take personal responsibility and to step up when needed.

Facilities

The Group is very lucky in that it has one of the most envied facilities in the state. We are fortunate enough to run and maintain our own building which includes 2 halls, toilets, showers, disabled access, an industrial kitchen, a "Den" with another kitchen, a meeting room, and a large equipment store.

Equipment

The Group is also lucky to have a large pool of equipment in our Quartermasters' Store (Q Store) which includes tents, canoes, rafts, shelters, hiking equipment, climbing equipment, trailers, and even a rally car!

Your Involvement

With a large membership, facility, and equipment pool, a lot of effort is required of our volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Our Scout Group is very proud of the enormous contribution from past leaders and parents, who continue to help even though their children are no longer members. We invite you to maintain this strong base and encourage all parents to become part of the Wembley Downs Scout Family.

To keep our Group strong, we need family members to participate in the following activities throughout the year.

	Join the Group Support Committee Support our Group Leader, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar to ensure the long-term health of our group. The committee meets in the evening every third Tuesday of the month.
	Become a Parent Helper Help at section meetings. Support the leaders with running activities and facilitating badge progressions. You will need a current Working with Children Card .
	Help at Out-Of-Hall Events Help the leaders at out-of-hall activities such as camps and hikes. You will need a current Working with Children Card .
	Become a Leader Attend formal training and become a leader. We are always looking for leaders. Without them we cannot run the group.
	Help at Busy Bees Help at our bi-annual Busy Bees. Do some gardening, help with building and equipment maintenance.
	Help with Facility and Equipment Maintenance Come down on a weekend and help our maintenance coordinator or quartermaster.
	Help at Fundraising Events Throughout the year we have a series of fundraising events. Some of our fundraising events such as our lamb and seafood tasting simply require your attendance.
	Contribute to the Annual District Fair Join the District Fair Committee, or help set up and tear down, assist at the stalls, or provide baked goods for sale.
	Support IT Systems Help with our social media presence, or support some of our administrative systems (payments, record keeping, mass email communications, etc)

The effort of every adult ensures we continue to be one of the strongest and best Scout Groups in WA and able to offer the benefits of Scouting to young people, present and future.

Annual Busselton Family Camp

To celebrate and thank all our volunteers and parents we hold a family camp every year at the Scout Association's Vasse Campsite in Busselton (right on the shores of Geographe Bay). This occurs over a two-week period around Australia Day (26th January). The camp is not considered a scouting activity and families are welcome to attend for just a few days or the whole two-weeks. Take time out of camp to visit the region with your own or other families or just relax. All meals are provided.

More Information

For more information or any queries, please email our Group Leader (gl.wembleydowns@scoutswa.com.au).