

# Wanderee

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Sun 7th October, 2012 at Mt Irvine**

Wanderee is an opportunity for Scouts to learn how to prepare for a bushwalk and successfully navigate a route that they have planned, in a safe and picturesque environment and at the same time do some badge work. Scouts operate in Patrols and undertake badge work at the various Activity Points (APs) that are located around Mt Irvine and in the adjoining national park.

Scouts may need to walk for up to 1 to 1.5 hours between APs and typically Scouts will be at an AP for 1.5 to 2 hours. Scouts carry day packs and camp at Head Quarters (HQ), where they pitch their tent and cook their meals etc. Before departing on their day's activities, all Patrols have their route plan checked by a Leader. Their planned route is recorded and at each AP there is a system in operation to track their progress throughout the day. Activities might include:

AP	Activity/Badge	Category	Note	Leader in Charge
1	Navigation and Practice Walk(Compulsory)	Navigation and Hiking Skills		Allen Hyde
2	Bushcraft	Proficiency		TBD
3	Emergencies	Elective Target		Tony Beard
4	Construction	Elective Target		TBD
5	Fire Awareness	Proficiency	RFS	Allen Hyde (RFS - Beth Raines, RFS Captain)
6	Astronomy	Proficiency	A night time activity	TBD
7	Campcraft	Elective Target	Can be done when at HQ	TBD
8	Advanced Walk	Walking/Navigation Skills	Available Friday afternoon, Saturday	TBD

Scouts determine which APs they will visit and at what level they want to complete badge work at (i.e. Pioneer, Explorer or Adventurer). Leaders at the APs will be prepared to accommodate all levels of the award scheme. On Thursday morning/afternoon all Scouts stop off at the Mt Wilson Fire Station for Fire Awareness (Theory & Practical) before proceeding to the Mt Irvine campsite. If the weather is favourable, astronomy observations are undertaken on the Friday and Saturday nights.

A training walk is undertaken by all Patrols out to the Tessellated Pavement (to the North of Mt Irvine) on Friday morning. At the pavements they observe aboriginal engravings. This is about a 2.5 hour return hike.

There are many opportunities for Scouts to socialize and there is a camp fire on the Saturday night.

The campsite is in paddock on private land at Mt Irvine and borders on the Wollemi National Park. Patrols camp in full size Jamboree style tents. Cooking is done at communal fire drums and some BBQs which afford good social interaction. A minimum of 2 kitchen/dining flys and BBQs with a central camp wash up will be provided. Scouts provide their own food. Leaders and helpers cook and eat in a large dining fly and are fully catered for. At least four portable toilets will be provided. There are other toilets at the Mt Irvine Hall and we also have access to a toilet in a house.

Scouts should bring a spare pair of shoes that they do not mind getting wet – for example Volley sandshoes. Spare socks should also be brought along. We found last year that gum boots would have also been a good addition!

Departure is just after lunch on the Sunday.

Following are some photos taken at last year's Wanderee.

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## Photos from Wanderee 2010:

