

2025 District Flag Camp



All Port Hacking, Yarooma, and Royal National Park District Scout groups are invited to the 2025 District Flag Camp at Camp Coutts!

Dates: Friday Night 7th March – Sunday 9th March 2025

2025 Theme: Under the Sea

(e.g. Oceans, Fish, Mermaids, Atlantis, Whales, Jellyfish, Scuba Divers, Submarines, etc.)

Location: Camp Coutts, Waterfall

Cost: \$35.00 + Cost of Patrols Food (Refer to your Patrol Leader)



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District Flag Camp is an annual competition camp for all patrols from the Port Hacking District in the South Met Region. This year Patrols from other neighboring districts are also invited. Scout's either in their Patrol or in a new Project Patrol work together to PLAN, prepare and execute their own Patrol Campsite from Friday Night to Sunday at camp, as well as participate in activities throughout the weekend to earn points, towards the 3

District Awards:

1. The District Flag Award – For Campcraft
2. The Best Patrol Award
3. The Best Patrol Leader (PL) Award

So, what are you waiting for? Get your Patrol together!

We can't wait to see you at the 2025 District Flag Camp!

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Need some more info?

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What about your Patrol campsite?

Your Patrol must be **self-sufficient for the entire weekend**. Once your Patrol reaches camp, the leaders won't be able to help you set up or get anything you left behind! This means Patrols must PLAN before camp, including preparing menus, equipment, food purchases, transport & theming of your Patrol campsite.

Over the weekend, the patrol will be living and working as a patrol for the entire camp. (Don't worry about your friends in other patrols or scout groups. They are not too far away).

What are the activities on camp?

Throughout the camp, there will be a series of activities and challenges that your Patrol will participate in to build teamwork, practice and learn new skills and earn points along the way. These activities will be run by your Scout Leaders & your local Ventures to the "Under the Sea" theme. Plus, there will be free time at camp, in and around the activities.

What about the Adult Leaders?

This camp is all about your Patrol, how they work together, and how they work away from your Adult Scout Leaders. Each Patrol will have its own set campsite (you may be sharing part of a larger campsite site with another patrol), and it will be that patrol's responsibility to look after it, not the leader's. The Adult Scout leaders & Venturers will not be far away but on a separate campsite close to the patrols. Leaders will be regularly walking through all campsites both as judges (of your Campcraft skills for the Flag) and to check on welfare and behaviour.

The District Awards:

So, what are the three awards all about?

- 1. The District Flag** - This award is for Campcraft, so it includes how they set up their campsite, cleanliness, menu, layout, set-up of tents and campsite theming.
- 2. The Best Patrol Award** - This award goes to the Patrol that earns the most points in the activities during the day over the course of the weekend.
- 3. The Best Patrol Leader (PL) Award** - Goes to the PL who earns the most points in the activities during the day (There are specific points for the PL, so it may not necessarily be the PL of the winning Patrol that wins the Best Patrol Leader (PL) Award)

Want More Information?

Speak to your Scout Leaders first, but if they can't answer your questions.

Speak to;

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Patrol Leader Instructions 2025

Dear Patrol Leader,

Welcome to District Camp 2025! We are excited you are leading your Patrol to compete in this year's camp! Here are some quick Instructions to assist with the preparation of your patrol.

Your Patrol:

- Must have a MINIMUM of 4 members, no more than 7 members.
- Must be self-sufficient (I.e. not relying on gear or equipment of other patrols).
- Patrols must work Independently without their adult Scout Leaders & Parents.
- Must complete ALL activities at camp on Saturday & Sunday.

Camping Arrangements:

- We are at **Camp Coutts**:
 - You will likely be camped along the Royal National Park and Port Hacking District Campsites on the east of the Camp Creek. You may have to share campsites with other patrols, but each patrol will have a separate space to camp.
- This is a **standing camp** (Your gear can be transported by car/trailer). That means you do not have to camp like it is a "light weight camp", but you are welcome to camp "lightweight" if your patrol wishes.
- Each patrol will have a campsite assigned when they arrive. Campsites will be allocated on a first-in, first-served basis from 5 pm (When Aaron arrives). Do not arrive before this.
- Each patrol **MUST** be separated; you can't share dining/eating areas.
- Each patrol must provide a "**Gateway**" to their patrol campsite. This can take any form but should meet the camp theme!

Fires

- Fires MAY be permitted (pending any Fire Ban or camp restrictions). If so, they can only occur in the designated fire pits. Patrols may have to share the fire pits.

Food & Menu

- Your Patrol must cook & provide for itself from Saturday Breakfast to Sunday Lunch.
 - Sunday Lunch should not involve cooking on a stove due to pack-up.
 - Closing will be at 1:30 pm.
- Patrols can cook using Standing Camp Gas Stoves, leaders are allowed to assist each Patrol to ensure these are safe before use.

What will your Campcraft be scored on?

Scoring Area	Scoring Guidelines	Score
Organisation / Planning	The Campsite layout has limited thought to it. Cooking areas are poorly set up, and sleeping tents not located well.	0-2
	The campsite has some thought to it, with an attempt to separate sleeping, eating and cooking areas.	2-3
	The campsite has thought and organisation to it, with clear sleeping, eating, and cooking areas within the campsite The cooking areas are big enough and separated from the eating table	4-5
	The campsite is very well thought out and has a clear Organisation The cooking area is set up correctly and well organised, with separate eating, cooking, and sleeping areas	6
Cleanliness	The patrol campsite is an absolute mess.	0-2
	Patrol has made an effort to clean their campsite; however, it is not completely clean and requires more work. Rubbish not disposed of correctly Dirty dishes are left out, and a lot of equipment is not put away	2-3
	The patrol campsite is clean Rubbish is disposed of correctly No dirty dishes are left out after eating, and some equipment is left out.	4-5
	The patrol campsite is spotless. Rubbish is correctly stored in a bin. No dirty dishes or rubbish in the camp. All cooking equipment put away	6
Campcraft	Tents and shelters are incorrectly set up and no gateway. Campfire not safe.	0-2
	Some set-up issues with tents and shelters, with some pegs and poles not correct. Some work is needed to set up everything correctly. Some attempt at a gateway has been made Campfire located properly and some safety concerns to be corrected.	2-3
	Most tents & shelters are correctly set up (including pegs, guy ropes, and poles). Patrol has a constructed gateway using at least one lashing Campfire located properly and maintained reasonably safely (if permitted)	4-5
	ALL tents & shelters are correctly set up (including pegs, guy ropes, and poles). Patrol has a well-constructed gateway using at least two lashing Campfire located properly and maintained safely (if permitted)	6
Menu / Cooking	No clear menu. Food choices are questionable Food not stored correctly. No camp hygiene (no soap, sanitizer etc)	0-2
	No menu displayed. The patrol food is not healthy or a balanced menu Some food stored correctly. Limited camp hygiene	2-3
	The menu is displayed. The patrol menu includes a variety of foods and some healthy options. Most food is stored correctly and safely. Camp hygiene evident. Esky with ice & food containers used	4-5
	The menu is clearly displayed. The patrol menu is balanced and includes a variety of healthy foods and meals. Campsite hygiene clearly of a high standard Food is stored correctly. Esky (closed & with ice) and appropriate food storage containers used as required. Gas bottle off when not in use.	6
Theming / Enthusiasm	No theme or limited attempt at a theme	0-2
	Minimal theming of campsite & patrol	2-3
	Patrol Campsite has a clear theme across most elements of the campsite, including the gateway	4-5
	Patrol Campsite has a clear and strong theme across all camp elements, including the camp gateway.	6

Here are some Photos from the 2024 Campsites to give you some ideas:



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