



Griffin Grapevine

Annual Camp;

As I am sure you are all aware, the 2014 Lones Annual Camp ran from Friday the 26th of September to Tuesday the 30th of September. If you have not been to a Lones Annual Camp I seriously recommend that you try to make it to the 2015 one. This was my first Annual Camp with Lones and I have to admit I was very apprehensive to go. I am glad I did though because I loved it. One of the highlights was the Saturday afternoon. We had spent that morning doing some badge work and then the Venturers all got on a bus and travelled down to the city to go ice-skating. We skated for about 2 hours and have a great time, despite one of our venturers getting injured. Afterwards we had some free time in the city where we enjoyed browsing some shops and relaxing on the lawns near the museum – whilst some of us went inside – before enjoying a nice dinner of pizza before watching the sun set over the river. Afterwards we watched the Adelaide Gang Show highlight all the wonderful things about Adelaide and South Australia in Radelaide. All in all the afternoon was wonderfully enjoyable.

Jess Hay



Awards;

Congratulations to Sarah for getting awarded her queen scout badge. It is fantastic that you strived to get this award as it took a lot of hard work and a lot of time to active it.

“I began my Queen Scout about three years ago. At the beginning I believed it was a task too large to accomplish, but I worked hard and focused on what was ahead. Eventually, I had completed all of the required hours and all of the badges I needed. I cannot describe the joy I felt on the day that I had found out that my Queen Scout had been passed and completed. I feel as though I completed it well, to the best standard that I could have. For me, the most rewarding thing about having

completed it knew that I had done it myself. It was a great feeling, being rewarded for something I had worked hard for. I suggest each Venturer should strive to achieve this for themselves, as it is a task that can be achieved with some hard work, and the feeling when it is accomplished is well worth it.”

Sarah Schultz

Venturing Skills Hike;

On Annual camp we completed a Venturing Skills Hike, we hiked up Mt Lofty and then down into waterfall gully for lunch, on the walk down we completed some mock activities as it was part of the Venturing Skills criteria. We also invested Gabby Cooper in front of the waterfall with a zip lock bag (as we forgot the flag) everyone found it very amusing! The hike back up Mt Lofty was a challenge for everyone, some found it mentally challenging and



others physically. We all encouraged each other and eventually made it back to the top. Half of us collapsed at the top of Mt lofty and then realized that we still had to hike back to Woodhouse! On the Hike back we said goodbye to Katerina our German Visitor who everyone enjoyed spending time with. Mitchel Walker also managed to run into a barb wire fence, unsurprisingly to all he was more upset about ripping his shirt than his bleeding scratched up arm! The last leg of the hike was enjoyable as it was flat, everyone chatted and got to know each other a little bit more. All in all it was a very successful Venturing Skills hike and on behalf of the unit I would like to thank Kirsty for all her hard work and effort organizing it, we all learnt a lot.

Leah Ashe (Co Unit Chairperson)

Ideals Camp;

A few months ago I participated in an Ideals camp held at the Old House in Woodhouse. It was cool to have a camp at the Old House expect it stunk of vinegar from all the mice traps. We learnt all about other Religions and saw them from their perspective and had many different scouts owns that gave you a fuzzy feeling. My strongest memory from ideals would



have to be Josh Robertson's talk about his personal life. Josh was critical injured in a motorbike accident on a farm in NSW, because josh was not wearing a helmet at the time he fractured his skull and badly damaged his brain. Josh was put into a comer for a long time and could basically touch death by giving up. Josh got through it though being the strong person he is. It was then that Josh was told that he would never talk clearly or walk again by a highly trained doctor. But Josh proved the doctor wrong, as he today is able to walk and not only talk but travelling Australia and giving comical inspirational speeches to young adults like us. Ideals camp is definitely in my top 10 because you make many new friends and given the choice to look at life in a whole different perspective.

Michael (Co Unit Sectary)

Upcoming events;



Super Splash

5-7 December

Supersplash 2014 is coming soon! Are you ready for a weekend of fun, relaxation and activity.



Birthdays;

Nathan Dunn 22/11

Adam Schultz 11/12

Jake Foster 19/02

**Matthew Phillips
12/03**

Kendall Meyers 15/03

Daniel Liebelt 19/03

Kangas Bit

Wow it certainly has been a whirlwind of entertainment, hard work and lots of fun this last few months. Annual Camp although very busy....(I did warn you all) was very successful and a lot of fun. Thankyou! It is wonderful to work with such a fantastic group. It was awesome to see so many of you achieving the goals you have set yourselves. Keep up the hard work. I am still waiting for Vocations and some finished off badgework from many of you. It would be good to get this before the end of the year....Please.

Since then I have been busy with Venturers, organising things for the SA Contingent AV2015, working with the Maitland Music and Arts Youth Theatre as Stage Manager for their performance of "Lucky " and helping with props, set and lighting for the Karen Lee Dance Academy and somewhere in between all that helping with Harvest.

I attended the Queen's Scout dinner and cheered (and cried a little) as Sarah spoke about the hard work she did towards her Queen's Scout. This was followed by the Awards ceremony where I got to be proud leader, friend and Mum which was a

wonderful experience seeing so many people I know being awarded for their achievements and the hard work they do.

Supersplash is just around the corner and AV2015 following close behind. Many of you have some amazing adventures planned throughout the holidays. Sarah, Leah, Madeline, Emily and Michael are all taking part in expeditions at AV2015 around the state. I can't wait to hear all about Jess and Ashleigh's overseas travels with exchanges and SISEP. Michael heads to the Australian Alps with fellow Venturers from other units as part of Samuel Abdilla's Queen's Scout Expedition. Some of you are volunteering your services on the Jack Roberts Camp, a valuable and rewarding experience for all those involved. There are places still available for this if you are interested.

Big THANKYOU to MARTYN for all his efforts getting the newsletter done for the unit.

Cheers Kanga 😊