



The Guide-Scout Water Activities Centre
Jetty Road, Off Beach Road, Sandringham



This season, come play on the bay....

The Guide-Scout Water Activities Centre offers a variety of opportunities to experience water activities on Port Phillip Bay including sailing, canoeing and paddle-boarding. The Centre operates each weekend between October and April and at present, not during school holidays and holiday long weekends.

Water Activity Days Water Activity Days are for fun and as an introduction to water activities – these are not training courses. Participants rotate through canoeing, paddle boarding, sailing and beach activities. Approximately an hour is spent on each activity, depending on participant numbers and weather conditions. Life jackets and qualified sailing crew are provided, but supervision from visiting Leaders and/or parents is essential for all other activities. A special badge is available if participants take part in the Operation Penguin Good Turn. Each Water Activity Day is available to all members of the Scouting / Guiding movements. Parents, brother and sisters are also welcome to participate in Water Activity Days. The fee for all participants is \$20 for the day.

Bookings It is essential to make a booking as a minimum number of 20 participants are required for a Water Activity Day to run and a maximum of 80 participants can be catered for. Please make your initial booking by telephone to the Booking Secretary Sandra Lacon 14 Ellesmere St Northcote VIC 3070, Ph: (03) 9482 5529, E-Mail: lacons@optusnet.com.au. If it is necessary to write to make a booking, please select more than one date i.e. give alternative choices. When booking, a deposit of \$5 per person is required and a stamped self-addressed envelope (10 x 23 cm size) plus a contact phone number should also be included. Full payment at least one month prior to the activity date is essential to guarantee your booking.

Leaders' Introduction Sessions and Leaders' Introduction Days Free Leaders' introduction sessions are run over two hours (10 to 12 or 1 to 3) to introduce leaders to the Centre and the activities on offer. Leaders will have the chance to participate in each of the water activities and information about activities will be available that they can use with their Unit in preparation for attending a Water Activity Day. One-day Introduction days are run for both sailing and canoeing. These days involve a full day of instruction and participation in activities that enable participants to master the basic skills of sailing. Introduction days are available to all members of the Guiding or Scouting movements as individuals or as a group. If participants wish to be assessed for a particular badge, this should be mentioned when booking. The fee for introduction days is \$30 per participant for sailing.

Sailing, Powerboat and Safety Boat Courses The Centre is a Yachting Australia accredited Training Centre. Courses for qualifications in sailing, general powerboat and safety boat operation are conducted throughout the year and courses can also be conducted for the qualification of instructors. For all enquiries please contact the Training Co-ordinator. The following fees apply for Guiding & Scouting members:- YA Get into small boat sailing Level 1 & 2 - 4 day course \$140 YA National Power boat Handling Certificate Course - 4 day course \$140 Rescue/Safety Boat Endorsement - \$50 (pre-requisite is National Power Boat handling certificate)

Evening Paddling During the warmer month's groups can book evening sessions of canoeing and/or paddle boarding on weeknights (dependent upon staff availability & weather). A BBQ can be provided at a small fee per person

Bookings The Booking Secretary

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Parking The only available parking for cars and buses is in the public car parks.

Map forwarded with other details. A Parking fee in Council car parks will apply.

The Guide-Scout Water Activity Centre Phone number: 9598 6862(outgoing only)

Melways Ref. Map 76 F8

Please Note: in the interest of safety, on-water Open Day activities will be cancelled in the event of unsuitable weather conditions. An alternative date will be arranged.

Country and outer Metro group bunkhouse accommodation is available a short walk from the centre, for details and costing contact Mr Brian Lewis Group Leader 1st Sandringham Scout Group e-mail gl.sandringham1st@vicscouts.asn.au



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Foreshore Sandringham (Off Jetty Road)

Guides Victoria 129 York St, South Melbourne, 3205.
The Scout Association of Australia (Victorian Branch) 152 Forster Rd, Mt Waverley, 3146



Information for units and groups

Booking no. of people: _____

Booking date: _____

To finalize this booking forward the attached booking form with any monies in full by ___/___/_____

Booking will be **CANCELLED** if deposit is not received by this date.

To:-

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Cancellation or change in numbers must be phoned through by ___/___/_____ or refund will not be considered. Only reasons for refund are cancellation due to insufficient numbers or because of bad weather etc.

Cancellation of activity can only be authorised by Centre staff

Activities offered

1. Sailing In corsairs (manned by experienced sailors)
2. Canoeing and paddle boarding in shallow water
3. Beach activities – games, sand sculptures etc, supervised by leaders and parents from your group
4. Bring your own bats and balls
5. Operation Penguin a voluntary anti-litter pick up during lunch break can earn participants a badge

How to get to the centre (see map)

1. Nearest train station - Hampton
2. Cars and buses use Beach Road car park at the end of Linacre Rd (walk down cliff to centre) There is a car parking fee imposed by Bayside Council .

What to bring

1. Please ensure gear, including clothing, is clearly marked with the owner's name and group / unit number.
2. Footwear is to be worn at all times in and out of the water - due to broken glass etc. Please ensure all participants (including parents/siblings etc) have sneakers / water boots that can get wet. Open toe sandals / slip on shoes are **NOT** acceptable.

NO footwear, No activities

3. T-shirt are to be worn over bathers and sunscreen and hat when applicable
4. Old woollen jumper or windproof jacket/slicker makes sailing more comfortable in cooler weather
5. Bathers, towel, sunglasses, cut lunch and drink, change of clothes, pocket money for Ship Shop, plastic bag for wet gear.

Safety

In an emergency ring the leader in charge of your group. The Centre has an emergency phone, the number is 9598 6862. However it is **NOT** monitored during activities.

Please bring sufficient leaders/parents for adequate supervision. We advise approximate ratio of 1 adult to 6 children. When a Joey Scout or Gumnut Guide (5-7 yr olds) participates in water activities EACH child must be accompanied by an adult who can swim.

Adults are required to supervise children in the toilet areas.

Vehicles

1. No vehicles shall be driven down to drop off or pick up participants or parked at the centre, unless prior arrangements have been made with centre staff.
2. Care must be taken when tractor is operating.

Boundaries

1. Nobody is permitted on the balcony or in any rooms aside from the kitchen and main upstairs hall.
2. For safety reasons the cliffs, bushes and pier are out of bounds. An adult must accompany any children leaving the Centre.
3. No Smoking is permitted anywhere within 10m of the centre compound.

Water Activities

1. No water activities should be undertaken unless the Rescue / Safety boat is manned with the engine running.
2. All activities must be supervised by Unit/Group Leaders, except for sailing which is supervised by coxswains supplied by GSWAC.
3. We welcome parents, siblings and others joining in activities but please make it clear that these people are required to follow. The same rules as all Guides and Scouts which includes wearing shoes and life jackets.
4. A PFD and approved water gear must be worn at all times on any craft.
5. When any participants under 8 years of age participate in water activities EACH child must be accompanied by an adult who can swim.
6. No craft shall be paddled past the moored boats, pier or the first breakwater towards Hampton Beach.
7. No swimming is permitted unless Units / Groups have provided qualified lifesavers and a set area is designated.

First Aid

1. All Units / Groups are required to provide their own qualified First Aider.
2. An equipped First Aid room is available in the main building.
3. An incident form must be completed if any accident occurs.
4. Leader must have a completed Health form for all participants.

Upon arrival

1. Participants should arrive by 9:20 AM if they need to change into water gear or by 9:30 AM if they are already into their water gear.
2. Upon arrival all participants & Visitors **MUST** sign in to the centre.
3. All participants are required to help carry paddleboards, canoes & paddles to the designated spot at the water's edge under the supervision of centre staff.
4. All participants should then gather at the PFD racks for an overview of safety issues, the program for the day and the issuing of PFDs.

Activities

Participants will be split into smaller groups depending on numbers, weather conditions & staff availability and these groups will rotate through the activities.

Beach activities – organised by Unit / Group leaders.

A limited amount of equipment is available at the centre for:

-Cricket, volleyball, beach games and sand play.

- * If participants are playing in the sand or shallows their PFD should be removed and placed in a pile on the beach to prevent damage.

Canoeing – usually this will be supervised by Unit / Group leaders.

Participants should be given basic stroke instructions on the beach first.

- * Only 2 participants should be in each canoe except for:

- A participant under the age of 8 sitting on the floor of the canoe steered by an adult.
- Participants in an organised canoe training exercise.
- * Canoes should only be deliberately capsized under adult supervision as part of organised canoe training

When the canoe is drifting out of bounds:

If the water is only waste deep, canoeist should carefully exit the canoe and walk it back along the shore line.

If the water is too deep participants should try and turn the canoe around and /or wait to be rescued.

Paddle boarding – supervised by Unit / Group leaders.

Participants should be given basic stroke instruction on the beach first.

Boards may be paddled by 1 or more participants.

Boards may be paddled by hand or by no more than 2 paddles per board.

- * “Surfing” or jumping off the boards **MUST** only be undertaken in water of an appropriate depth and under the supervision of the leader.

Sailing

Groups of 4 or 5 participants should be waiting as the boats sail into shore.

Participants **MUST** follow the instructions of the coxswain of the boat at all times.

Lunchtime

1. All paddleboards, canoes & paddles should be returned to shore and counted.
2. NO water activities should be undertaken.
3. PFDs should be removed, but not returned to the racks.
4. The ship Shop will be open to purchase souvenirs or cans of drink.
5. If entering the building, footwear should be rinsed in the buckets provided.
6. Tongs and garbage bags are available for groups willing to pick up rubbish in the surrounding area and earn their Penguin badge.

End of the day

1. Activities finish at 3PM
2. All paddleboards, canoes & paddles should be rinsed in the sea water, before being carried to the centre.
3. All paddleboards, canoes & paddles must be rinsed of at the centre and returned to their appropriate storage place.
4. All PFD's **MUST** be rinsed in the wheelbarrow and returned to the correct rack.
5. Once all equipment is rinsed and put away, participants should change out of water gear.
(Please note that showering facilities are not available at GSWAC)
6. All rubbish must be taken home (There is no rubbish collection from GSWAC).
7. Toilets should be cleaned and building swept.
8. Leaders should collect badges for their Unit / Group.
9. All participants **MUST** be signed out by their leader.

If your group has any adult members who sail off the beach craft or have sailing experience we can assess the experience and they can sail our craft with their group. Please let us know of any people you would like assessed when you return the booking form.



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Name of Unit / Group _____

Day and Date of booking _____

Booking No. _____

Type of booking Open Day

Special booking

	Numbers attending			Numbers attending	
	Participants	Observers		Participants	Observers
Gumnuts			Joey Scouts		
Brownies			Cub Scouts		
Guides			Scouts		
Rangers			Venturers		
Leaders /Olave Pg			Leaders / Rovers		
Parents			Parents		
Sisters / Brothers			Sisters / Brothers		
Visitors			Visitors		
Total			Total		

Deposit received: _____ (Deposit \$5 per participant)

IF DEPOSIT NOT RECEIVED 2 WEEK PRIOR TO BOOKING DATE, BOOKING WILL BE CANCELLED

Remainder of payment: _____

Contact persons
Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail address: _____

Open day fee is **\$15:00** for each person wishing to participate in on water activities

Leaders or nominated adult supervising water activities NO CHARGE

Please note:

A special booking is when a group book the entire Centre for your Region, Division or Group etc. We consider 80 people to be the maximum number of on water participants until our volunteer numbers increase. We understand that occasionally more participants want to be involved because of the size of your Region, Division or Group or to fill every available seat in the hired coaches. We will endeavour to ensure each paying client has a reasonable amount of time with each activity available.

Location of
Guide & Scout Water Activities Centre Sandringham Victoria
Melways Ref: 76 F8



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