



Hoadley Hide 2026

Conditions of Entry



1) BEHAVIOUR

- a) Hoadley Hide is conducted under the Hoadley Hide 'Code of Conduct'.
All participants are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct.
- b) Participants are expected to follow any reasonable instructions from Leaders or Rovers.
- c) Participants must avoid trespassing on or interfering with private property.
- d) Participants must ensure that their parents receive a copy of this 'Conditions of Entry' document and understand the requirements.

2) PATROLS

- a) Patrols are made up of 4 to 7 Venturers.
- b) Venturer Leaders of any participant must approve the entry.
We will contact your Venturer leader for approval.
- c) All patrol members must be registered members of Scouts Australia and must be an invested member of a Venturer Unit; or, a 14 year old Linking Scout hosted by a Venturer Unit.
- d) All patrol members must have completed at least Stage 3 Bushwalking OAS.
If this is not possible, please contact the Hide Chief for special consideration.
- e) 18 year old Venturers (or those who will turn 18 during the event) must have completed the WWC Check and compulsory Child Safe training modules required by all adult members of Scouting, prior to attending Hoadley Hide.
18 year old Venturers must have separate tent accommodation from under 18 Venturers.
- f) Substitution of patrol members for other registered Venturers is possible prior to Check-in at Hoadley Hide on Thursday. A "Change of Patrol member" form endorsed by the appropriate Venturer Leader is required before the patrol can commence with the new patrol member.
The new patrol member must also have completed their Personal Information Record (PIR).
- g) The members of a patrol cannot be changed after the event has commenced;
Except under exceptional circumstances, and only at the discretion of the Hide Chief.
Sick or injured patrol members may only be withdrawn from the event by the Hide Chief, in consultation with the head of Wellbeing.
Withdrawal of a patrol member in these circumstances will not incur a penalty.
- h) Patrols not complying with the conditions of the event may be disqualified or removed from the event at the discretion of the Hide Chief.

3) REGISTRATIONS & REFUNDS

- a) On-line applications open on **1st of January 2026**.
- b) The final closing date for all applications is **Sunday 29th March 2026**.
- c) The application fee is \$110 per Patrol member.
Late or incomplete entries may not be accepted.
- d) Refunds upon withdrawal from the event are available until the 29th of March 2025. After this date, refunds will only be made in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Hide Chief.
- e) Operoo will not be operating for Hoadley Hide 2026. All attendees of Hoadley Hide must bring with them 2 copies of either their printed Operoo Profile or completed PIR Form.

4) EQUIPMENT & PREPARATION

- a) The Hoadley Hide Management Team does not accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, personal equipment.
- b) Patrol members must be fully prepared for all weather conditions, including prolonged wet and cold weather. Patrols must have separate tents for male and female members.
Tent use and capacity must be as intended by the manufacturer.
- c) Each patrol member is required to carry a personal First Aid Kit including roller bandages, bandaids and blister self-treatment supplies.
- d) The patrol must have sufficient appropriate food and cooking gear for the entire event.
- e) All patrol members should be self-sufficient and able to carry their own personal gear.
- f) All Patrol members must have at least 2 water containers with a minimum **2 Litres** capacity.
eg. 2x 1L water bottles OR, water bladder & 1x water bottle OR, 3x water bottles <1L
- g) Each patrol will be expected to show that they have at least two compasses in proper working condition, communal patrol gear such as food, tents, cooking gear, and other supplies/equipment as detailed on the *Equipment List* Document.
Communal gear must not be shared with other patrols unless approved by the Hide Chief.
- h) Participants must adhere to legislation regarding the possession and carrying of knives.
- i) Participants are not permitted to bring equipment that will unreasonably impact upon the environment & others around them, this includes excessively amplified speakers.
- j) Mobile phones, GPS-enabled watches, or similar devices are not to be used as navigation aids and will be confiscated for the duration of the event if found being used for this purpose.
- k) Patrols may be inspected at any time during the event and those considered inadequately equipped or carrying prohibited items may be withdrawn from the event.
- l) Lightweight portable stoves must only be used within the designated cooking area at the Venturer Overnight Camp (VOC), or at a Stunt Site, under permission and supervision from the Stunt Team.
- m) Correct Uniform must be worn while travelling to and from Hoadley Hide
Upon arrival at Hoadley Hide, uniforms will be collected and stored for the duration of the event. Uniforms will be returned to each patrol on Sunday, before the closing ceremony.
- n) Awards will only be made to patrols who attend in the correct uniform.

Reasonable adjustment for a participant is at the discretion of the Hide Chief.

Patrols may be removed from Hoadley Hide, at their parents' expense, if members fail to comply with the above conditions, the Hoadley Hide Code of Conduct, and Scouts Victoria Policies.

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/about-us/policies/>

A breach of these conditions by patrol members will be considered as a breach by the whole patrol unless the patrol brings the breach to the attention of the Hoadley Hide Management Team themselves.

The participant's parents and Venturer Leader(s) will be informed, and the incident may be referred to the Victorian Venturer Council,, Scouts Victoria Head Office, Victoria Police or other relevant authorities for action if deemed necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email hoadleyhide@scoutsvictoria.com.au