

A "SCRUFFIES NEWS" INTERVIEW SPECIAL BULLETIN!

1st/14th Brighton Scout Troop - Annual Big Bash - Christmas Camp

- Why Scruffie thinks it's the best thing ever - Better than Chips AND Chocolate , Really!

 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">I WANT YOU FOR CHRISTMAS CAMP!</p>	<p>Summary of XMAS/Christmas camp -26th December to 31st December</p> <p>Who: All Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Parents, Leaders, Adult supervised cubs.</p> <p>What: A 5 Day "Camp" housed in Dormitories run as Patrols with a strong focus on Outdoor activities and Social interaction</p> <p>What is the Most important thing: We are SEA SCOUTS. Attendees have the opportunity to LEARN TO SAIL with a Yachting Australia instructor and an experienced Adventure Dog... Whilst we cater for all levels from fun to Advanced, this is the opportunity for a beginner to master basic sailing in 1 Event - You can't get this anywhere else !!</p> <p>Why: Because it is a GREAT ADVENTURE. (And fun! - Its been running for 20 years or more and is our Groups BIGGEST ANNUAL EVENT)</p> <p>Where: Lake Nilahcootie near Mansfield, Alpine region of Victoria, Australia</p> <p>How: BOOK NOW AT TRY BOOKING - Just a Bar(k)gain at \$320 http://www.trybooking.com/148275</p> <p>DEADLINE is 13th DECEMBER - O M G !!!!! Woof!</p>
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Question	Answers
What is Christmas camp to you ?	It's a Dog's Life. An Adventure Dogs Life! - It's a massive 5 day ADVENTURE where you can learn NEW OUTDOOR activities, Make FRIENDS and have great FUN. -Don't stay at home chasing your tail/
What are the TOP 3 Reasons to go?	Learn to Sail Basic or Improve your sailing by 1 Level. Awesome water Activities. A huge event with lots of different people & activities, TRULY something for every(dog) - And Adventure of a lifetime (©)
What are the risks ?	The biggest risk is that you forget to book and have to try again next year. You miss out and everyone is talking about it and you are not even in Scruffie's news.- Now that is a RISK you can only mitigate by rushing to "Try Booking" Now with your parents credit card!!!! <i>(Editor Note : Please ask your parents first, Scruffie is still paying off his last "uncleared online purchase" of some " New DOG SCUBA DIVING GEAR " without asking - or a PADI course)</i>
Seriously_ are there risks.	Yes. Its an adventure! it wouldn't be fun without some EDGE> Fortunately its our biggest annual event and so ALL resources are available. A large selection of leaders with experience in activities, long term camping , adolescent social interaction and conflict management, Home sickness etc. So we have the risk well covered. This means we are able to teach and manage positive risk and skill management and enable a really fun event that seems natural and easy but tick's all the boxes. It also comes with Adventure dog Certification and approval. So that is all OK then. <i>(Editors Note : Scruffie Stated here he would be in attendance to manage everything but didn't want to steal the thunder of the Leader in Charge - Watto, who Scruffie says can be very sensitive)</i>
Are other Canines going to Camp?	Yes, Canines can come (soft type) if they label their owners and look after their owners and don't leave them lying around.(At Dog/owner risk) They have their own special program and are NOT allowed on the water with their owners. (We are worried the dogs will be focused on their owners and not the activity)
What are the Key things to Pack	Adventure equipment. The leaders will send out a list./But My key things are at least TWO Sets of water gear HOT/COLD- SUN HATS/ long sleeves t-shirt or Rashies. CLOSED TOE water shoes AND camp shoes. YOU MUST WEAR SHOES AT ALL TIMES (other than BED & BATH room) - Camp gear for the evening, Rain gear (just in Case) walking shoes for BUSH.
What is the Key to packing.?	1 Big bag (Duffel or similar)- Labelled with your name, that the youth can carry. 1 Day pack for travel and activities. inside the big bag segment with string , cloth and plastic bags into separate sub - bags for easy maintenance and access in camp. - If you are not in your parents car - Pack reasonably as space can be an issue.
How will I learn to sail?	We have beginner boats and numerous leaders with loads of experience led by Bryan Roberts - 1st /14th Brighton Sailing BOSS. We will divide into groups based on experience and then into crews to allow staged practical learning. There is a very small amount of Theory as well. But I just learned it from the internet anyway.
Who's this Bryan and why does he spell his name with a Y and not an I?	Bryan is a Leader with so many Qualifications and experience he makes King Solomon seems slightly naive, reckless and inattentive. I thinking the Y stands for Yachting cos he is a YACHTING AUSTRALIA instructor. He says there is no I in Yacht, but there can be in a Dinghy.

FAQ's - Your frequently asked questions are answered by the world's most experienced ADVENTURE DOG

<p>Question: What about the Weather ? <i>Answer: I have it from the BOM that it will be warm. probably Hot. Most likely Awesome. (There will NOT be SNOW in Australia this Christmas, Will they know it's Christmas time at all?)</i></p>		<p>Question: I can't Sail Pirate ships, Sloops or Coastal traders What will I do? <i>Answer: Stop worrying , We have PACERS, 2 person boats for Children and Dogs aged 11 and up to learn in. 9 of them - and More leader boats</i></p>	
<p>Question: I have heard there will be adventures ? <i>Answer: Of course , I am an Adventure dog. If you behave and follow all the safety briefings , I will organise a Motor boat Adventure</i></p>		<p>Question: Will there be Water skiing and Bobbing. ? <i>Answer: Yes there are awesome activities with a very experienced Skipper and boats. (but Age restriction 13.5 years on some activities.)</i></p>	
<p>Question: I am new and am not sure if I will know any one, or if my friends are coming <i>Answer: I sometimes feel like this. Fortunately the leaders help by putting people in the right patrols and by the end of the camp you will have new friends. And I am There with my CANINE PATROL!</i></p>		<p>Question: Motorboats and Sailing , What else ? I know you are a keen Individual Outdoors dog. What can I do that appeals to that individuality <i>Answer: Canoes, Paddle Boards (SUPS) I go on Adventures on these with a Leader or in line of sight of the beach Marshall</i></p>	
<p>Question: I am very active but after 12 hours of Sailing and Water activities, I sometimes like to relax. <i>Answer: Only 12 ? Really!! Well I suppose. I sometimes do "un-adventure things. I like games and ROCKETS. And I might be allowed to whittle if I follow Watto's rules.</i></p>		<p>Question: Scruffie , I have a special diet like you. What will I do ? Will I have to eat Bush Tucker ? Bugs ? Raisins? <i>Answer: No, You need to Talk to Glenn , He cooks a Special GF VEG diet for me, We will make sure you can enjoy and take part like every other Dog (Child)</i></p>	
<p>Question: What happens if there is NOT enough wind, AND there is queue for Water activities AND I have done all the Motor Sports AND I have done adventures AND I Have Socialised? What then ? <i>Answer: Well there is also a Supervised climbing wall, Flying fox and water slide. You can hone your adventure skills and abilities and become EXPLORER Adventure Dog.</i></p>		<p>Question: Where will we sleep , Will I need a tent or Mobile home? <i>Answer: Comments like that will get you in the doghouse. We have small dorms with Bunks and you will sleep in small group rooms. I will sleep in the Bush in a tree, like a real Adventure dog. Not this "luxury GLAMPING"</i></p>	
<p>Question: I am an advanced Sailor (Scruffie taught me!!) - will I be Bored? <i>Answer: No! Don't be ridiculous. We have the Catamarans for ADVANCED Sailors. (as well as other large Mono Hulls) - Didn't you read the part when we said we support ALL LEVELS of sailor. Really! PAY ATTENTION! Bark!</i></p>		<p>Question: I am scared I will not be able to learn this or left on my own! <i>Answer: I used to feel like this when I was alone in Africa. But I will speak to the leaders to make sure you are paired with the right people at the right time for your skill. - You are never alone with an Adventure dog beside you.</i></p>	
<p>Question: I have heard there are North Victorian Lake Pirates. Are there any Pirates or Other Hazards ? <i>Answer: There are the usual risks associated with Victorian BUSH. But as we have a PIONEER Adventure dog to Oversee everything, we will be fine. - I pity the Pirate who messes with CANINE PATROL.</i></p>		<p>Question: My Parents have organised us to Visit our Distant Great grandmother in UZBEKDOGISTAN over XMAS and I cant come. (Weeps!) <i>Answer: This happens, Not everyone gets to come on XMAS camp. You need to use pester power and start nagging your parents now for 2016 Christmas camp.</i></p>	