



# Letter to Parents

## Dragon Skin 2024

### A DAY OUT



#### Dear Parents

This letter provides information on **Dragon Skin 2024 A Day Out**. In the excitement of going away for a long weekend, Venturers might fail to communicate adequately the details that parents need to know. Each Venturer attending Dragon Skin should by now have received a link to the Team Member Instructions containing more detail – which would also be useful for you to read.

Our theme for 2024 is A Day Out. We will be running the event within Belanglo State Forest to the south of Sydney near Moss Vale, with our headquarters within the Forest. The event extends from Good Friday 29th March until Easter Monday 1st April 2024.

Dragon Skin starts on Friday 29th March at the Check-in area, which is at Campbelltown Train Station, in Sydney's South West, in the carpark on Farrow Road, Campbelltown. To ensure orderly processing at check in teams will be allocated to either check-in Group A or B. Your child's team will have been allocated to one of these check-in groups and will have a designated time to be at Campbelltown.

Teams arriving **by private bus or from the South or ACT** have the option of heading direct to the event and must contact the email address below for specific instructions, otherwise important information to allow entry to the event will be at the wrong check-in point and teams will have to wait for it to be delivered from Campbelltown.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM MUST CHECK IN TOGETHER AT THE SAME LOCATION.**

It is the teams' responsibility to make their own way to check-in on time. Check the Easter time table ([transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info)) for train timetable details. If teams arrive at the Check-in Area late, they should call the Dragon Skin Hotline. On Monday, there will be a presentation ceremony in the forest. Teams will then be transported by bus to Campbelltown Train Station to go home, buses are due to arrive around midday Monday 1st April 2024.

Friday 29th March 2024	
Check in Group	Check in time Campbelltown
A	Between 0830 and 0930 Hrs
B	Between 1030 and 1130 Hrs

Monday 1st April 2024	
Departure Group	Arrival time Campbelltown
1	Before 1200 Hrs

Teams are organised into groups of between four and seven youth members. Each team requires a member with a current first aid certificate. Adults trained in advanced first aid will be present throughout the event and will be located near all the main activity sites. The risk of teams becoming lost is minimal and rapid search procedures will be in place if they do. In the event of a major emergency our risk management arrangements include evacuation to a safe area if necessary. Teams must provide their own food and camping equipment, this is not included in the Dragon Skin fee.

Should you have an emergency at home and need to contact Dragon Skin Headquarters at Belanglo, our telephone number is 0473 070 991. It may take some time to pass any messages through to the Venturers, but we have a good radio communications network and we will do our best to make early contact. Please make sure you have your child's team number, and the names of other team members. During Dragon Skin there is no requirement for Venturers to carry mobile phones, and coverage in the forest is limited.

Only invested Venturers, who are registered members of Scouts Australia, members of Guides Australia or invited School teams, can attend Dragon Skin. They must travel in official uniform between home and the event. Participants will be treated as young adults and we expect them to honour our ban on smoking, alcohol and recreational drugs over the entire period. **Where youth members are found with drugs or alcohol parents will be contacted and asked to collect their son/daughter from the event.** NSW Police may also be notified.

Please encourage them to wear comfortable, light walking boots; remind them they could be camping in prolonged wet conditions; warn them to take warm clothing (the forest can get very cold at night over Easter); and emphasise the need for them to keep their packs light. There is plenty of information on our website about planning for Dragon Skin 2024.

If you have any concerns about your child's preparation for Dragon Skin contact your child's Venturer Leader or please feel free to email us at [info@dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au](mailto:info@dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au).

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