



AGOONOREE 2023 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

It's now less than a month until the start of Agoonoree 2023! This year's camp theme is 'GAME ON' - and the team has been working hard behind the scenes to plan a fun-filled week for you all. It's a privilege to work with these dedicated volunteer leaders from both Scouting and Guiding as we bring to you the 42nd Agoonoree. I believe Agoonoree is one of the most rewarding activities Scouting / Guiding offers to our members, and this year certainly won't disappoint.

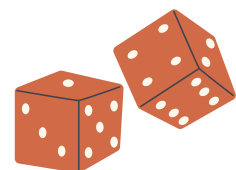
Included in this newsletter should be everything you need to know about the 2023 camp so you can get ready. Please make sure you read all contents before arriving at camp, to make sure you are fully prepared. A link to the gear list is also attached below to help you pack.

Before camp if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me on 0424 746 765 (after 4 pm and before 8 pm) or send me an email at chief@agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au.

During camp, if you need to contact a camper or the event organisers during Agoonoree, please call - 0424 746 765, and we will ensure a message or phone call gets through.

Thank you once again for applying to be a part of one of Scouting & Guiding's favourite activities, the team cannot wait to welcome you all at camp.

Libby Smith – Agoonoree Camp Chief



CAMP DATES

Saturday 16 - Friday 22 September 2023

DROP OFF - SAT 16 SEP

Campers aged 15 years and over - **8am**

Campers aged 14 years and younger - **9am**

Please note that admin won't be able to open any earlier on Saturday the 16th to accept early check-ins.

PICK UP - FRI 22 SEP

Campers aged 14 years and younger – **11am Friday.**

Campers aged 15 years and over- **2pm Friday.**

GETTING TO CAMP

Agoonoree is held at BP Park, 68 Cash Avenue, Samford. Cash Avenue is just off Samford Road and is approximately a 35 min drive North of the Brisbane CBD. Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of campers.

If you are a parent that is not accompanying your child to camp (i.e. your child is carpooling with another family), this will need to be noted in the application system. If not done prior to camp, a signed letter or email can be sent to admin@agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au giving your permission for them to be dropped off / picked up by someone other than yourself. Without this information, the troop leader will not allow the child to travel home on the last day due to strict child safety regulations.



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ON ARRIVAL TO CAMP

- When you get to camp, go through the security gate and park your car
- Then make your way to the registration tent that will be set up near the car park. Here, you will register your arrival and find out which troop you will be camping in and its location.
- You will also receive your ID Card, lanyard and Agoonoree Scarf.
 - First time campers will get a new scarf with a 2023 badge
 - Returning campers, please hand in your scarf from your previous camp so your 2023 badge can be sewn on. **Please ensure your scarf is washed and named.**
- After check-in, you will be able to head to merchandise tent and purchase your very own Agoonoree branded gear. Details on merchandise options are below, and we do take both cash and credit card.
- From here, you can head to see the MASH (Mobile Agoonoree Scout Hospital) team, where medication or other medical equipment **MUST** be registered before being going to your troop to meet your Troop Leaders and the rest of your patrol.

SOCIAL MEDIA & PHOTOS



Some of our Guests and Scouts cannot have their photos taken or published online for security reasons. As such, Agoonoree has trained team members who will be taking photos for social media sharing. Please note that only the photos taken by the Agoonoree Team are permitted to be posted on any type of social media (including private groups) or online. Any unauthorised photos that are seen will be reported and requested to be pulled down immediately. This policy is to retain the safety and privacy of all the campers who attend Agoonoree.

Throughout camp, a wide selection of photos will be placed on the Agoonoree Facebook (search Agoonoree on Facebook). The photos that Agoonoree posts on the Agoonoree Facebook have clearance and these photos can be tagged, shared and downloaded. If ever in doubt, please check with Shaun or the Media Team before taking any photos on camp.

Parents can also keep up with what's happening at camp by downloading the daily Agoonoram (onsite newspaper). This can be downloaded from the Agoonoree website.



GEAR

The 2023 Agoonoree suggested gear list can be found online on the Agoonoree website under the camper information tab

<https://agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au/camper-information/gear-list/>

Please ensure that everything brought to camp is **CLEARLY NAMED**.

It is important to remember that everyone on camp must wear a hat (wide-brimmed preferred) and enclosed shoes (no thongs, unless in the shower). A small backpack, hand sanitiser and water bottle are handy to take around to the activities. Tents will be supplied, although campers need to bring an air bed/camp mat and sleeping bag – and maybe an extra blanket as it can get very cold at Samford during the night.

During the week, campers have the option to screen-print a T-shirt with an Agoonoree design. If you wish, please include a spare t-shirt to do this as it will make a good souvenir of the camp. The screen printing will be done as an activity at the Bungalow activity base during camp.



MOBILE PHONES



Due to the type of camp that Agoonoree is, we request that no under 18's bring a mobile phone to camp. We don't have the charging facilities, and we would much rather you be enjoying camp and actively joining in activities than sitting around playing on your phone all day.

In saying that, if you feel that you can't live without your mobile and you are under 18, we ask that you check these in with your Troop Leader or VC Leader when you arrive at camp. For many of our guests, seeing a mobile phone will can cause a distraction, and in the past, some of the guests that have attended the camp have been known to grab/hide phones as a game. This is something we don't want to happen, nor do we want them to get damaged.

Should anyone need to contact campers during the camp, we request you call the Agoonoree Camp Chief (Libby) on 0424 746 765, and we will ensure a message or a phone call gets back to the camper ASAP.

****Please note that Agoonoree cannot accept any responsibility for any personal technology brought onto camp. If it is brought to camp, it's done at your own risk.**

TROOPS & ALLOCATIONS

There are five Scout and Guide troops at Agoonoree 2023 – Yellow, Blue, Grey, Orange and Pink. These are the smaller groups that campers are allocated to, each with their own team of Leaders. In trooplines Scouts, Guides (12-14yr) and Guests will sleep and generally call it their homebase for the duration of camp. Patrols in the troop will eat together and participate in the activities together.

All campers (aged 15 and above) who are not allocated to a troop will sleep in either Venturer / Ranger Guide Central, Rover Central or Leader Central. We have tried our best to allocate everyone to troops/roles based on their preferences in the application system. Unfortunately, we were sometimes unable to accommodate everyone in their first-choice role or troop due to the needs of the camp.

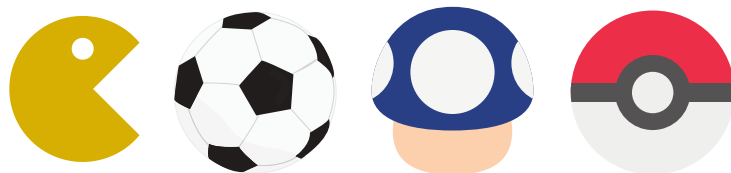
2023 TROOP THEMES

Each of our Troops and Service Camps has a theme. Below are the Troops themes for 2023

YELLOW: PACMAN **PINK: UNO**
BLUE: MARIO KART **ORANGE: FOOTBALL**
GREY: POKEMON **RC: SNAKES & LADDERS**
VC: CHESS

WHAT DOES A DAY LOOK LIKE AT CAMP?

6.30am	Rise and Shine
7.00am	Breakfast
8.30am	Parade
9.00am	Morning Activity Session
11.00am	Free time – Swimming, Mall (Agoon FM & Canteen) and Bungalow
12 noon	Lunch Time
1.00pm	Compulsory Rest Time – Troop Quiet Time
2.00pm	Afternoon Activity Session
4.00PM	Free time – Swimming, Mall (Agoon FM & Canteen) and Bungalow
5.30pm	Showers
6.00pm	Dinner Time
7.30pm	Night Activities
9.00pm	Supper Time
9.45pm	Back in Troop Campsite
10.00pm	Lights Out



VENTUER / RANGER GUIDES ON CAMP

Agoonoree is a service camp - We are here to give our Guests the best fun they can have whilst also having fun.

With fun comes good solid work!

15-17yrs olds on camp will either be allocated to VC in a service role or Trooplines as a Troopline Venturer / Ranger Guide. VC campers are supported by a number of Adult Leaders headed up by Max our VC Manager.

VC runs nightly activities specifically for all Venturers on camp. It is a great chance to spend time with other venturers on camp even from Trooplines. Venturers and Ranger Guides assigned to Trooplines - please check in with your Troop Leader before heading to the activities.

VC also runs a Unit Council during camp. The Unit Council is involved with passing on feedback and ideas that impact Venturers and Rangers on camp to the organising committee. Towards the end of camp, elections for the 2024 Unit Chair will be held.



VENTUER / RANGER EXPECTATIONS

Expectations:

Venturers / Ranger Guides are expected to;

- To give everything a go
- Do the best they can
- Be a role model on camp (the scouts and the guests are always watching us and will copy what we do)
- Act appropriately at all times
- HAVE FUN

Rules:

- Be respectful
- Don't touch anyone else's property
- Wear appropriate clothing (no short shorts, and please refrain from wearing leggings). Wear collared shirts and don't forget your hat.
- VC Venturers / Ranger Guides, please do not enter troops unless you have asked for permission.
- VC Venturers / Ranger Guides, please do not go into Troops during rest time; please remain in VC during this time.

Please note these are in addition to the code of conduct and overall camp rules.

MEDICATION

All medication for Guests, Scouts, and Guides is to be handed into MASH (our onsite camp health team) on arrival. Please ensure that all medication is in original packaging, clearly labelled with the child's name, dosage and times.

Pharmacy prepared blister packs (webster packs) can be very useful if you can organise this.

Leaders, Rovers and Olaves, please also ensure that you let MASH know what medications you have with you on camp. Please bring your own personal hand sanitiser with you to camp.

Care Plans

Campers with a care plan or action sheet should bring a copy of the plan with them to camp and bring it to MASH on check-in. It will be photocopied and held confidentially with your camp record.

BLUE CARDS

All campers over the age of 18 at the start of camp **MUST** bring their blue card with them for first-day verification. This is a Child Safety requirement and members who show up without their blue card will be asked to leave. If you have lost or misplaced your blue card please contact Blue Card Services immediately to arrange a replacement.

SPECIAL DIETS

Please note that special dietary requirements that are not known to the Agoonoree Team via the application system will **NOT** be catered for. If you are able to self-manage your dietary requirements, no charge will apply. However, if you would like us to cater to your specific requirements, a surcharge of \$40 applies and is payable via the application system.

If you have any questions about this - please reach out to Kelly (admin@agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au).



Parents: during camp should you need to get in contact with a camper please call 0424 746 765 and we will have the camper call you as soon as possible.

AGOONOREE IS STRICTLY A CLOSED CAMPSITE

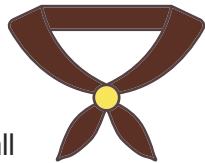
As Agoonoree is a camp for young people (some under state care) we operate strictly as a **closed camp**. That means security is in place to ensure there are no unofficial visitors on site, this is to ensure the safety of our campers and the smooth running of the camp.

If parents need to visit the camp for any reason, please contact the Camp Chief first on 0424 746 765 to grant permission.

When arriving at camp you will need to register with security. You then need to call into the Administration tent, where you will receive a 'Visitors Pass' and then be escorted to your destination. Any person not registered with Administration will be asked to leave the site immediately.

All visitors accessing the site will need approval from the Camp Chief before coming onsite this includes past campers. Visitors are requested to not be onsite for any longer than an hour unless approved by the Administration Director or the Camp Chief.

SCARF AND NAME TAG & HAT



Every camper needs to wear a hat, their Agoonoree Scarf and ID card & lanyard at all times during camp (except when showering and sleeping).

We cannot re-issue plastic ID cards during camp. If you lose your ID card during camp, please make every effort to find it and come to admin to issue a replacement ID card.

If you turn up to the canteen or Leader catering without your ID, scarf or hat, you will be turned away and asked to retrieve it.

MAIL CONTACT

Campers can be mailed items during camp by using the following address:

CAMPERS NAME
Agoonoree Camp
Scout Association, QLD Branch
Baden-Powell Park
68 Cash Avenue
SAMFORD QLD 4520



In case of emergency, messages can be left for campers by telephoning Libby Smith on **0424 746 765**, and the message will be passed immediately onto the camper.

SPENDING MONEY, CAMP BANK & CANTEEN

The Admin tent is home to the Agoonoree Bank, which is open during free time hours.

Campers deposit their money in Troop Lines on the first day of camp. During Free Time - Campers can come to the admin bank to withdraw their money from their Agoonoree account to spend at the Canteen or Merchandise stores. Any leftover funds can be deposited back into their account. At the end of camp, any leftover funds are returned to the camper.

Each day during 'free time activities', a small cash-only canteen will operate, selling drinks, chips, ice creams etc. (Please note campers are well fed throughout camp, and these are optional extras).

The canteen has a range of snack items available for campers. Snack items include chips, lollies, soft drinks and ice creams.

Canteen Prices will vary from \$1 to \$6 on average per item. Below is some approximate pricing:

- Chocolates - \$2.50
- Giant Freddos / Caramello Koalas - \$1.50
- Curly Wurlies - \$1.50
- Fun size chocolates - 50c
- Small Lolly bags - \$1
- Jellybeans - \$1.50
- Large Lolly Bags - \$4
- Softdrinks - \$2
- Poppers - \$1
- Icecreams and Iceblocks - \$1 - \$4.50
- Chips (crisps) - \$2.50
- Pringles - \$2.50 small \$5 large
- Twisties - \$3
- Gatorade - \$4
- Chocolate milk - \$4.50
- Share pack chocolates - \$5



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All adult campers remember that you need to bring your Blue Card to camp with you. If you don't bring this with, you will be asked to leave camp.

Agoonoree is a 100% drug and alcohol-free camp.

Campers who fail to obey the rule will be excluded from the Camp with further discipline to follow.

Please keep in mind what you wear at camp. Appropriate clothing is requested to be worn by campers at all times.

For more information on appropriate clothing, please refer to the Agoonoree website.

Agoonoree 2023 will be a fun and challenging week. Keep in mind that if ever things are getting too tough, let your onsite leader, our welfare manager (Jo Neeland) or any Child Safety Officer know.

Pranking of any kind is not tolerated at Agoonoree.

MERCHANDISE

For those who pre-ordered merchandise, your order will be available on check-in. For those of you who missed the cut off, never fear a small range of the below has been ordered for sale on site. The merchandise store will be open on the first day for registration as well as daily during free time.

- Agoonoree Bucket Hat - \$18
- Scouts QLD Bucket Hat - \$20
- Agoonoree Polo Shirt - \$38
- Agoonoree country jumper - \$50
- Scouts QLD Polo Shirt - \$35
- Agoonoree Hoodie - \$55
- Rugby Jersey - \$60
- Puffer Vest - \$60
- Agoonoree Beanie - \$15
- Leather Woggles - \$5

Plus a range of other items, including Merrill's knitted toys, plate bags, cutlery holders, plus more.

**The Agoonoree merchandise stall takes both CASH and CREDIT CARD.

