



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlborough Scout Group GSL Report 2023

We hope your young ones are enjoying scouting and from reading the sections reports, I am confident most are and look forward to your feedback.

We are almost back to levels pre-covid, this has required some rearranging of some sections. With new leaders and Parent helper, enabling us to increase numbers and take more young people off our waiting list. We can boast to not having any Scout age (10 ½ to 14 years) persons on our waiting list due to our new Kennet Scout section (run by 2 leaders so subject to availability), being held once a month. With very few Cub age (8 to 10 ½ ), with 37 Beaver age on the waiting list.

We do still have a sizable waiting list for those below six, and not all will get the opportunity to experience Scouting and all the benefits it brings. To help this and bring new experiences and interests, we are reaching out to Parents and other Adults to help and maybe join our family of volunteers. Without this help we will not be able to maintain this size of group, therefore future young persons would miss out and Adults too. With volunteering there is a great range, from occasional helper say twice a month, executive (committee) group helper, to full leader helping once a week during school terms.

We are looking to hold some more Scout camps during the year to help young people to achieve more awards and have more adventures. Again, this will be with help from Parents and others to support us as cooks and help show some hobbies and skills.

You may have noticed there are no photos in this report, so please gorge yourselves on the sections reports which are full of photos and great memories. I ask you to then please ask your young ones to tell you about it, this helps them build confidence and retain the fun memories

So from myself and the Leaders, we would like to thank you for lending us your young ones and giving us the excuse to have fun, from archery, shooting and tomahawk throwing to wood land walks. It has been a pleasure to see Beaver, Cubs and Scouts develop and grow seeing the young leaders of the future forming.

Kind thoughts

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