



Scout Association of Australia
Victorian Branch

Yarra Valley Region Venturer Council

Vic Gathering

10th October 2009

Dear Rovers

VIC GATHERING 2009

As some of you will know, Vic Gathering (VG) is coming up on the first weekend in December, 4th to 6th. This year is the 50th Anniversary of VG/MG (Vic Gathering and Melbourne Gathering) and it promises to be a suitable celebration and great deal of fun. The location of this year's VG is Gilwell Park, Gembrook.

For those of you who don't know what VG is, it is an event run specifically for Victorian Venturers. Guides are very welcome also to attend. The objective of the Gathering is to provide a fun weekend to help the Venturers, Guides, Rovers and Leaders unwind at the end of a busy year. Venturers also attend from other states of Australia. Venturers and Guides are aged between fourteen and eighteen years.

The VG committee this year have a few jobs that involve a few hours work, that a few Rovers, or a Crew could help us with, but doesn't involve spending the whole weekend helping out. These jobs are as follows:

- Packing the Truck on Thursday 3rd December - this job involves packing the truck with all the equipment needed to run Admin, and the various activities over the weekend. Most of the equipment needed to run VG is stored at the Rosanna Scout Hall mainly, and it sometimes has a couple of other pick up points along the way. This job normally takes a couple of hours, and starts around 6.30 pm to 7.00 pm on the Thursday night.
- Pack Checking at VG - this job is only for the Friday night and involves VG Committee members and Rovers in uniform going through and checking the Venturers and Leaders gear for alcohol, drugs and other items deemed not suitable to be brought to VG. Check in at VG opens at 6.00 pm, and normally the rush is over by 10.00 pm. The more people we have checking packs responsibly, will make this process run smoothly.
- Site Clearance - this job happens on the Sunday from 11.00 am onwards. This involves Rovers going to the Unit's camp site and checking it out to make sure that all rubbish has been picked up and that the site is clean. This job is normally over by 2.00 pm at the latest.
- Unpacking the Truck. This job happens on the Sunday afternoon/evening depending on what time the truck has left the site. As you would appreciate, the Committee has had a pretty large and hectic weekend, so are tired. We would appreciate some 'fresh' people to help us unpack the Truck at the Rosanna Scout Hall. This job normally takes between 1 - 2 hours, but with extra's, wouldn't take so long.

If your Crew has always wanted to help out at VG, but hasn't been able to devote a whole weekend to the activity, this is your way that you can help us out. As a Committee, we are very appreciative of any help that Rovers can give, and are more than willing to help advertise your Crew.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the above activities, or your Crew or some of your Rovers would like to come up and help with other activities over the weekend, then please contact either Donna Anderson – Admin Manager (0409 123 043) or Helen Duncan – Activities Manager (0438 093 564) or you can email the organising team at vgather@netlink.com.au.

I hope to see you at the end of the year at VG.

Regards

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