Welcome to a toolkit of resources to help your Group better appreciate the fundamentals of Scouting, ahead of the launch of Scouts Australia’s new youth program in 2019.

In 2018, as The Adventure Begins, we challenge you to embed these key elements in your regular program.

It’s time to rejuvenate the way we deliver Scouting, and ensure our programs are true to Scouting’s core values. Are you and the youth members ready for this adventure?

The Adventure Begins focusses on essential elements of the Scout program (which apply to all Sections, youth and adults):
- The Principles, Purpose and Mission of Scouting
- The SPICES and their Educational Objectives
- The Scout Method (with emphasis on Youth Leading, Adults Supporting; Community Involvement; and Promise and Law)
- Section Councils
- Plan>Do>Review>

The Adventure Begins is a Section-based challenge. It is the responsibility of the Section Council to guide their Section through this adventure. For each element there is a series of targets for the Section to achieve. For each element successfully completed there is special scarf ring.
Once the Section Council tick off the targets for an element, the entire Section is awarded the relevant scarf ring. Challenge the other Section Councils in your Group to be first to finish all the rings of The Adventure Begins!

This pack includes posters and factsheets to help your Section Councils understand all the elements and embed them in your Section. Further resources are available for free download and online purchase. We encourage you to ensure your youth leadership team has access to all the resources.

Joey Scout and Cub Scout Leaders will need to guide their Section Councils through the resources. In the Scout, Venturer Scout and Rover Scout Sections, The Adventure Begins should be more youth-driven.

The Scouts Australia Youth Program
Scouting offers Australian youth a program that contributes to their personal growth, offers leadership development opportunities, develops resilience, and prepares them for the challenges and opportunities of a 21st century global community.

This Scouting experience occurs through the Youth Program. The Youth Program is the totality of what young people do in Scouting (the activities), how it is done (the Scout Method), and why it is done (the Purpose). Activities are seen as the means, rather than a goal, that create opportunities for each young person to develop skills and attitudes, and acquire knowledge.

For Further Reading
- World Scout Youth Programme Policy
- World Scout Youth Involvement Policy
- scout.org and scouts.com.au
- 2017 Australian Scout Promise and Law resource packages

Did you know?
The Scout Movement is defined globally as a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people, open to all without distinction of gender, origin, race, or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles, and method conceived by the Founder.
We are excited to offer a toolkit of resources designed to help the group refresh and revisit the fundamentals of Scouting, to set the scene and lay foundations for the launch of Scouts Australia’s new youth program in 2019.

**Resources**
Here is an idea of what resources to expect to see in 2018:

- Section Challenge Checklist
- Purpose, Principles and Mission poster
- Purpose, Principles and Mission factsheet
- SPICES poster
- SPICES factsheet
- The Scout Method poster
- The Scout Method factsheet
- Youth Leading, Adults Supporting poster
- Youth Leading, Adults Supporting factsheet
- Community Involvement poster
- Community Involvement factsheet
- Promise and Law poster
- Promise and Law factsheet
- Plan> Do> Review> poster
- Plan> Do> Review> factsheet for each Section
- Section Councils poster
- Section Councils factsheet for each Section
- SPICES ‘I’ statements
- SPICES ‘I’ statements review tool
- The Scout Method review table
- The Scout Method flashcards
- Youth Leading, Adult Supporting guide
- Youth Leading, Adult Supporting Section checklists
- Promise and Law resources (Internal Compass, Discussion Guides, Programming tools)
- Plan> Do> Review> Leaders guide
- Plan> Do> Review> cards
- WOSM Youth Programme Policy Matrix

All the above resources will be available for free to groups in either print or downloadable.
Resources for Purchase
There will also be some exciting resources available for purchase from thescoutshop.com.au.

This includes the following:
• Scarf rings set (SPICES, The Scout Method, Youth Leading, Adult Supporting, Community Involvement, Promise and Law, Plan> Do> Review> and Section Councils) (7)
• Additional ‘The Adventure Begins’ scarf rings.
• SPICES Playing Card pack
• Plan>Do>Review> balls

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