



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

What's the Fund about? The Dick and Pip Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund (LTAF) is for providing youth members of any age the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by participating in adventurous activities. The spirit of the Fund is to provide an adventure or adventurous journey for all youth members and build their leadership qualities in doing so. If you are really keen, read "My Adventurous Life" by Dick Smith. He credits Scouting as giving him a taste of adventure and providing a positive influence on his life.

How long will the Fund be available? The Fund is anticipated to run for 5-6 years. It is expected that the money available will be fully used by then.

What types of adventures are allowed? The adventure will look different for every youth member in every section. Whatever your plan, you will need to link it to the Personal Progressions, Special Interest Areas, Outdoor Adventure Skills or Adventurous Journeys to be successful for funding.

The sky's the limit, but ideas should be discussed with your leader or adviser.

- For Joey Scouts it might be a trip on a ferry to an island, or a unit weekend at the snow.
- For Cub Scouts it might be a week visiting Uluru, going for hikes, and learning about indigenous culture or a camp at the coast. For regional Cub Scouts it might be visiting Sydney and doing the Harbour Bridge climb. Scouts might organise a multi-day hike along the Great Ocean Walk or paddle a canoe down the Murray for a week.
- Venturer Scouts might plan a trip to Fiji, to do snorkelling and help build a community centre, or perhaps ride from Canberra to the Coast, or sail to Rottne Island.
- Rover Scouts might decide to train and then climb Aoraki/Mt Cook, or walk the Australian Alpine Walking Track, four-wheel driving on the Gibb River Road, or sail to Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Can my scout friend/patrol/leader come on my adventure too? Definitely! An adventure isn't fun unless scout friends come along. For scouts from younger sections, we'd expect their leader to participate. For scouts from older sections, your leader or adviser will likely to be more of a spectator. Funds provided by LTAF however can't be used to support leaders or adults. You will have to fund raise or have other support to meet their expenses

Can my adventure include scouts from other groups? Absolutely! All participants must be scouts.

Can a youth member apply for a grant for 20 Scouting friends? No, funds can support only individuals and patrols or project patrols. It is important to remember the person applying for the grant must demonstrate how their adventure will support the development of their leadership skills and responsible risk taking adventures.

Is there anything I can't do? The Fund is not to be used for Unit / group camps or holidays, or any activity that is planned by leaders, Regions, or Branches.

It should not be used to support costs for leaders- the funds you provide from other sources could be considered for that.

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As the purpose of the Fund is to support leadership development and responsible risk taking through leadership, the Fund doesn't support usually applications for national or international major events, as these are organised by other people as part of major events. LTAf supports personal and small group leadership initiatives.

Who's this Fund for? This is for youth members of Scouts Australia i.e., Joey Scouts through to Rover Scouts. It is for Lones, regional and urban scouts.

Can adult members of scouting apply? No. You the Fund only exists to support current youth members e.g., Joey Scout, Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer Scout, or Rover Scout. The Fund will not support any adult members or leaders.

How many sections in my Group can apply? Only one application can be considered from any Group in any Scout year. April to March). This is to ensure youth members in all Groups get an opportunity to apply.

Completing the Form: Can a leader, parent, or adult complete the form for my joey / cub / scout / venturer / rover / unit? No, but they can help the youth member think of what needs to be included to enhance their chance of success. The LTAf Committee does not mind if you help type or write what is dictated to you, but the youth member(s) need to apply (no leaders or parents!).

How much detail do I need to include on the form? Enough to give the LTAf Committee a good understanding of what you want to achieve and how you will plan and do it. There is a suggestion of "up to 1000 words" on sections of the form, so this indicates the amount of detail the LTAf committee feels they need to make a decision. Generally, the bigger and more expensive the adventure, the more information is required to be included. Remember it is a competitive process. The better the quality of your application, and the more you can contribute to the cost and the more thought you have given it, the greater chance you will have of getting funds.

Do I need to include a budget? Yes, it is suggested if your request is for more than \$4000. An example is provided below. This is so the committee knows you've investigated costs and have a good idea on how much your total adventure will cost.

Simple Budget

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Contributions by participants 8 x \$450	\$ 3,600	Travel Flights- Hobart to Alice Springs return	\$1200x 8 \$9,600
Donations, sponsors Rotary assistance \$ 500 Group assistance \$1000	\$ 1,500	Accommodation and Fees Camp Fees \$30x 8 = \$ 240 Trail Fees \$75x 8= \$600 Alice Springs 3 nights x 8= \$960	\$ 1,800
Fund raising – details 2 Bunnings Sausage Sizzles \$2000 Venturer and Scout Trivia Night \$ 620 Halloween Night \$600	\$ 3,220	Training Wilderness First Aid x 6	\$ 800
In-kind support a. Navigation gear, phone	\$ 400	Food \$300 x 8 people	\$ 2,400
LTAf	\$8,700	Hire of equipment – 2 vehicles	\$ 2,500
		Other- Insurance \$40 x 8	\$ 320
TOTAL #	\$ 17,420	TOTAL #	\$17, 420

These two amounts must be the same

The total in each column should be the same-this means a balanced budget

At least 30% of total costs should be organised by you. LTAf may pay up to 70%.

All participants must be members of Scouts Australia.

What are the extra costs that make this more adventurous- this budget, shows additional costs t are in airfares and vehicle hire, totalling \$12,100. A contribution by LTAf of \$8,700 seems ok

LTAf cannot support adults. Costs for each adult is \$17,420/8= \$2180. There are 2 adults = \$4360. Looking at income shows their contributions and donations and fund raising covers these costs and more. This means none of LTAf is spent on adults.

In kind support is like a donation. Someone is loaning you gear. If you had to hire this, it would cost\$400. LTAf does not usually support purchasing of specialised equipment. It prefers where viable to hire this.



Can I re-apply if my adventure is rejected? It depends on why your adventure was rejected. It might not meet the Guidelines, e.g. it may be for a large group or include adults being supported or it might be too expensive (remember LTAF wants lots of youth members to benefit, not just a small number) and you need to find ways to make it less expensive, or it needs more financial or program detail for the Committee to consider it properly.

FUNDING

Who decides if I my adventure gets funded? The LTAF Committee will decide. The Committee is a National sub-committee whose members come from all around Australia and are from different areas of Scouting.

Will the fund pay for my whole adventure? No. As a general guide, you will need to provide a minimum of 30% of the full cost. This can be through personal contribution, fund raising, sponsorship or donations from other sources, in-kind support from businesses, supporters, and others. How you will do this needs to be identified on the form when you apply. Ask your Leaders for advice about who you can approach for funding. The more funds you can provide, the greater your chance of success.

What type of things can the money be used for? It can be used to attend skill specific training courses, travel to the intended location, pay for permits and fees, hire of specialist equipment, insurance etc.

Will monies from the LTAF be used to buy specialised equipment? This is not usual. It is usually preferred to hire gear. If gear is approved, the Group Leader of the Group of the applicant must advise the Fund where the equipment will be based.

Is there an upper or lower amount that I can apply for? No, not really, but the LTAF Committee would like to see many youth members benefit from this opportunity each year.

Can I use money from the Fund to pay for my Grey Wolf/ASA/Queen Scout/BP adventurous journey? Sure- for any adventurous journey or training to assist the adventurous journey.

So my adventure has been approved by the LTAF committee. Now what? Start planning and fundraising. You still need to meet all your Branch requirements and approval processes. e.g., risk management plan, route card, budget, consent forms etc.

AFTER THE ADVENTURE!

What do I need to do? Hopefully you will have taken photos, videos or made a video diary, log and reflections when you were preparing and undertaking your adventure. The Committee would like to see these and perhaps show them to Dick and Pip Smith who have kindly provided the funds, and to Scouts Australia National Executive Committee. We are sure your Branch and Group would love to learn about your adventure. Like any activity in Scouting, you need to review your adventure too!

How do you know what I have spent the money on? Money from the Fund needs to be accounted for. You will also need to meet with your Group Leader and or Treasurer and get them to assist you

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complete the Financial Accountability statement for the amount of money you received from the Fund.

My adventure was cheaper than I expected. What do I do with money left over from my adventure? Just arrange to return it to the LTAF Committee. This will allow other youth members to benefit from the Fund.

Still have more questions- Send an email to LTAF@scouts.com.au

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