

20 July 2017

Dear Scout Group Leaders Scouters and Committee members

Annual Census is a key step in our overall governance and administration of SCOUTS SA nationally and in the Western Cape. Once again, we appeal for your cooperation in completing and submitting the attached census data in full and by the cut off dates indicated. We have kept the time frames reasonable to allow time for completion and where possible we try to reduce duplication of data - but it comes at the price of commitment from your side to meet submission dates and check that the information is correct.

Census plays a vital role in that it helps us talk with confidence to funders and organizations that are interested in our membership strength and patterns before committing. It is also an opportunity which you; as the Group; should use to do a check on your own health and growth as a Scout group in your community and gives you valuable information for your discussions about Scouts with your parents and community.

We need all the forms to be completed for all Groups as we need to align actual data with the database later in the year. Scouts SA has agreed to use the 'scouts.digital' software as a National database and for Group administration. Whilst we recognize committees may change after your forthcoming AGMs; we still need current info as at 31 July 2017.

Your annual fees are used to fund our small Regional administration team, contribute to National office, help maintain our facilities and are our only fixed source of income. We hope your Group is enjoying using our improved facilities.

Please do try to settle your annual Group fees promptly as we cannot operate the Region and maintain our facilities without your support and funding.

Thanks for your support

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