



Captain Musick Air Scout Group

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Welcome to Captain Musick Air Scout Group.

Our Group was formed in July 1981 for youth wishing to be scouts but with an interest in aviation. The building we now meet in was completed in May 1992 and we have been scouting from this location since.

Scouting Activities

Throughout the year, Scouting NZ provides a program to each section to follow which is aimed at getting each member through their sections Award Scheme. Most meetings will be held at the den on the sections allocated day, but there are some activities that require meeting away from the den. You will be notified when these activities are planned.

Camps and weekend activities are a regular feature of scouting and are organised at various times through the year, either as a section, whole group or zone event. There will be an additional fee payable for these events.

During the year we hold various regular fundraising events, such as our Annual Sponsored Walk and Garage Sale in October, sausage sizzles, car washes etc. Families are expected to participate as much as they can in these events.

Section Meetings

Keas (ages 6-8 years) Monday nights from 6pm to 7.15pm

Cubs (ages 8-10 ½ years) Tuesday nights from 6.30 to 8pm

Scouts (ages 10 ½ years to 14 ½ years) Wednesday nights from 7 to 9pm

Venturers (ages 14 ½ years to 18 years) Thursday nights from 7 to 9pm

When dropping/collecting your child

- Please ensure there are two leaders at the den before you leave your child
- Ensure you haven't arrived too early – leaders are not able to actively supervise your child until the meeting starts
- Keas and Cubs may require an adult to sign their child in and out
- Ensure you arrive in good time to collect your child at the end of the evening
- Keas and Cubs must be collected from inside the den, they will not be allowed to meet parents in the carpark
- Ensure your child passes on to you all notices and information handed out during the night

Communication

Almost all communication with parents is done through Online Scout Manager. This is a tool used by leaders to help them with their administration. As a parent, you will be invited to access this system via email by your child's leader. Initially, you will need to submit your child's personal information and contact details. Once set up, you will be able to see what your child's section programme is for the term, be invited and view details for upcoming camps and events, and check and see what badges your child has earned. Please ensure you reply promptly to any invitations you are sent to camps and special events. It is important that leaders have this information as soon as possible for planning purposes.

Please ensure that all contact information is correct at all times.

We have a Facebook page where we post fantastic pictures of activities and events from weekly section meetings, special events, camps etc. This Facebook group is closed and you will need to be invited to join. When you request to join the group, you will be asked which section your child belongs to.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's time at scouts, please feel free to talk to leaders at the end of weekly scout meetings. Alternatively, you can email or telephone.

Uniform

Our uniform standards are set by Scouting New Zealand and are as below:

- Shirt – blue short sleeved Air Scout shirt available from www.scoutingdirect.co.nz We do have some second hand scout shirts available in for sale at a reduced price. Please refer to our website under Committee for contact details.
- Scarf – this is issued upon investiture to the group
- Trousers/shorts – these must be black
- Footwear – black shoes. Due to *Health & Safety* regulations, NO jandals, crocs, or open toed footwear to be worn at any time.
- Badges – these must be sewn on as per the Scouting NZ guidelines, please refer to our website for badge layout
- T-shirt – an Adventure Plus t-shirt is available from www.scoutingdirect.co.nz and should be worn at scouting events where a uniform is not required

Fees

As we are a community group, we need to charge an annual fee to cover our expenses.

As at 1 January, 2017 our membership fees are as follows:

Membership fees for a full term are \$70 for keas, cubs, scouts and venturers sections. Fees are payable by the end of week two of each term.

New member's fees are charged after an initial 4 week trial period has been completed. For the remainder of that term the fee is \$7 per week plus a one-off \$20 administration charge.

A holding fee may be available to children who are unable to attend scouts for the whole term. In

order to receive this discounted fee, notification of the child's absence must be received by their leader within the first week of the term, all fee payments for the year must be up to date, and payment for that term must be received by the due date. This will ensure your child's place will be held for the duration of that term.

Due to fluctuations in our waiting lists for all sections, we are not able to offer the holding fee for more than one term per year, per child.

Leadership

All of our scout leaders are volunteers. They give their time willingly and spend much of their spare time undergoing training, and planning events and activities to deliver the National Program issued by Scouting New Zealand.

As a group we are always looking for new leaders. If you are interested in becoming a leader and feel you could contribute your time to support us in this way, please contact our Group Leader. Refer our website for contact details.

Committee

The Group Committee meets on average twice per term. The main functions of our committee are:

- To provide the Group with sufficient leaders
- Arrange and maintain the den for Keas, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers
- Control and administer the Groups assets and finances
- Provide adequate equipment and property to support the Section programs
- Assist the Group Leader with liaison between the Group and the community
- Encourage social activities to assist the Group
- Assist the leaders with camp arrangements, and if practicable with any technical and/or specialist instruction where necessary
- Hold an Annual General Meeting

An AGM is held early in December, and we would request that at least one member of each family attends. It is held in conjunction with our annual section awards evening.

If you would like to become more involved in the Group at an administrative level, please contact our Chairman for information on our next committee meeting. Refer to our website for contact details.