

VG VIC GATHERING INFO BOOKLET



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Welcome!

Vic Gathering is an event run specifically by Venturers for Victorian Venturers and linking Scouts with support from Older Sections and Leaders.

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, and for sure this one has been busy.

We hope you all have an awesome time at this year's Vic Gathering 2024.

Esther Lang - Camp Chief

General Information

- Ensure that you and your entire unit are wearing their event ID lanyards at all times. If you require a replacement lanyard please see admin.
- Unit Leaders(Youth) meeting at 10:30pm Friday at Admin
- All adults Meeting at 11pm on Friday at Admin.
- Mobile phone charging station will be at admin for a gold coin donation. You will only be able to collect your phone by unlocking it with the pin.
- Ensure that you arrive for booked activities at least 15 minutes BEFORE your booked time. You may miss out if you are late, particularly for offsite activities.
- 18 year old Venturers MUST have a Working with Children Check and complete the modules WHS Scouting and Child-Safe Scouting.
- Closing Parade at 10am Sunday at the NS Johnson Campfire Circle.

Risk Management and Site Safety

VG is a Major Event and has some important rules to manage safety & risk

- Generators and driving of vehicles on site (unless specifically approved by VG) is not permitted.
- Smoking and vaping is only permitted for adults, and only in the designated smoking area (this will be advised to Leaders/Rovers at the Adults briefing). Water has been provided in this location in case of fire, they are to be used solely for that purpose.
- Any hazards are to be reported to the VG EMC or by calling the VG Emergency Line 0447 281 828. All Emergencies will be managed and despatched via the Event Management Center which is located in the Environment Center next to the Camp Fire Circle (please see map for more detail)
- All participants must abide by the event Code of Conduct, Australian & Victorian Laws
- Unit Leaders are responsible and accountable for the conduct of their youth members. Youth may have their involvement at VG terminated for misconduct, inappropriate, or dangerous behaviour, with transport costs fully borne by their Unit.
- Rubbish must be disposed of in the rubbish bins provided
- Your conduct on social media is reflective of Venturer Scouts and the wider Scouting community, do not post compromising or inappropriate material.

Evacuation

- Follow the instructions from the Police Scouters and the EMC team who will act as Evacuation Wardens.
- The Evacuation Point is marked on our event map, it is located in the main arena

Traffic

- When driving please travel at walking pace, using indicators as normal (NO Hazard lights!)
L plate drivers can NOT drive on-site
- The only exception for car movement is if there is an emergency as directed by the Camp Chief and EMC team.
- On Sunday cars with trailers attached will be allowed onsite at 9am. Any cars without Trailers attached will need to be left in the car park until after final parade, Gear can be walked to the cars in the car parks before this.

VG Bag checks

This year we are doing bag checks before entry to Vic Gathering, and there are some things you'll need to know before entering:

- All Venturers AND all their personal gear must be unloaded at the carpark in front of the environment centre.
- Once unloaded all participants are to get their bags checked by our staff and then checked in.
- ALL water bottles will need to be tipped out upon request by our staff, but there will be a refill station available and ready to refill bottles once they have been emptied.
- Just a reminder that through bag checks if our staff find any of these items they will be confiscated
 - drugs
 - alcohol
 - cigarettes
 - e-cigarettes
 - vapes
 - energy drinks
 - weapons and knives

If you have any issues please speak to one of our friendly committee members.

Cars and Trailer Information

There will be long-term and short-term car parking on-site. Cars and trailers must be moved to one of these parking areas. No cars or trailers are permitted in camping areas without a site pass issued by a member of the Camp Chiefs team, Please see admin for any questions around this.

Assistance at VG 2024

If you require any assistance while on site, please visit the Administration office which is open early each day until late.

If you need urgent assistance, please call the VG Emergency Phone on 0447 281 828.

First Aid / Wellbeing:

VG is supported by a trained first aid and wellbeing team, based at the Messmate Annex. Units should take care of minor injuries themselves with their own first aid kits, but for more serious injuries or illnesses the First Aid Team is available for assistance. If you require urgent medical assistance, let one of the VG team know and they will dispatch them to assist you.

VG also has a dedicated Mental Health and Wellbeing team on-site to assist with any serious welfare issues beyond what Units can deal with directly.

Camping Information:

With over 900 people on-site, we must follow safety regulations carefully

Camping:

- All Units will be camping on allocated sites, divided up by Regions
- All 18 year old Venturers MUST be in their OWN tents

Cooking:

- If a total fire ban is called, all cooking must stop within the camp site areas. We will provide areas for Units to cook in or near the buildings or roads in this case.
- **All** Kitchens must be close to the road to ensure they are a safe distance away from tents and to ensure that our fire team can get to the source of a fire quickly if there is a need.

Cooking Gear:

- Open fires, charcoal, and electrical cooking appliances are not allowed
- Gas cylinders must be secured to prevent them from being knocked over. (putting them in a milk crate works well)
- Gas cylinders MUST be within date (10 years from their last date stamp)
- Water bucket/fire extinguisher MUST be within reaching distance of the kitchen area

Transport On Sunday

The first buses will be Leaving site at 11:15am to make it to either Pakenham or Belgrave to catch the appropriate trains back to Melbourne.

The second buses will be leaving at 12:45 so please make sure that which ever bus you are booked on to you arrive early enough to load and get offsite on time.

All of these times are subject to changes between now and VG, the VG Admin Team will contact everyone on the Shuttle Bus before the event to confirm departure times from Pakenham or Belgrave.

These bus times are strict so to make our jobs easier we need everyone catching the bus to be at the Marshalling Point at least 30 minutes before the departure time to ensure that we can have a prompt departure and can load all gear and such as soon as possible!

Code of Conduct

Our event has a Code of Conduct for all youth to adhere to. It will be in every Units welcome pack and around the site please make sure you are familiar with the Code of Conduct.



VIC GATHERING CODE OF CONDUCT

CATEGORY 1

BEHAVIOURS WE WANT TO SEE

- Have fun!
- Be cheerful & positive.
- Be Inclusive by accepting & Embracing differences
- Being respectful, kind, helpful & caring
- Look out for others.
- Making sure camp is a safe space for everyone.
- Wearing sun appropriate clothing (hats, sleeved shirts, etc)

**BEHAVIOUR WE
ENCOURAGE YOU TO
DISPLAY**

CATEGORY 2

BEHAVIOUR THAT NEEDS PERMISSION

- Nicknames
- Physical touching
- Taking and/or posting photos or personal information.
- Being loud.
- Touching items or things that are not your own
- Assisting putting equipment on (PFDs, harnesses etc.)

**THIS IS BEHAVIOUR THAT IS
SOMETIMES APPROPRIATE
AND NEEDS PERMISSION**

CATEGORY 3

BEHAVIOUR THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE

- Swearing/unscout like language
- Name calling/bad mouthing
- Being somewhere you should not be
- Irritating others
- Excluding others
- Unintentionally making someone feel uncomfortable
- Being alone with someone in a tent that is not yours (for whatever reason)

**THIS IS BEHAVIOUR (PHYSICAL & VIRTUAL)
THAT IS ASSUMED NOT INTENTIONAL &
FIXED BY THE YOUTH MEMBER AFTER BEING
REMINDED**

CATEGORY 4

BEHAVIOUR THAT IS HARMFUL OR UNSAFE

- Category 2 behaviours without permission
- Failure to modify or cease Category 3 behaviours
- Bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment or discriminating behaviour
- Purposefully making someone else uncomfortable
- Partaking in/knowledge of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or vapes and not reporting it
- Any sexual interactions
- Any illegal behaviour

**THIS IS BEHAVIOUR (PHYSICAL & VIRTUAL) THAT IS
CONTRIBUTING TO SOMEONE BEING OR FEELING
UNCOMFORTABLE OR UNSAFE & WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED AND REPORTED**

PARTAKING IN CATEGORY 2 BEHAVIOURS WITHOUT PERMISSION, OR FAILING TO MODIFY CATEGORY 3 BEHAVIOURS WILL BECOME CATEGORY 4 BEHAVIOURS

CATEGORY 4 BEHAVIOURS MUST BE REPORTED TO WELFARE OR BY CALLING THE SCOUTS VICTORIA CHILD SAFE LINE ON 1800 870 772

PARTICIPATING IN CATEGORY 4 BEHAVIOURS WILL LEAD TO REMOVAL FROM VIC GATHERING AND LIKLEY A FOLLOW UP FROM YOUR HOME UNIT OR THE SCOUTS VICTORIA CHILD SAFE TEAM

NO FIRES PLEASE.



Activities

The VG Activities team has put in a lot of effort to provide an amazing program at VG 2024. Please see below the awesome program of OFFSITE activities for the weekend:

4X4	9am-11am	10am-12pm	11am-1pm	1pm-3pm	2pm-4pm	3pm-5pm	4pm-6pm
High ropes	9:30am-11:00am	11am-12:30pm	1:30pm-3pm	3:30pm-4:30pm			
Paddling	9am-1:30pm	11:15am-3:30pm	1:30pm-5:45pm				
Splat Ball	10:30am-12pm	1pm-2:30pm					

Refunds Policy

Where a refund is requested, or the event is canceled, all participants and Vic Gathering will be subject to the following:

Refund on Medical or Compassionate Grounds

- Should a participant be unable to attend due to medical or compassionate reasons, upon presentation of either a medical certificate or COVID-19 testing receipt/other information for the relevant period, a full refund will be made to that participant.
- A refund on medical or compassionate grounds can be requested at any time prior to the event, and until five days after the conclusion of the event. Any requests made outside of this period will be considered by the Camp Chief.

Refund on other participant based grounds

- Should a participant be unable to attend for any reason other than medical or compassionate grounds, a refund will be made at the discretion of the Camp Chief. A refund request can be made any time before the event or until the 5th of December 2024.
- To make a refund request please complete the form at:
<https://shorturl.at/7QCs3>



CAMPSITE MAP

Key Locations

- A 24 Hour Movies
- B Abselling
- C Admin / EMC
- D Archery
- E Axe Throwing
- F Boulderling Wall
- G Canteen
- H CASvan Merch and Donuts
- I Crate Stacking
- J Entertainment
- K First Aid and Welfare
- L Flying Fox
- M Market Valley
- N Splat ball and Laser Tag
- O Venturer Frat

Campsites

- Bays
- Loddon Valley and Gippsland
- Geelong and Western
- Melbourne
- Northern and West Coast
- Mt Dandenong
- Plenty Valley and Lerderderg
- Service Leader and Rover Camp

- Campark Overflow
- Out of Bounds
- Main Road
- Vehicular track
- Walking track
- Toilet/ablution block
- Information board
- Emergency Assembly Areas
- Electric barbecue

