

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS AN AJ2019 CHALLENGE



## LEADER INFORMATION

At AJ2019 our new program will be launched along with the countdown to implementation from April 2019. You'll be able to learn heaps about the program at the Scouts Australia space at AJ2019. There's displays, presentations and discussion groups for youth members and adults.

The Outdoor Adventure Skills have 9 activity areas with 23 activity streams:

- Bushcraft – Pioneer, Survival Skills
- Bushwalking
- Camping
- Alpine – Cross Country, Downhill, Snowboarding, Snow Shoeing/ Camping
- Aquatics – Snorkelling/Scuba, Surfing, Surf Life-saving/Swift Water Rescue
- Boating – Sailing, Windsurfing
- Cycling – Cycle Touring, Mountain Biking
- Paddling – Canoeing, Kayaking, Sea Kayaking, White Water kayaking and rafting
- Vertical – Abseiling, Canyoning, Caving, Climbing

Stage 4 Camping has the potential to be achieved by all Scouts at AJ2019. (Camping Stage 3 matches the Pioneer requirements to attend a Jamboree and is a part of the minimum requirements for our Pioneer Group Scouts to attend Jamboree.)

## The Process

1. Please ensure all AJ2019 Scouts receive the attached information outlining the requirements as soon as possible.
2. Scouts can then choose to complete the requirements for OAS Camping Stage 4 at AJ2019.
3. The Scout information includes a checklist of the requirements (including the guiding statements to assist understanding of what is required). Scouts can print this off, but copies will be distributed to all units at AJ2019.
4. For some statements to be completed, a discussion will be required for a Scout to provide evidence of their knowledge or skills, approved by the home unit or, demonstrated over the 10 days of AJ2019.
5. Discussions around the skills could be a part of morning unit council discussions or a part of meal conversations.
6. A chart will be provided for each AJ2019 unit to track the progress of all Scouts. (An electronic version is attached.)
7. OAS Camping Stage 4 badges will be provided to all units at the end of AJ2019 for presentation to successful Scouts. Badges can continue to be presented after AJ2019 on successful completion of all requirements.
8. Being the first badge of the new program, some flexibility maybe required to ensure success and engagement in the program.
9. Overseas participants can earn the badge as well as long as they can demonstrate key skills through application and discussion at AJ2019.
10. The badge can be worn on the right sleeve of the uniform
11. The badge is a part of the OAS of the new youth program. It is not an adult badge and so cannot be worn on adult uniforms.
12. Please email questions to [yp.support@scouts.com.au](mailto:yp.support@scouts.com.au) or, visit the Scouts Australia space at AJ2019.

Be a part of the challenge to support over 8,000 scouts achieve their first OAS badge at AJ2019!