

Scout Section COVID-19 Update

We are now one state and we are beginning to open up! There are lots of opportunities to do more traditional scouting.

This advice has been aligned to the Victorian Governments advice and uses the same terminology. Please also refer to the Scouts Victoria advice which this has based on which can be found at <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/about-us/news/covid-19-update/>

For specific information about how to operate within Scout Halls or Outdoors, please refer to the state advice.

Scout Section Activities:

- Overnight camping is available, please see state covid site for details.
- Day activities or outdoor nights activities in patrols can resume outdoors
 - Pioneer Hikes
 - Badge work
 - Geocaching
 - Chalk chases
- Leadership courses can operate indoors subject to rules and limits.
- Those working on their ASM may wish to use this opportunity to complete as much as they can and explore with their unit council any adjustments
 - You could do a series of day hikes with everyone returning home at night
 - You could organise patrol based activities to complete the various parts of the award scheme outdoors
- A COVIDSafe plan must be in place, please refer to [Scouts Victoria website](#) for details.
- Those completing their ASM should review the [COVID ASM provisions](#) as well as the [extension policy](#) and talk to their unit council to make adjustments where necessary if they need to do so.
- Day activities or outdoor nights activities in patrols can resume outdoors
 - Pioneer Hikes
 - Badge work
 - Geocaching
 - Chalk chases
 - Navigation
- Cooking / Food – it is possible to run cooking activities however there are some extra considerations. For the full picture see the state [faq](#).
- Cohen Shield – Cohen shield can be run in small local patrol based arrangements.

Questions?

If you have questions about what you can or can't do or just need help we would encourage you to try the following support channels:

- Your District Leader Scouts
- Victorian Scout Council – questions@explorerscouts.com.au
- Victorian State COVID team – coronavirus@scoutsvictoria.com.au