

Moonee Valley District
Scout Section

Fitzgerald Cup

Established in 1928



6 - 9 March 2026

Arrival from 6:30pm on Friday
Departure at 2:00pm on Monday

Rowallan Scout Camp
Entry via gate 3



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Objective

The Fitzgerald Cup is a Moonee Valley District competition which commenced in 1928. It is designed to establish and maintain a high standard of camping and bushcraft among the district's patrols. It is run as a patrol activity camp and seeks to give each PL the opportunity to develop and practise their leadership skills. Assessment will focus on safety, hygiene, team work, meal preparation, environmental impact and practical skills.

The competition runs on the Labour day weekend, 6 - 9/03/26.

Outcomes

Fitzgerald Cup Grades

The competition has four award grades:

Grade	% achieved	Score
A	85 - 100%	282-332
B	70 - <85%	232-281
C	60 - <70%	199-231
D	<60%	0-198

Scout Award Scheme

Each patrol must be formed prior to the activity but may be a specific activity patrol.

In addition to the competition, individuals should be given the opportunity to qualify for components of Camping Stages 3, 4 and 5.

Scoring

Camping skills assessment sheet supplied during assessments.

Dinner assessment sheet supplied Saturday morning.

Note: If 1% or less between the top scoring Patrols, they will be considered co-holders on the trophy board and co-holders will be given the score of the highest scoring patrol.

Pre Camp Planning	20
Camping skills - assessment 1	84
Camping skills - assessment 2	84
Saturday dinner	24
Sunday scored activities <i>Knots, Lashings, First aid, Navigation</i>	30x4
Total	332

Expectations

Leaders

- Friday night:
 - Check scouts have picked safe areas for sleeping tents in designated Patrol campsite.
 - Set up your camp in the designated Leader camping area which will be within sight of the Scouts for general supervision purposes.
- All camp
 - Provide distant supervision of the patrols (safety and hygiene) but not direct supervision or assistance to the patrols.
 - Only designated leaders are to provide technical information to PLs (at PL meetings) with respect to site set up, safety, minimising environmental impact, hygiene and other camp matters to ensure consistency of information provided.
 - Complete tasks eg. first aider, chief assessor according to designated role under direction of the LIC.
- Food:
 - Leaders will be catered for and will eat as a group at Warnock Lodge (except if assessing a patrol's dinner on Saturday night).
 - Cost \$50 (we encourage you to approach your group to cover this cost).
 - BYO camp chair and dilly bag.
- Activities:
 - Be involved in planning / running / scoring / supervision of camp activities as allocated.
- Monday:
 - Scout Leaders may assist their patrol(s) with the pack down of their camp from 9:30am on Monday to ensure safe packing of gear / trailers.

Scouts

- General
 - A programme is provided listing activity times/suggested meal times etc. Note that a number of the activities are scored and contribute to your final assessment.
 - PLs are expected to attend PL meetings, at which important camp / assessment information will be discussed. PL meetings will be held at the 'Tree of Knowledge' (TOK).
 - Fitzgerald Cup is a digital technology free camp. We encourage phones to be turned off for the duration of the event. A selection of free time activities will be provided at the Tree of Games (TOG).
- Friday
 - Set up sleeping tents in safe locations (in allocated campsite) as **approved by your leader**.
 - Hot chocolate will be provided outside Warnock Lodge after the wide game, BYO cup.
- Saturday
 - PLs to assist in the assessment of another patrol, to learn/share ideas of how to achieve the assessment criteria.
 - Patrols **must** invite a Leader or Rover to dinner on Saturday for assessment. Invitations should be delivered to the Leader or Rover by afternoon tea on Saturday. Invitations can be written or verbal, clearly indicating leader arrival + time dinner is to be served and to bring a dilly bag/chair if needed.
- Sunday
 - Patrols should pack morning tea to eat during the activity rotations.

- Monday
 - Patrols to pack down camp, ensuring the site is left in good condition and **all rubbish is removed and taken home.**
 - Lunch will be provided.
 - Final parade (including the awarding of pennants and trophy board) is at 13:30.

Assessment Guide

- Camp Planning Record:
 - Ensure it contains everything listed on the assessment sheet.
 - *Suggestion:* Print and display in a folder to keep it neat for the duration of camp.
 - *Suggestion:* Print an additional copy of the programme, roster and menu.
 - Securely fasten these to a noticeboard/patrol box
 - Laminating these is a good idea (but bring a marker to annotate them if necessary)
- Entrance
 - Bring something (e.g. flag, sign) to identify your unit and patrol on your gateway.
- Sleeping Tents
 - Devise a way for patrol members to neatly stow their uniform for the duration of camp.
- Kitchen/Dining
 - Ensure eskies are drained of water each morning and night if required and have sufficient ice.
 - Plan to have a two (or three) stage dishwashing station:
 - **Stage 0:** Scrap food scraps into the bin. Bring a food scraps bin.
 - **Stage 1: (optional):**
Pre-rinse, preferably in hot water (no detergent or sponges/chux).
Use your hands to rub off food that scraping can't so that dishes 'appear' clean before going onto the next stage.
 - **Stage 2:**
Hot wash (using detergent and sponge/chux).
Water temperature should be hot enough that you can just hold your hands in it.
 - **Stage 3:**
Hotter rinse (no detergent or sponges/chux).
Water temperature should be hot enough that you can briefly dip your fingers in it.

When preparing hot dishwashing water, start by adding cold water first, then gradually add the hot water until it is the desired temperature.

At Stages 2 and 3 water should be replaced when dirty and/or cold.
- Meal Assessment
 - Patrols **must** invite a Leader or Rover (not your own Leader) to dinner on Saturday so that the dinner can be assessed. Invitations should be delivered to the Leader or Rover by afternoon tea on Saturday. Invitations can be written or verbal, clearly indicating planned Leader arrival and time dinner is to be served and to bring a dilly bag/chair if needed.
 - Pause for a reflection / thank you prior to commencing the meal.
 - Patrol members should be seated for the duration of the meal unless they ask to be excused to get something relevant to the meal.
 - Include something special in your meal to impress the Leader or Rover.

Assessment

Campsite

Campsite assessments will be completed twice over the course of the weekend.

Assessment of campsites will be conducted on:

- Saturday afternoon
- Sunday afternoon

Scoring will be completed by designated Leaders and 2 PLs. The assessing team will assess their own and their partner patrol's campsite, to learn/share ideas of how to improve their campsite and camping experience based on the assessment criteria.

PLs will be able to use the discussion and feedback given during the Saturday assessment to improve their campsite prior to the second assessment on Sunday.

Activities

During the camp, patrols will participate in four scored activity rotations. These activities will be scored with emphasis on skill level and team work. Assessment will be completed by the Leader(s) running the activity.

Gateway

Keith Faquahar Rovers will run a Gateway competition which Patrols may choose to participate in. Keith Faquahar Rovers will provide the gateway criteria prior to Fitzgerald Cup. The assessment will occur on Sunday afternoon.

Dinner

Saturday dinner will be assessed by a Leader or Rover, with the patrol having the opportunity to self-assess as well.

Suggested Gear list - individual scouts

- Scout shirt and scarf to wear to / from camp and at opening / closing parades
- Sleeping bag & blanket (if you get cold overnight)
- Pillow
- Sleeping mat or stretcher (check with your Leader which one to bring)
- Torch with spare batteries
- 3 changes of clothes - make sure it is sun smart (ie not short shorts, singlet top)
 - shorts or pants depending on weather
 - socks
 - shirt/top
 - underwear
- Pyjamas
- Thermals
- Beanie and gloves
- Warm jumper/jacket
- Rain jacket / poncho and overpants (overpants not essential)
- 2 pairs of closed-toe shoes (one to wear and a spare in your bag)
- Personal toiletry articles
 - toothbrush and paste
 - brush and/or comb
 - soap
 - deodorant (non-aerosol)
 - Towel and washcloth
- Dilly Bag with unbreakable plate, cup, bowl and cutlery, Tea towel
- Cards or games, book
- Personal medication (to give to first aider on arrival)
- Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothes
- Gardening gloves for service activity
- Day pack containing**
 - water bottle
 - personal 1st aid kit
 - 1 x triangular bandage, 1 x 7.5 cm crepe bandage, small wound dressing, 4 x bandaids, 3 x safety pins
 - sunscreen
 - pen
 - note paper
 - sun hat
 - sunglasses (optional)
 - non-aerosol insect repellent

Patrol Required Equipment:

- Patrol to organise own gear for standing camp to fulfil the requirements of assessment.
- All Patrols must bring:
 - Equipment (spars and lashing ropes) required to build a gateway on Saturday afternoon.
 - Sanitiser for the entry of your campsite
 - Additional 3 spars and 3 lashing ropes per Patrol for the scored construction activity.