



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA

SNOWDAYZ 14+ SNOW CAMP

31 JULY - 2 AUGUST

EVENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

Contact Information



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GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO AND WHAT

If you love winter and refuse to let the cooler months slow you down, then get ready for a fun weekend at the SnowDayz!

Guides can try either skiing or snowboarding. We strongly recommend if you've never skied or boarded before that you try skiing. You will likely have a better experience.

Proposed Schedule

- *Friday*: Travel to Mt Baw Baw
- *Saturday*: Day of skiing or snowboarding (including a lesson), a walk around the village and a speaker from ski patrol
- *Sunday*: Day of skiing or snowboarding and then head home

This camp is open to all GGV youth members aged 14+ as of 17 July 2026. If you're 10-13, we have a snow camp for you too!

WHEN

Friday 31 July (6 PM) – Sunday 2 August (6PM). Please note exact timings might change.

Note: There will be a compulsory briefing night for Guides & parents on Microsoft Teams Monday 13 July, 7pm. We expect this to last for an hour, but we're happy to take all questions.

WHERE

Lonsdale Ski Lodge (Mt Baw Baw), Candle Heath Dr, 5758+RF Baw Baw Village, Victoria, Australia

COST

Youth registration is \$600 A balance/deposit option will also be available. Registration cost includes: *food (Friday supper - Sunday lunch), accommodation, transport (entry, parking, chain hire & fuel), 2 day lift pass, 1x 2hr group lesson, 2 day ski hire and hire of helmet.*

If you wish to snowboard, there is an extra \$25 cost. If you've never skied or snowboarded before, we strongly recommend you try skiing. If you own your own skis, please contact events@guidesvic.org.au to arrange a discount after registering.

CANCELLATIONS

Please refer to the Girl Guides Victoria Event Policy in the [Member Portal](#).

**Registrations will close Monday 6 July @ 11:59PM
unless sold out sooner**



QUERIES

For questions regarding the **event**, please contact catherine.kopec@guidesvic.com.au.

For questions regarding **registrations**, please contact events@guidesvic.org.au.

FORMS

Please download the Health Form through the portal and bring along a completed hard copy to the event. For instructions on how to download please see [here](#).

TRANSPORT AND ARRIVAL

TRANSPORT

Guides will be transported from various hubs based on participant locations in approved GGV Adult vehicles, with all drivers holding full licenses.

ARRIVAL

We will arrive on the mountain around 9 pm, then transport the gear from the cars to Lonsdale Lodge. When arriving at your hub, you'll need to provide the leader with your Health Form, medication and any health management plans (where applicable).

DEPARTURE

Time is TBC, but we will be departing the mountain around 3pm, arriving back at our hubs around 6pm (specific locations TBC) on Sunday 2 August.

WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN

Mountain weather can be unpredictable, and snow conditions may vary. Mt Baw Baw offers a ski guarantee for downhill skiing, and the camp will proceed even if there is low or no snow. In these circumstances, some planned alpine activities may not be available, and the program will be adapted to ensure a positive experience for all participants. Refunds are not available due to low snow conditions.

If weather conditions become unsafe (for example, high winds causing lift closures), activities such as downhill skiing or snowshoeing may be suspended. Safety is always the priority, and refunds will not be provided for activities that cannot proceed due to these conditions.

Refunds are also not available for participants who withdraw partway through the camp or choose not to take part in scheduled activities.

If Mt Baw Baw provides any refunds due to low snow conditions, they will be passed on to participants.



ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

ACCOMODATION

Before camp, all Guides will be allocated a bedroom and a bed. If your Guide would like to share with a friend, please let us know, and we'll do our best to accommodate requests, though this can't be guaranteed. Camp is a great opportunity to make new friends.

In line with Girl Guides' Child Protection Policy, Leaders will have separate sleeping areas from Guides.

BEDTIME

A regular bedtime routine will help everyone rest and recharge for the weekend's activities. Guides will also be encouraged to take breaks or rest during the day if needed. Please encourage your Guide to respect both their own need for sleep and the rest of others.

FOOD

Guides should eat dinner before arriving on Friday evening or bring an easy-to-eat meal or snacks for the journey. Food must not require heating and should include a full ingredient list.

All other meals and snacks will be provided across the weekend. If your Guide has allergies, food sensitivities, or strong food preferences, please let us know in advance, as there are no nearby shops on the mountain.

BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY

SUPERVISION

Guides attending Camp will be supervised by Girl Guide Leaders who all have current Police and Working with Children Checks. These Leaders are overseen by the Leader in Charge and the Camp Committee. Supervision will follow Girl Guides Victoria's standard staffing ratios for overnight and adventurous activities.

PARENT CONTACT

Prior to camp, you will be provided with a contact mobile number. The Leader-in-Charge will have a designated mobile phone for the duration of the camp. This mobile phone will be with the Leader-in-Charge 24 hours a day.



BEHAVIOUR

As a girl-led organisation, we value giving Guides a voice in shaping their camp experience. At the beginning of the camp, Guides and Leaders will work together to create a shared set of behaviour guidelines. This helps build a respectful, inclusive, and positive environment for everyone.

Leaders and trained staff will be available at all times to support participants and address any concerns that arise during the camp.

While this approach aims to create a supportive and enjoyable experience for all, if a Guide is unable to follow the agreed guidelines and this significantly impacts their own experience or others', they may be required to return home at their parent's expense.

SAFETY

All Guides are required to wear a snow sports helmet when participating in downhill skiing and tobogganing. Weather conditions at the mountain can vary significantly, so leaders will provide guidance each day on appropriate clothing.

To support safety and supervision, Guides will wear a Guide armband at all times when outside the lodge. They will also be issued an emergency card tag, which helps Ski Patrol identify and assist them if needed.

The resort is supported by Ski Patrol, who operate within designated resort boundaries where we will be staying and skiing. Ski Patrol members are similar to lifeguards, with advanced first aid training. Families are strongly encouraged to ensure they have appropriate ambulance cover, as costs can be significant and may not be fully covered by private health insurance.

Guides will not ski alone and will always be in groups appropriate to their age and ability. Leaders will also be present on the slopes to supervise and support participants. All Guides are expected to follow the Alpine Responsibility Code.

For snowboarders, wrist guards are optional. As there is differing advice about their effectiveness, organisers will contact snowboarder families directly to confirm their preference. Wrist guards are not used for skiing.

ACCESSIBILITY

If your child would like to attend but may need the support an organisation such as Disabled Wintersports Australia (DWA), please reach out prior to registration as we will need to contact them to request support, which is not guaranteed. DWA do not service Mt Baw Baw by default so we need to request their services with ample notice.



KIT LIST

- Please ensure all items are labelled.
- Have your daughter pack her own bag so she knows where things are.
- Avoid suitcases, where possible - wheels don't work well in snow.
- As we don't know what weather we'll arrive in, please have your Ski jacket, head torch, beanie and a pair of gloves accessible
- Clothing that will be worn on the snow must not be cotton.
- The lodge may be cold on the first night, so we recommend a beanie to be worn to bed.
- Sleeping bag should have a comfort rating of minimum 5 degrees - if you have a warmer sleeping bag, consider adding a sleeping bag liner for extra warmth!

WORN IN THE CAR

- Closed toed shoes with good grip and suitable for outdoor activities and walking (snow boots)
- Warm jacket
- Track suit pants

CLOTHING

- 3x sets of undies
- 2x sets of warm ski socks
- 2x pairs of warm socks (for the lodge)
- 1-2x sets of top & bottom thermals
- 1x non-cotton midlayer (ie. polar fleece)
- 2x shirts for inside the lodge
- 2x warm jackets (ie. polar fleeces)
- 1x pairs of tracksuit pants
- 1x snow jacket



- 1x pair of snow pants
- 3x pairs of waterproof mittens/gloves
- 1x beanies (one for sleeping)
- 1x buff (circle scarf)
- 1x set of PJs
- Indoor slippers

SLEEPING GEAR

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Camp blanket
- Fitted sheet

TOILETRIES

- Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towel
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush and hair ties/bobby pins, etc.
- Sanitary products (if applicable)

OTHER

- Drink bottle
- Plastic bags for any wet clothing needing transporting home
- Sunglasses (or goggles)
- Health form, medications, medical management plans
- Torch - ideally head torch
- Watch to tell the time

OPTIONAL

- Glove liners
- Book
- Soft toy
- Camera
- Wrist guards (for snowboarders, these are optional)

