



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA

SNOWFLAKES ALPINE ADVENTURE CAMP

17 - 19 JULY

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 Snowflakes Alpine Adventure Camp!

Proposed Schedule

- *Friday:* Travel to Mt Baw Baw
- *Saturday:* Day of skiing (including a lesson), a walk around the village and a speaker from ski patrol
- *Sunday:* Tobogganing, building snowmen, snow shelter construction (pending snow levels) and a snow shoe walk. Then travel home

Over the weekend Guides will assist with some basic duty groups such as setting the table.

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

WHEN

Friday 17 July (6 PM) – Sunday 19 July (6:30 PM). Please note exact timings might change.

Note: There will be a compulsory briefing night for Guides & parents on Microsoft Teams Tuesday 30th June, 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

**Registrations will close Sunday 21 June @ 11:59PM
unless sold out sooner**



GENERAL INFORMATION

COST

Youth registration is \$560. A balance/deposit option will also be available. Registration cost includes:

Food (Friday supper - Sunday lunch), accommodation, transport (entry, parking, chain hire & fuel), 1 day lift pass, 1x 2hr group lesson, 1 day ski hire, hire of helmet, 1 toboggan pass, 1 toboggan hire and 1 set of snow shoe hire.

If you own your own skis, please contact to arrange a discount.

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](#).

CANCELLATIONS

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



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 19th July.

WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN

Weather and snow conditions, like anywhere, can be temperamental and not ideal.

Mt Baw Baw offers a ski guarantee for downhill skiing. We will not cancel the camp if low/no snow at the time of the camp. We may not be able to offer all the listed alpine activities with no/low snow but will adapt the program accordingly. Therefore, no refunds will be given due to low snow.

Should the lifts go on wind hold at Mt Baw Baw (ie. it is unsafe to run the lifts due to high winds), we will not continue with Downhill Skiing or Snowshoeing. No refunds will be given due to these activities not going ahead due to risk concerns. Refunds will not be given for activities that aren't able to be run due to unsafe conditions. Likewise, refunds won't be given for withdrawals part of the way through the event or refusal to participate in an activity. Safety is our first priority.

If there is low snow and refunds are able to be sought, we will pass these onto you.



ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

ACCOMODATION

Prior to the start of camp, all Guides will be assigned a bedroom and a specific bed. Very little time will be spent in bedrooms, but rather in the communal areas of the accommodation, or out at activities. If there is anyone you'd like to share a room with, please get in touch - but no guarantees! Remember: camp is also about making new friends!

At Girl Guides, our Child Protection Policy requires that Leaders have designated sleeping areas separate to the Guides.

BEDTIME

A key part of camp courtesy is bedtime, which enables all Guides to rest sufficiently, and provides a small window of time for volunteer Leaders to regroup and prepare for the next day. Bedtime routine will start at an agreed time at the beginning of camp.

All Guides and Leaders will be encouraged to get a good night's sleep. If any Guide is tired, they will be encouraged to take time out during the day and have a rest and will be offered the opportunity to go to bed earlier than the designated time. Please engage your Guide in a conversation about how important it is to both get sleep herself and respect the other Guides' need for sleep and rest.

FOOD

Guides will need to have dinner before arriving at their hub on the Friday night or bring food to consume en route. These should be easy to eat options that do not require heating or preparation and have a full ingredient list. Ideally whole foods or items in original unopened packaging, such as pre-packed sandwiches, vegetables/fruit, bag of pretzels/lollies etc.

There will be plenty of food available across the weekend, so Guides do not need to bring food for any other meals.

If your Guide has any food sensitivities or aversions beyond allergens, please let us know (eg. my Guide won't eat green things, my Guide won't eat foods that are touching). There is no supermarket on mountain so we can't just run down the street to get a safe food. It is a huge safety risk to not have Guides that are well fed - they are at a greater risk of hypothermia.



BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY

SAFETY

All Guides will wear a snow sports helmet whilst undertaking downhill skiing and tobogganing. We will dynamically assess weather and advise Guides as to what to wear - it could be blue skies and 10 degrees! If so, they won't need all of the layers. Guides will also have an armband worn at all times when outside the lodge to help us distinguish that they're a Guide! We will also supply Guides with an "emergency card" tag, which helps Ski Patrol better support us.

The mountain is also serviced by Ski Patrol and we will be staying within the resort boundaries for where Ski Patrol operates. Ski Patrol are similar to Lifeguards at the beach - most of them are passionate volunteers who have a higher level than standard first aid. We also strongly recommend that you take out ambulance insurance cover - often private health insurance doesn't cover the total cost of the journey. Please check that you are covered prior to the event, waiting periods apply. Ambulances can cost up to \$28k!

Guides will never ski alone. There are various areas which we will explain to them as to what size group they need to be in. Leaders will also be out on the slopes and supporting Guides on the slopes.

Guides are to abide by the Alpine Responsibility Code.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- We cannot guarantee snow at any point in the season. We will have a great time regardless, but please make sure your Guide knows this.
- Mt Baw Baw doesn't have a chair lift, instead they have platters/poma lifts, t-bar lifts and magic carpets
- Ski Patrol are able to administer emergency medications - ski patrol are like Lifeguards
- If you have a family emergency, please contact the leaders
- Money - whilst Guides don't need to bring money for anything, they're welcome to. This could be for a hot chocolate or a souvenir. Just remember that mountains are like airports, everything is more expensive! Please note the mountain is cashless, so please do not send cash.
- Label everything!
- Cut your toe nails before coming!
- If your Guide wears glasses, see if contact lenses are possible
- Guides with long hair should consider plaiting their hair in two plaits



KIT LIST

- Please ensure all items are labelled.
- Please get your daughter to pack her own bag so she knows where things are.
- Please avoid suitcases, where possible. Suitcase 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 don't 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
- Guide Shirt

CLOTHING

- 3x sets of undies
- 2x sets of warm ski socks
- 2x pairs of warm socks (these are for the lodge)
- 1-2x sets of top & bottom thermals
- 1x non-cotton midlayer (such as a polar fleece)
- 2x shirts for inside the lodge
- 2x warm jackets (these could be polar fleeces)
- 1x pairs of tracksuit pants



KIT LIST

CLOTHING CONT.

- 1x snow jacket
- 1x pair of snow pants
- 3x pairs of waterproof mittens/gloves
- 2x 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)



KIT LIST

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

SLEEPING GEAR

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Camp blanket
- Fitted sheet

OPTIONAL

- Glove liners
- Book
- Soft toy
- Camera

