



**Dick & Pip Smith  
Leadership Through Adventure Fund**

**Application Form**

The purpose of this Scouts Australia Fund is to support young people through:

- the development of leadership skills, and
- responsible risk-taking adventures.

Adventures supported by the Fund may take place in Australia, or Overseas.

**Name:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ballan Venturer Unit

**I am a current youth member of Scouts Australia:** Yes

**State or Territory Branch:** Victoria

**This application is for:** An Expedition Patrol made up of 10 Youth & 3 Adults

## **Adventure Title: Cradle Mountain Expedition**

### **Describe your Adventure:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 ten Venturers and three adults from the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballan Venturer Unit will embark on a ten-day journey of a lifetime across Bass Strait to Tasmania where we will spend a night or two in Davenport before beginning our journey on the Overland Track from Cradle Mountain to the Scout Hut. We will spend two nights at the Scout Hut with a day walk on the second day of the expedition exploring Cradle Mountain. After spending a second night at the Scout Hut we will continue our journey along the Overland track for 6 more days stopping along the track at Waterfall Valley, Windermere, Pelion, Kia Ora and Windy Ridge – Bert Nichols Hut and finishing at Lake St Clair. After the hike we will take a ferry to St Clair Lodge and then spend another night in Davenport before heading home to Victoria on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Overall, we will be hiking 65 kilometres along the Overland Track from Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair across 8 days and 7 nights. This adventure would provide those lucky thirteen people an experience of a lifetime as they trek along the Overland Track taking in the views of the natural Tasmanian landscape and spending time in vastly different environment to the ones they are used to. This expedition will be used as a King Scout Hike and means we will be carrying all our clothes, camping gear and cooking equipment, food and water throughout the duration of our hike. Not only does this amazing opportunity provide us with a King Scout Expedition it also allows the Venturers to expand their overnight hiking experience as beforehand we have only done two- or three-night expeditions. Our group is very active and doing this hike would take this to the next level by teaching us new skills and helping us learn how longer journeys are different to shorter journeys. We believe we are ready to take on this once in a lifetime experience and hope we can do so due to your generous funding.

- **Personal Progression**  
This expedition will help us progress personally by giving us life experience and letting us learn how to plan, prepare and take part in a hike for over double the number of nights we have on previous hikes. It will also help progress the leader of the hike in the Venturer Scouting Journey by allowing them to complete their King Scout Journey.
  
- **Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS)**  
The Cradle Mountain Expedition would help all the youth taking part in the journey complete aspects of their core OAS work including:-
  - **Bushwalking Stage 6 & 7**
    - Taking part in a 3–4-night hike
    - The youth leaders of the hike will achieve extra parts in these stages by organising and running a hike for a 3–4-night duration.

- Bushcraft Stage 4 and 5
  - Advanced map reading skills
  - Improved ability to read and predict weather patterns
  
- Camping Stages 6 and 7
  - Camping under canvas for up to 32 nights
  - Leading the set-up of a camp.

### **How much financial support are you requesting from the fund?**

We are requesting \$10,000 from the Dick & Pip Leadership Through Adventure fund.

- Estimated Expedition Costs ... all costs are based current day prices for 13 adults
  - Spirit of Tasmania - NO VEHICLE
    - Depart:- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - night Trip
      - 4 bed inside cabin x 4
      - **Cost: \$2,256**
    - Return:- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - night Trip
      - 4 bed inside cabin x 4
      - **Cost: \$1,986**

**Total Cost: \$4,242**
  
  - Bus Hire (24 seater bus)
    - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 X 2 days hire
    - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 X 2 days hire

**Cost: \$1,973.95**
  
  - Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Services
    - Overland Track Hiking Permit

**Cost: \$1,600.00**
  
- Accommodation Costs
  - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024
    - Spirit of Tasmania
      - Cost included in the ticket

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024
  - Discovery Parks - Cradle Mountain, Cradle Mountain Rd, Cradle Mountain TAS 7310 X 1 nights

**Cost: \$936**

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024
  - The Scout Hut Cradle Mountain

**Cost: \$390**

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - Overland Track Campsites
  - Costs included in our Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Hiking Permit
    - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April           Waterfall Valley
    - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April            Windermere
    - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April           Pelion
    - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April          Kia Ora
    - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April      Windy Ridge – Bert Nichols Hut

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024
  - Lake St Clair Lodge
    - Our new Venturer Unit has started a tradition of Formal Dinners in unique places (indoors & outdoors) and we would like the opportunity to celebrate the completion of our Expedition with a Formal Dinner at the Lake St Clair Lodge

**Cost: \$ 2,165**

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024
  - Spirit of Tasmania
  - Cost included in the ticket

- Lake St Clair Ferry for 13 people
  - One way Narcissus to Cynthia Bay

**Cost: \$575**

**Total Cost: \$11,881.95**

**Current Cost per person = \$914**

While these are the main prices we have researched for this once in a lifetime trip we understand that there will be other expenses associated with the journey including but not limited to:-

- Prerequisite journeys to help youth learn, practice, experience and prepare for Cradle Mountain
- Food
- Group Equipment Costs

### **How will this financial support be used?**

This financial support will be used to help pay for travel to Cradle Mountain via boat and to hire a bus so we can drive to and from Cradle Mountain. This money will also be used to pay for accommodation before, after & whilst on the Overland Track in Tasmania. We will also use these generous funds to purchase any supplies we might require while on the Overland Track such as food, first aid supplies and fuel for cooking.

### **What other source(s) of support will you access?**

Some other sources of support we will be accessing are fundraising throughout the community to help fund this once in a lifetime trip. We will also be getting the people going on the trip to contribute money towards the total cost, but we hope that between the money we raise by fundraising and the money we receive from the Dick & Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund the cost families will have to pay to prepare and participate will be affordable.

### **How much are you planning to raise from these other sources?**

We are planning on raising around \$4,000 from fundraising efforts and that will leave around \$1,000 to be split between 10 Venturers and 3 adults to complete the total costs of this amazing trip.

### **How will you share the story of your Adventure?**

We will share the story of our once in a lifetime Cradle Mountain Expedition via:-

- A thank you letter to the Dick & Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund to not only showcase the expedition but also highlight the growth, development and improved leadership skills within the participating youth while also acquitting the funds received to support our Cradle Mountain Expedition
- An article on our 1<sup>st</sup> Ballan Unit website
  - <https://www.1stballanscouts.com.au/>
  - (We are still developing our Venturer Webpage as we are a very new Unit)
    - The article will be composed of photos from the trip as well as an article on the expedition that is written by the Venturers who take part in the Expedition.

- Australian Scout Magazine
  - We use the website article and submit it to the Australian Scout Magazine
  
- Local Newspapers
  - Moorabool News
  - The Ballarat Courier
  - The Melton & Moorabool Star Weekly
  - Midland Express
    - If printed, we will also ensure that the article is included in their online media platforms as well
  
- Any other publication, platform or outlet as directed by:-
  - Our Leaders
  - Scouts Victoria/Australia
  - The Dick & Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund

Is there anything else that the **Dick & Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund Sub-Committee** need to know about you, your patrol/unit and/or your Adventure, to assist with the decision-making process? This might include, but not be limited to, whether you are from a regional, remote or rural area.

Yes

**If yes, please provide details here:**

Some other things the sub-committee should know about the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballan Venturer Unit is that we are in Rural Victoria. We are also a new (formed in 2022) but highly motivated Unit who wants to get out into the outdoors and take part in as many experiences as possible. We strongly believe that this experience would not only benefit those who go on the expedition but would also benefit others in our Unit and our community by helping show them that these opportunities are open to them in Scouts, and we can help and encourage them to plan and do their own adventures be it with a patrol or by themselves. These hikes would help provide us with the knowledge of what is required in planning such a momentous event and we will pass the knowledge onto others so they too can have such an experience of a lifetime.

**Application contact details:**

I am the Deputy Unit Leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballan Venturer Unit, I have written this application for and with the support of our wonderful Venturer Unit.

However, I have been accepted into the School of Student Leadership, Don Valley Campus commencing on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This is a 9-week program where I will have very limited access to technology throughout the duration of the program.

Therefore, for further information, please contact the following people in reference to this application:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ballan Venturer Unit  
60 Inglis Street  
Ballan  
Victoria 3342

**Date application completed:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

**Date application accepted & approved by Unit Council:** 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Shortlisted applicants may be asked to provide additional details about the proposed Adventure. This may include additional written information, including a Risk Management Plan, a detailed Budget, and a short video.

Completed applications can be emailed to [LTAF@scouts.com.au](mailto:LTAF@scouts.com.au)