

# OPERATION DRAGNET

In 2011, a new **competition** event is coming to NSW Venturers.

You need to get your **team** from the **Starting Point** to **Base Camp** as close to **0-hour** as possible. Without getting caught by our **seekers**.

You Can **Run**...  
You May **Hide**...

But can you escape the **Dragnet**?

11th-13th November 2011

Location: **Unknown**

Cost: \$50

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# INFO FOR VENTURER SCOUTS

## WHAT IS WARATAH

Waratah 2011 is a State Venturer Event. Based on the GWS Waratah, which is built up from the ground each year, it is designed to challenge participants with a large multi-faceted problem that requires a wide variety of Scouting Skills. It is also a chance to socialise in a fun filled environment.

## YOUR TEAM

To compete at Waratah 2011, Your team must have 4-7 members.

Everyone must have completed their Venturing Skills Award and each team must have at least one Venturer who has completed their First Aid award and one Venturer who holds a bushwalking certificate.

## PRE-WARATAH

Each year, Waratah has a pre-waratah activity to help Venturers prepare for the weekend.

This year the pre-waratah activity is to get at least half of your team to have completed either their Initiative Award or Venturer Level Expeditions Award.

Teams who have completed this task and have documented evidence will receive a substantial bonus in this years competition.



## MORE INFORMATION

To get all the goss on Operation Dagnet, visit our website [waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au) and sign up to our email list.

You can also contact us directly on 0415 771 752 or [waratah@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:waratah@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

## YOUR MISSION

You need to get your team from the starting point to our base camp approximately 25km away at the other end of the playing field.

Standing in the way are the Seeker Squads who want to take you out.

You have 3 lives and each time you get caught by a Seeker, you will lose a life.

The team that arrives closest to the 0-hour (finishing time) with the least number of lost lives will be our new champions.

## THE BASIC DETAILS

Dates: 11-13 November 2011  
 Location: To be advised  
 Cost: \$50 (covers camping, site and administration fees).  
 Food: Bring your own

Applications received by 5:00pm the 9th September will receive a bonus in this years competition.

All applications must be received by **3:00pm Friday 7th October**. Late Applications can not and will not be accepted.

# TEAM APPLICATION FORM

To register your team for Waratah: Operation Dagnet, get each member to complete an A1 form and send it with this form and a single cheque or money order to Waratah: Operation Dagnet c/- 6 Baden Powell Place Winston Hills NSW 2153. Cheques and money orders should be made out to Scouts Australia, Greater Western Sydney Region.

Your team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ First Aider: \_\_\_\_\_

Bushwalker: \_\_\_\_\_ No of A1 forms attached: \_\_\_\_\_

Venturer Scout Leaders (VSLs) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VSLs Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ VSLs Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree for the attached team to be registered to attend Waratah: Operation Dagnet 2011. By Registering to attend this event, we understand that we are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations for the competition as detailed on the Waratah Website.

Venturer Scout Leader		Team Leader		Date
Received By	Received On	Amount Received	Membership Checked	Acceptance Letter Sent

# INFO FOR STAFF

## WHY SHOULD VENTURERS HAVE ALL THE FUN

Leaders, Rovers and Supporters are also needed to come and participate in the largest Waratah yet.

We are looking for anyone over the age of 17 (Not Venturers) to assist us over the course of the weekend. Staff will be split into teams based on their preferences and will be involved in all aspects of camp life.

There is a requirement that each unit entering the competition will provide at least one leader as a Staff Member, as well as for support purposes. In addition if your unit has both Genders attending the event, you either need to provide a leader of each Gender or make arrangements with another leader to look after your kids. This needs to be told to Waratah prior to the event commencing.

### ACTIVITIES

Join the team that will be our Seekers.

Roam the playing area looking for Venturers and when they have been caught remove a life!!!

As teams retire from competition Activities Staff will also be the guys ensuring those back at camp are also having a great time!

This team will run 24 hours a day, in shifts.

### ADMIN

The admin team are the nerve centre of Waratah.

Check off teams as they report in, record finishing times and manage the Waratah Communications network for the weekend.

This team will run 24 hours a day, in shifts.

### CATERING

They say an army marches on its stomach and the Waratah staff are no exception.

Waratah will provide food for all staff and a team is needed to prepare food, pack it and serve it.

This team will run 24 hours a day in shifts based on need.

### SITES

The sites and transport team will be responsible for setting up the starting point and base camp.

They will also provide transport for retiring teams and staff over the weekend.

This team will run 24 hours a day, in shifts.

### SUPPORT

The support team are the friendly face of Waratah, they handle the first aid, medical issues, shoulder to cry on or cement to harden people up.

Support will be based at base camp but will also have people out patrolling the playing area.

This team will run 24 hours a day, in shifts.

## THE BASIC DETAILS

Dates: 11-13 November 2011

Location: Unknown (Not yet disclosed)

Cost: \$35 (covers camping, site and admin fees and catering).

Food: Provided by Waratah.

All applications must be received by 3:00pm Friday 7th October.

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## SQUADRON LEADERS

Each of the Activities, Sites and Support Teams will operate in Squadrons. We are looking for staff to act as leaders of these Squads of 2-3 people.

Squad Leaders will report to the team leader for each team and will be trained onsite on the 30th Oct.

# STAFF APPLICATION FORM

To register as a Staff member for Waratah: Operation Dragnet, complete an A1 form and send it with this form and a cheque or money order to Waratah: Operation Dragnet c/- 6 Baden Powell Place Winston Hills NSW 2153. Cheques and money orders should be made out to Scouts Australia, Greater Western Sydney Region. **Rovers and supporters are also required to attach a completed Volunteer/Student Declaration (PED or M5) form to their application.** Please send this application separate to any youth applications. If you wish to be placed with other staff, please send your applications as a group.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Formation: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Role (Please number from 1 (Most preferred) to 5 (Least preferred))

Activities \_\_ Administration \_\_ Catering \_\_ Sites & Transport \_\_ Support \_\_

Are you willing to act as a Squadron Leader (Please Circle) Yes No

Squadron Leaders are responsible for 1-3 staff members and will need to attend compulsory onsite training on the 30th Oct.

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