



## **NON-MEMBER CHILDREN ATTENDING CAMP POLICY**

### **Background**

This policy includes all children who are in attendance at any camp, sleepover, or other residential event.

Girls over 5 yrs of age who attend a residential event must be a member of a State Girl Guide organisation.

Boys over 5 yrs of age are not to attend a residential event as a participant in the camp unless they are part of a shared activity or a camp with special conditions.

Children under 5yrs of age must have a designated adult (over 18 yrs of age) carer, who will be responsible for said child(ren). No more than 3 children under 5 yrs must be in this carers ratio. The carer must comply with State Child Protection legislation. This carer must not be counted in the adult ratio of adults to Guides required for the event and may not be the Leader in Charge or a listed staff member.

Girl Guides Australia strongly discourages the attendance of non-member children at Girl Guide camps, but recognises that circumstances may arise in which the only alternative of a non-member child at a camp is the cancellation of said camp. Where a non-member child over 5 yrs of age needs to attend a residential camp in these circumstances a designated carer as above is required. The non-member child is to have accommodation and program separate from the residential program for the Guides.

### **Procedures**

- The Leader in Charge of the camp must consult and have the agreement of other camp staff members about the attendance of non-member children.
- The Leader in Charge of the camp must also inform the Guides and their parents/guardians about the attendance of non-member children.
- The Leader in Charge of the camp must include in their camp application
  - (i) the need for the non-member child(ren) to attend the camp;
  - (ii) the circumstances in which this need arises;
  - (iii) the supervisory arrangements for that child(ren) during the camp.
- The Leader in Charge must have received the approval of the Outdoors Manager of the attendance of the non-member child at the camp before the event.
- For the attendance of boys over 5 yrs of age at camp refer to Guidelines, 2.13.2, guidelines for shared activities and 5.1.3, camps with special conditions