

Aims of SWAG

St Giles Wilderness Adventure Group (SWAG) is a club for boys, designed to provide a witness for Christ and personal development for boys through adventurous outdoor activities. As this description suggests we have a number of things we hope to achieve.

Firstly, we aim to help boys have an understanding of God, and what he had done for them.

Secondly, maturity is something we strive for in the boys, physically, mentally and spiritually. A major part of that is to take seriously the word and promises of God.

Thirdly, we hope to give the boys opportunities to experience the outdoor, different and new activities, develop new skills and interests, bond friendships, and develop character, self-esteem, confidence and ability.



Structure

SWAG is made up of two Divisions according to age. This allows the boys to build friendships and to engage in activities that are suited to their abilities.

Division One is for primary school boys from 8 to 11 yrs of age and meet on a Tuesday Night from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at HPC Ministry Centre. Each week the boys learn new and exciting things, involve in craft and games and begin to learn about outdoor skills. A number of times during the year they boys spend a Saturday or weekend on camp, or bushwalking, or in water activities.

Division Two is for high school boys from 12 to 15 yrs of age and meet on a Tuesday Night from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at HPC Ministry Centre. As an older group there is more emphasis on taking on more self directed challenge with activities including photography, animation, building, cooking and bicycle maintenance. During the year there are opportunities for abseiling, bushwalking, caving, camping, boating and mountain bike riding.



Meetings & Events

Both Divisions meet in the Ministry Centre Hall at Hurstville Presbyterian Church, (43 Park St). They meet during the school terms and involve a weekly Tuesday night commitment as well as a number of Saturdays or weekend camps spread over the year.

SWAG encourages the active involvement of fathers in the growth, interests and experiences of their boys. Dads are welcome at all events and camps.

We have an annual family camp for mums and family members to experience and enjoy too.

The boys have a simple low cost uniform which promotes discipline and atmosphere. Encouragement will be given in many areas to try new things through an award system where the boys are challenged to earn badges for their uniform through learning and doing. Both Divisions cost \$100 per year to cover running expenses





Introduction

St Giles Wilderness Adventure Group (SWAG) caters for boys from 8 years of age (year 3) upwards to senior high school. It aims to provide a way for boys to learn many new things and have experiences not normally open to them. Through a range of opportunities in outdoor activities as well as skills and hobbies, SWAG encourages the boys to grow in maturity and in their relationship with God. The activities of SWAG are designed to direct high spirits into enjoyable but useful channels that promote maturity. In SWAG there is always another challenge ahead.

SWAG also provides an avenue for fathers and boys to connect, socialise and experience together. Fathers are welcome at any SWAG activity and are encouraged to be godly leaders in their families.

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Further Information

If you would like to know more about SWAG, there are a number of ways to get more information.

- Visit our website: www.swag.org.au
- Come along and observe a Tuesday Night
- Contact one of our division leaders:
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