

YOUTH SCRABBLE COACHING CLINIC, ADELAIDE

(Douglas Scrub Guide Camp)

Tues 6th April to Fri 9th April

Starts 1.30pm Tuesday (do not arrive before 12 Noon) and finishes 4 pm Friday. There will also be a rated tournament on Saturday, from 9 am to 4 pm (included in the cost – all young people are expected to compete) Adults also welcome.

Two strands – **BEGINNERS** and **ADVANCED** levels - preparing players (eventually) for World Youth Scrabble Championships

Ages 8 -16 (younger children must be accompanied by a parent)

LIMITED VACANCIES (live-in)

Transport will be arranged from Adelaide

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DISCUSSION TOPICS INCLUDE: balancing your rack, board management, word study, finding words, two-letter words plus hooks. As well as technical knowledge, there will be practical exercises, plus a final test. An appropriate prize will be given to the best performer in this test.

WHAT TO BRING:

LAPTOP, if you have one, or FLASHDRIVE if you don't

A notebook or exercise book.

Sense of humour

Pillow and sleeping bag

COST: Accommodation \$100, food \$75 ie TOTAL \$175

***Mrs Karen Richards**, aged 56, has been playing Scrabble competitively for 13 years, together with her husband, Paul. Paul constructs power stations worldwide, so Karen spends much of her time overseas - but returns to Australia to visit her children, and to work with young Scrabble players here. Alastair, the youngest of their five children, and now aged 17, has been competing against adults since the age of 7, when he won his first trophy. He is one of Australia's top players, having won the NSW Scrabble Championship at 16. Before retiring, Karen trained managers and supervisors. She now devotes her time to travelling the world, coaching young people in the art of playing Scrabble. Karen has also organised the World Youth Scrabble Championship annually since 2006.

Karen chairs the Youth Committee of WESPA (World English-language Scrabble Players Association)

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