



# TREK TO THE OUTBACK STATE CAMP

Welcome to the 2021 State Camp Trek to the Outback!! (or T2O)

The Major Mitchell Region are looking forward to welcoming you all to our amazing area where you will experience lots of new and exciting activities and learn about life in the outback.

Part of the fun of any large camp, is being part of a Group camp (smaller section of the whole camp). While your unit or District will camp together, you will all be part of a bigger group that may have one or more Regions in it. Each of these group camps has their own colour and mascot. It is a lot of fun to see what the groups can do to encourage a feeling of Guiding Spirit and teamwork during camp by creating gateways and have mascots that you can have with during your activities.

The Groups for T2O are the

- Coral (Pink) Cockatoos: Camp Central
- Purple Possums: Gold Coast and Tropical North
- Blue Brolgas: John Oxley, Southern Cross and Moreton
- Copper (Red) Kangaroos (incorporating SLUG): Major Mitchell Region
- Green Goannas: Brisbane North, Glasshouse, Capricorn and Wide Bay





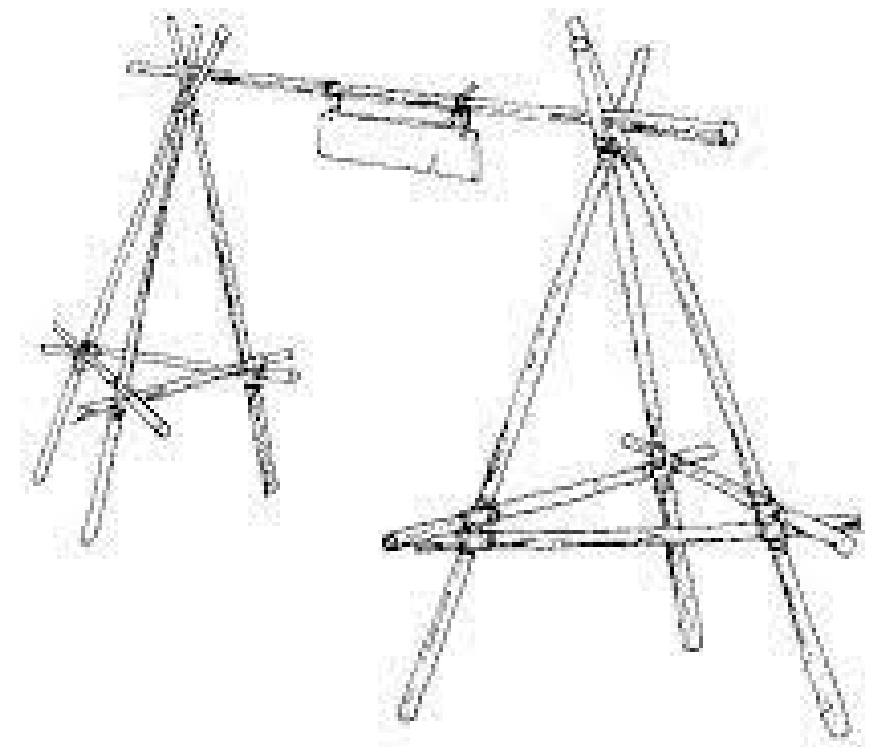
# Group Camp Gateway

Group Leaders and Program Leaders: most of you will have seen the gateways that have been created in the past for State Camps or Jamborees! We would love to see what you can create for T20.

Having these gateways will make it easier for the Guides and Leaders to find their campsites during the week and help make them feel it is their home away home.

Remember to incorporate the theme and colour of your group.

You can start with something basic and build on that. Don't forget that you do need to bring everything with you. and if possible any extra items should be recyclable or environmentally conscious decisions. Solar powered fairy lights would look awesome as well.



You could include your girls as well by asking them to create or bring something to add to the gate. This could include a decorated and laminated handprint of each girl, a ribbon with their first name or a small flag from each unit with the girls names on them.



# Guiding Spirit

As well as having your Group Gateways themed, we encourage you to embrace the theme as individuals. Ways you can do this is to wear clothes in your group colour, have fun socks, wigs, party gear (that is ok to get dirty) are all encouraged to show how much fun we are having and as a way to encourage everyone to get together.



Part of being at State Camp is having badges that you can use to meet and find out about Guiding in other parts of Queensland. Don't forget to bring yours and see if you can meet and get to know another Guide from somewhere that is a long way from where you live.



SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) are a great way to get to know people you meet at camp. Have your girls make a set of SWAPS to trade with others at camp. They don't need to be expensive or big - just a small, fun token with a tag to show which District it is from. Something Outback themed or promoting your group theme would be perfect!



For our younger (and some of our more mature) campers perhaps you can make your teddy bear a special shirt or vest to wear to camp.



# Camp Gadgets

And what about the washing up? Where do we put our plate bags? Hang our towels? I hear you ask!

You will also need to decide what gadgets you will need and make sure you bring everything to build them with you.

Some things you may want to build are a washing up stand for your dishes and then a separate one for your hands. You will of course need the basins to put in them as well.

How about pack racks if you are camping in ridge tents? Do you have a district or camp flag? Why not build a camp flagpole.

Then of course somewhere to hang tea towels, bath towels and your plate bags would be useful too.

