



MEDIA RELEASE

Let the South Rise

8 April 2009. Over 200 St John (NSW) cadets from across the state will meet from the 15th to the 19th of April for the Southern and Western Region cadet camp in Wagga Wagga, making this occasion one of the biggest cadet camps ever held in NSW.

Don Donnelly, one of the organisers, said the camp, which has been held in the Western Region for the past 10 years, is a perfect time for cadets to share training, life experiences and have fun.

“It’s a great opportunity for cadets who live up to 1,000 kilometres from each other to make new friends and unite as fellow St John Cadets.

“Broken Hill participants probably wouldn’t have the chance to meet others from Bega if it wasn’t for this event”, Mr Donnelly said.

Over the four days of camp, cadets will participate in proficiency badges, activities, disco, war games, and a formal dinner. They will also be running a radio station and presenting an evening TV news bulletin from the camp.

St John Cadets are part of a national youth organisation, for those aged from 11 to 18, who develop extensive first aid, communication and leadership skills. Once trained, they are able to provide first aid at events under adult supervision.

Volunteer John Dalby, who has been with St John for 31 years, explained the theme of this year’s camp.

“The theme is “The South will rise”, based on the American Civil War. The cadets will be divided into teams with names derived from famous Civil war figures, including Lincoln’s Load, Grant’s Gang and Sheridan’s shifters”, said Mr Dalby.

To know more about St John (NSW) or to become a volunteer, please visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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Notes to editor

Information about the camp:

Dates: 15th to 19th of April

Location: Kurrajong Scout Camp, Oura Road, Wagga Wagga – roughly 5-10kms from town.

Photos will be available after the event.

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