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## Devil of a day for Joeys and Cubs

Under most circumstances releasing a mob of joeys in the vicinity of Tasmanian devils would equate to a smorgasbord.

But this weekend when hundreds of Joey and Cub Scouts are let loose at three regional wildlife parks, the close relationship between Scouts Tasmania and the Save The Tasmanian Devil Appeal will be strengthened.

Devil days will take place at Trowunna, Bonorong and Wings wildlife parks with educational presentations, devil tours, feeding and fun activities.

The devil day event is the highlight of a six-week program where scout leaders have organised activities such as building a devil habitat in a shoe box and decorating devil masks with their individual groups of Joeys (boys and girls aged 6-8) and Cubs (ages 7-10).

The Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal is the official fundraising body of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, administered by the University of Tasmania Foundation.

Scouts Tasmania has entered into partnership with the appeal which has the dual purpose of educating and raising awareness of the iconic Tasmanian devil, while teaching the young Scouts how important it is to volunteer and fundraise to support a good cause.

During the past 12 months Joeys and Cubs have volunteered to help the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal fundraising efforts such as the V8 Supercars at Symmons Plains. On October 10 they will be helping Launceston cricketer Jade Child with his world record attempt of facing 12,353 balls in a 24-hour period – by buying, bowling and collecting some of the balls as part of this devil fundraiser.

In addition, they have been busy fundraising in various ways and on Sunday at Trowunna Wildlife Park a cheque will be handed to Save The Tasmanian Devil Appeal manager Rebecca Cuthill.

Ms Cuthill said that she is impressed with the way Tasmanian Scouts have supported the cause and that the devil days this weekend will allow children to experience Tasmanian devils up close and see where their money will go.

“The Cubs and Joeys will learn the importance of supporting our wildlife when it’s in a dire situation like the battle against Devil Facial Tumor Disease,” she said.

“So far both Trowunna and Bonorong wildlife parks have been recipients of appeal grants to help support the key aim of the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program to keep Tasmanian devils sustainable in the wild.”

### **Devil of a Day events:**

#### **Northern event**

Where: Trowunna Wildlife Park, Mole Creek  
When: Sunday, August 19, 10.15am-2.30pm

#### **North-West event**

Where: Wing’s Wildlife Park, Gunns Plains  
When: Saturday, August 18, 10.30am-2pm

#### **Southern event**

Where: Bonorong Wildlife Park, Brighton  
When: Saturday, August 18, 10.30am-3.30pm

**Photo caption:** From left: Hannah Woolams, Grayson Wade, Cooper Peverall, Charlotte Woolams, Hunter Peverall, Toby Nolan, Zeffyn Wade, Max Foley, Ella-Jade Clark and Anneke Zaadstra of the Exeter Joey Scouts show the Tasmanian devil masks they made in the lead-up to devil day at Trowunna Wildlife Park.

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