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RAZORBACKS & SCOUTS ANNOUNCE A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIAN SPORT - "SLAMBOREE"!

The West Sydney Razorbacks' and Scouts' inaugural Slamboree campout at Acer Arena, coinciding with the big 9 December Razorbacks-Kings clash, is set to attract more than a thousand Scouts, according to Grant DeFries, Chief Commissioner for Scouts Australia NSW.

"The idea has really taken off," said DeFries. "Already, there are three bus loads from Tamworth who want to come down and all-up we've had 50 groups, some comprising of up to 40 people, register their interest. Initially, we had hoped for 200-300 Scouts but the response has exceeded even our most optimistic expectations and we should be looking for more than a thousand."

Razorbacks' CEO Robbie Cadee said Slamboree was a first in Australian sport, "We are very excited to be the first professional sports team in Australia to create a major event of this nature with the Scouts.

"It is certainly going to be fun and a great introduction to Razorbacks basketball for a whole new generation of fans. Based on the incredible response so far, we anticipate Slamboree becoming an annual event."

At Slamboree, Scouts and their families will experience a packed afternoon of entertainment at Sydney Olympic Park topped off in the evening with a Philips Championship match up between the Razorbacks and their arch-foes, the Sydney Kings, at the internationally acclaimed Acer Arena.

After other spectators have headed home, the large contingent of Slamboree'ers will stay on for a post-match mingle with the Razorbacks where they can snap photos, get autographs, hear chilling ghost-stories from the players and coach, then enjoy a late-night movie before rolling out the sleeping bags and heading into their tents.

It will be the first-ever sleep-over that Acer Arena has hosted and DeFries says the concept has received a warm response from the venue's management, "They have been fantastic and very welcoming. I think they're looking forward to it as much as we are.



"The chance for the kids to enjoy such a unique night and sleep at a venue that is home to a major basketball game and so many international acts is a very novel way for Scouts from all around the state to rub shoulders and have a lot of fun together."

Fittingly, Slamboree has attracted the support of Coleman, a leading producer of camping products including tents, sleeping bags, air beds and pumps, coolers, chairs, tables, lights and cooking appliances.

Only registered Scouts and their guests can sign up for Slamboree. Registration details and the day-night schedule can be found at www.nsw.scouts.com.au

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