



**Victorian Venturer Scout Council in conjunction with
Banyule Scout District & the Yarra Batman Zone Venturer Scout Council**
(incorporating Venturer Units in Banyule, Manningham, & Nillumbik-Whittlesea Districts)

Your Invitation to Join a Baha'i 'Ideals Visit'
6 Locations & Times in Melbourne & Regional Victoria
20th to 29th October 2019

In late October 2019, Baha'is in Australia and throughout the world will celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of the Bab, the Herald of the Baha'i Faith. Venturers are warmly invited to apply to attend a celebration in Melbourne or a city in regional Victoria. Each 'Ideals Visit' includes an introduction to the Baha'i Faith plus a Q&A Session for Venturers.

- Eltham – **Sunday, 20th October**, 4.30-7.00 pm (includes dinner from 6pm)
- Ballarat – **Sunday, 27th October**, 11.30am-2 pm (includes lunch)
- Beaumaris – **Sunday, 27th October**, 3.00-5.00 pm
- Northcote – **Sunday, 27th October**, 3.30-5.30pm
- Bendigo – **Tuesday, 29th October**, 6.30-8.00 pm
- Geelong – **Tuesday, 29th October**, 7.30-9.30pm

Venturers may be able to apply an 'Ideals Visit' to earning the Ideals Badge. Uniform is not required. (Bring your Venturer Record Book to be signed at the end of the 'Ideals Visit'.)

The exact location of your 'Ideals Visit' & additional details will be sent to you by return email **after** your RSVP (application) is received. Early RSVP by email is encouraged, as numbers may be limited at some venues. Family, friends & others in Scouting are welcome to join us.

SPECIAL REQUEST to Adults: One adult Venturer leader, Adult Helper or Rostered Parent is needed at each venue. Please let Jerry know by email if you can assist at one venue. Thanks.

'Ideals Visit' Background: The Bab, whose name was Siyyid Ali-Muhammad, was born in October 1819 in Shiraz, Persia. He was a young merchant when, in 1844, he was recognised as a messenger of God. His writings called for spiritual and moral renewal, including improving the status of women and the situation of the poor.

The Bab's title means "the Gate". He declared it was his mission to prepare the way for a new messenger who would usher in an age of peace and justice. His followers found this messenger in Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. The central principle of Baha'u'llah's teachings is the oneness of the whole human race.

Please send an **early RSVP by email**, including your **1st and 2nd preferred locations**, as numbers may be limited at some venues. After your RSVP is received, you will be sent the location of your 'Ideals Visit' by return email.

To assist our hosts to plan, please RSVP by email, by **14 Oct**, by sending (a) your **1st and 2nd preferred 'Ideals Visit' locations**, (b) your **name**, (c) your **phone number**, (d) your **email** address, (e) Venturer Unit **name** and **location**, and (f) **total number** to attend, **including** Venturer(s). Send this information, plus any later updates, to Jerry, Zone Venturer Leader, Yarra Batman Zone: jerome.winston@hotmail.com.au.

For additional information: contact Jerry Winston, Zone Venturer Leader, 9435 8048 or 0403 961 625 or jerome.winston@hotmail.com.au

FOR UNIT PLANNING:
 Venturer Coordinator: _____
 'Ideals Visit' Deputy Coordinator: _____