



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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DISTRICT BOOT HIKE & 80th CELEBRATIONS

Dear Parents and scouts

BOOT HIKE

The annual District Boot Hike will be taking place on Malonjeni farm close to Suikerbosrand on Friday 18 July 2008. The scouts will meet at St Benedict's College at 18h45 on 18 July and will be back at the College at 07h30 on the 19th. As always, the scouts will travel in full uniform. The cost of the event is R60,00 per scout, which includes camping fees and transport to the venue, but which excludes food. There will be no scouts for those not attending the hike.

District requires detailed entry forms to be submitted by Monday. As such, please rely to the event by no later than Sunday 13 July 2008. Regrettably we only received details of the hike this week, and could not call for entries before this.

Each patrol needs to bring a STA kit, 2 sets of 2x AAA batteries (a basic GPS will be provided), a basic first aid kit and anything else that they feel will help them on the hike.

Individuals should bring a warm change of clothing, a water bottle, a warm sleeping bag, a torch, hiking boots, personal medication, a duly completed consent form and snacks. Scouts may leave their kit at base camp, but it is suggested that a light day pack be brought to contain your snacks and the patrol equipment. Scouts may bring additional equipment that they may feel is necessary.

Friends of scout-going age may attend the event provided that they have the relevant consent forms etc and have replied on time. Patrols consist of between 5 and 8 members. Patrols who have too few members to enter a full patrol should advise me so that a mixed patrol can be created. Patrols will be finalised on Monday evening at the Court of Honour.

Many individuals are taking "chances" with their consent forms. Your parents or legal guardians must sign the form. Scouts are big and ugly enough to fill out their details on the form to avoid this being a major chore for parents. **NO CONSENT FORM, NO GO.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or your patrol leaders.

80TH CELEBRATIONS

On 26 July 2008 the Troop will be turning 80. A formal dinner is planned for later this year (when the ice has melted!) to mark the event, but there have been calls for some sort of event to mark our anniversary on the 26th. Some have suggested a troop dinner at a local steak house, others a campfire. Could scouts who are keen on celebrating on the 26th please give their suggestions as to what they would like to do to their PLs on or before Sunday so that the Court of Honour can take a decision as to what (if anything) will happen on the 26th.

Scouts are also reminded that there is currently a competition to see who can design the best badge to mark the 80th celebrations. Entries must be in by the end of the month.

Yours in scouting.

Andrew Campbell

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SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION
GAUTENG AREA
NORTH RAND DISTRICT
CONSENT FORM



To: The Scouter - Ron Riley - Eastleigh Sea Scout Group

I, (Full names of **Legal Guardian**) _____ of
(Address) _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Tel. No: (011) _____ Cell No: _____

being the Legal Guardian of (Ward's full name) _____
hereby make formal application for my ward to take part in the activities
connected with the District boot hike held at Malonjeni farm (just south of
Suikerbosrand) on Friday the 18th of July and finishing on Saturday morning of
the 19th July

I hereby appoint and authorize the Scouter or parent in charge to act in my
place as Guardian with full authority to consent to my ward undergoing surgical
or other medical treatment. I undertake to pay the cost of such treatment.
I fully understand and accept that all activities are undertaken at my ward's own
risk.

I am aware that neither the South African Scout Association nor its Scouters
or other members, St Benedicts school or the owners of Malonjeni, accept
responsibility for any loss, injury or damage that the person or property of my
ward may sustain whilst engaged in any Scouting activity and I waive any right
that I or my ward may have to claim compensation against the South African
Scout Association or any of its Scouters or other members, St Benedicts school
or the owners of Malonjeni in respect of any loss, injury or damage incurred
whilst engaged in any Scouting activity howsoever arising and I indemnify them
against all claims.

SIGNED: _____ WITNESS _____
(Legal Guardian) (Print Name)

DATED this _____ day of July 2008