



# 1<sup>st</sup> BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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## RE: Final Announcements for 2008

Dear Scouts and parents

As another year draws to a close it is time for us to take stock and to prepare for the year ahead.

### Holidays

Scouts will close on Friday 5 December 2008 and will reopen on Friday 16 January 2009. The long summer holiday ahead will doubtless be a welcome break for all and I wish all of you a pleasant Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### Cederberg

Over the holidays Ricardo Peneda, JP Browne and Alan Browne will be joining me and 500 other scouts in the Cederberg Mountains for the National Senior Scout Adventure. 11 days of hiking in a pristine wilderness await them, as well as activities such as skeet shooting, 4 x4 adventure, scuba diving and abseiling. The troop wishes all three scouts a fun-filled adventure and trust that you will hold the troop name high.

### Departing Friends

On a sadder note, a number of scouts have indicated that they will not be returning in the new year. Nick Lucas will be going to boarding school in Natal, Cameron Gething will be moving to Durban, Pitso Pitso will be moving to Soweto and Josh Borchers has indicated that he would like to leave the troop. We wish you all well on your future endeavours and success on your chosen paths.

### Badge Work in the Holidays

A number of scouts have indicated that they would like to do some badge work during the holidays. I will be returning from the Cederberg on 20 December 2008 and will be available on Sunday afternoons at the scout hall from that date on if any scout wants a badge tested or a special skill taught. Please contact me and arrange a time and date if you want badge testing done. Those who do not own a scout badge book or a scout trail might consider having a chat to Santa Claus, (the scout shop closes soon but can be contacted on 011 440 6490) alternatively these books are available online at [www.scouting.org.za](http://www.scouting.org.za).

### Year Planner 2009

Attached to this letter is the 2009 year planner and a year-at-a-glance calendar. Please keep them safe and try as best as possible to arrange your vacations around it. Please note that the year-at-a-glance does not show charge certificate courses and one must be careful when using it, just because a weekend is marked "off" does not mean that the Friday is off, unless it is also coloured green.

be prepared....

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There are a number of long weekends during the year. Of importance to note is the weekend of 12 to 16 April. The bi-annual survival camp will be held over the long weekend and scouts are encouraged to keep this long weekend open. The scoutcraft survival and backwoodsman badges will be tested over the weekend. The backwoodsman badge is compulsory for the Springbok Scout Award, and as such scouts over the age of 16 should make a concerted effort to attend the camp or run the risk of not having an opportunity to earn the badge. The scoutcraft survival badge is a pre-requisite for the backwoodsman badge and is designed for younger scouts, so younger scouts will certainly not waste their time by attending the camp.

As always, the gap between private and public school holidays has proved to make planning a year planner that suits all extremely difficult, but you will note that there are weekends off from scouts where you can take a rest from the troop.

As always, patrol camps and hikes may be run which are not shown on this year planner. Each patrol should be running at least 2 day hikes, 2 overnight hikes or camps and 4 patrol activities during the year. Patrol Leaders will provide information as to when these events will occur.

Please also note that we are on camp the first week back at scouts. This camp will be run by Ricardo Peneda and will be part of his Springbok Scout Award. Details will be sent out shortly.

#### Annual Consent Form

Also attached to this letter is an annual consent form for 2009. This should be filled in and returned as quickly as possible. Please note that scouts who have not returned their annual consent form by the end of January 2009 will not be allowed to partake in scout activities. I would encourage you all to return these forms this year if possible. Families with brothers in them should note that each scout needs his own annual consent form.

#### 80<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Badges

Campfire badges celebrating the troop's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday are now available at R20,00 a badge. Please contact either me or Penny Lucas if you would like to order a badge. Unfortunately these badges may not be worn on your uniform but may be put on your campfire blanket etc.

#### Scout Uniform

Please also remember that a concerted effort is currently underway to ensure uniformity within the Group. By now everyone should have a proper shirt, scarf, woggle, pants and belt. Please note that proper scout socks and black school shoes need to be in place by 23 January 2009, and all pocket contents, including green cards, need to be in place by 20 February 2009. You should also have a look at your camp uniform. Each scout should have at least one 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview golf shirt and a set of black rugby shorts for camps.

#### Subs

Please remember that the new financial year commenced in October 2008 and that invested scouts should start making arrangements to pay their subs. Roughly two months have already passed and we need to pay our annual capitation to HQ. Invoices and a letter from the committee on how subs are calculated should be sent out with this letter. Visitors to the troop are only liable for subs once they have been invested. Scouts leaving the troop will not be invoiced for the full year.

#### Final Words

May I take this opportunity to wish all in the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2009. Those going on long trips please be careful on the roads. Have a fantastic rest and I look forward to seeing you at scouts in January.

Yours in scouting.

Andrew Campbell

# **1ST BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP 2009 YEAR**

## **PLANNER**

### **JANUARY**

16 Scouts Opens  
 16 – 18 Springbok Camp –  
 Ricardo Peneda  
 25 District Canoe Polo

### **FEBRUARY**

7 – 8 Basic Canoe Charge ✕  
 7 – 8 Patrol Hike – Sable  
 Patrol \*  
 22 BP Sunday & Gala

### **MARCH**

6 – 8 Kontiki  
 14 White Stripe Dinner \*  
 27<sup>th</sup> District Challenge  
 28 – 29 PLs Camp \*

### **APRIL**

3 – 5 Hike  
 2 – 11 PLTU \*  
 9 – 13 Scouts closed for Easter  
 17 Troop Night Hike  
 19 Springbok Parade

### **MAY**

1 Scouts Closed for  
 Worker's Day  
 9 Oars / Sailing Charge  
 Theory ✕  
 16 – 17 Kim Shield  
 22 Cub Night Hike

### **JUNE**

12 – 16 Survival Camp  
 20 Oars Charge Practical ✕  
 26 Scouts closes

### **JULY**

10 Scouts re-opens  
 17 – 19 Tarzan Camp  
 31 District Boot Hike

### **AUGUST**

1 Sailing Charge Practical  
 ✕  
 14 Troop Cooking Compo  
 28 – 30 Troop Competition  
 Camp

### **SEPTEMBER**

4 – 6 Advanced / Powerboat  
 Charge ✕  
 4 – 6 Hike  
 12 – 13 Chairman's Challenge \*  
 18 – 20 District Compo Camp

### **OCTOBER**

3 District Pioneering  
 Competition  
 10 Provincial Competition

### **NOVEMBER**

Good luck with the exams!

### **DECEMBER**

11 – 16 Cycle Camp  
 12 – 21 PLTU \*

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\* These events are by invitation only and are not open to all members of the troop.

✕ Charge certificates are advanced courses run by Province which allow the holder to run water activities. Generally scouts need to be 14 ½ or older to attend, and the COH needs to approve any scout who wants to complete one of these courses.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL PARENT CONSENT AND INDEMNITY

To: The Scouter 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview Scout Group

I, (full name of parent / Legal Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_,  
of (address) \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel No: 011 \_\_\_\_\_(H), 011 \_\_\_\_\_(W) \_\_\_\_\_(C) being the  
mother / father /legal guardian of (scout's full name) \_\_\_\_\_,

hereby request you to allow him to take part all in the activities connected with the **1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview Scout Group** during the running of NORMAL PACK/TROOP/CREW meetings from 1 January 2009 to 31 January 2010, and further acknowledge that this consent extends to activities held during normal PACK/TROOP/CREW meeting times but not held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview Scout Hall itself. Such activities could include visits with other troops, scavenger hunts, wide games, ten-pin bowling, action cricket, mini-golf etc and any other activities as outlined below.

I hereby appoint and authorise the Scouter in charge to act in my place as Guardian with full authority to consent to my son/ward/daughter undergoing necessary 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 son's/ward's own risk.

I am aware that neither the Scout Association of South Africa nor its Scouters accept responsibility for any loss, injury or damage that the person or property of my son/ward may sustain whilst engaged in any Scouting activity and I waive any right that I or my son/ward may have to claim compensation against the Scout Association of South Africa or any of its Scouters or other members in respect of any loss, injury or damage incurred whilst engaged in any activity howsoever arising and whether as a result of negligence or otherwise and I indemnify them against all such claims.

I am aware that the scout programme is an active and adventure-filled one, which includes dangerous activities such as (but not limited to) abseiling, water activities, caving, pioneering, orienteering, flying, swimming, paintballing, stalking, night hikes and camping. I am aware that a wealth of scout literature on these activities may be viewed at [www.scouting.org.za](http://www.scouting.org.za) and that I can discuss any concerns that I may have with the programme content with the Troop Scouter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_

#### MEDICAL AID DETAILS:

NAME OF MEDICAL AID SCHEME:	_____
MEDICAL AID NUMBER:	_____
NAME OF MEMBER:	_____
NAME OF DOCTOR:	_____
DOCTOR'S CONTACT NUMBER:	_____