



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

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## TROOP COMPO CAMP AND 80<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATIONS

Dear Parents and scouts

### COMPETITION CAMP

The annual troop competition camp will be held next weekend (1 – 3 August 2008) at Gilbanken Campsite near Bronkhorstspuit. This is one of the toughest events on the troop calendar and is a real test of the skills of each patrol.

The cost of the camp is R150,00 per person, which will include camping fees, equipment for the camp and all food for the weekend except Friday dinner. Scouts who experience financial difficulties may approach the committee via chairman Penny Lucas on 083 267 6853, who will be able to arrange assistance for deserving scouts. I would encourage all scouts to attend the event, it is very difficult for a patrol to properly compete if they are under-strength. If a patrol decides not to enter the competition, the members of that patrol who still want to attend the camp may approach me to join up with another patrol. There will be no scouts on 1 August 2008 for those who are not attending the camp.

Patrol leaders need to contact me and obtain an entry form which needs to be completed and handed to me by no later than Sunday 27 July 2008 at 20h00. As such, scouts who want to attend the camp should reply to their patrol leader by no later than 13h00 on Sunday.

A full kit list and consent forms will be provided to the Patrol Leader once his patrol has been entered. It is the PL's responsibility to distribute this to his patrol.

Patrol Leaders also need to make their own arrangements in respect of transporting their patrol and equipment to and from the campsite. Directions to the venue are available on request. Patrols need to be in camp by no later than 18h00. Scouts may be collected at the scout hall at 16h00 on Sunday. Please note that scouts need to pack their equipment away before they can be collected.

### 80<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATIONS

By now you should be aware that on 26 July 2008 the scouts will be going to Gold Reef City to celebrate the troop's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The scouts are meeting at the hall at 09h00 and should return at about 17h00. There will then be a bring 'n braai at the hall until about 19h00. Scouts who cannot attend all day are welcome to come and go, provided that they keep their PL informed as to their movements.

On 4 October there will be a formal dinner to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup>. The hike scheduled for this date will be postponed. Please pencil this date in on your calendar, we would like the entire scout group to attend. Penny Lucas can be contacted in respect of further details and tickets.

A final reminder that designs for the troop badge celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> need to be submitted by not later than the end of July.

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours in scouting.

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