



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

DISA ROAD, BEDFORDVIEW

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10 September 2008

Ref: Troop 2008/9

## RE: LINK CAMP 20 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2008

Dear prospective scouts

Scouting is about fun, adventure and forging friendships in the great out-doors. The scouting trail will offer you the chance to go on hikes and camps around the country, jamborees around the world and to do activities such as boating, abseiling, orienteering, paintballing, scuba diving and flying which other boys can only dream of doing.

Scouting is also about becoming something different to your peers at school. When you decide to become a scout, you commit to a scout promise which you will have to try and live up to for the rest of your life. The promise is the most important part of being a scout, and making it commits you several things, including always helping others (even those you don't like), not swearing and always doing your best.

This is a big commitment on your part, and to help you to decide whether or not you want to become a scout we will be running a link camp on 20 and 21 September 2008. On this camp you will learn what it is to be a scout, you will learn some basic scout skills and you will have a great deal of fun in the process. You will also cover all the requirements needed to become a scout or (if you are a cub) to earn your link badge, except for the visits to the troop on Friday evenings (you need to visit the troop at least 3 times before you can become a scout). Please note that one of the requirements of the link badge is that you attend a link camp like this one, so all cubs over the age of 10 ½ who are considering going up to scouts are encouraged to attend, even if they are as yet uncertain as to whether they want to join scouts. The next link camp will probably be held next year.

The camp will take place at the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview Scout Hall grounds in Disa Road, Bedfordview and will commence at 09h00 on Saturday 20 September. You will have finished the camp by 13h00 on Sunday 21 September.

The cost of the camp is R80,00 per person. This will cover the costs of the camp, including Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. If you cannot afford the camp fee, please contact Penny Lucas, our committee chairman on 083 267 6853, and the committee will decide whether or not they can offer you financial assistance. Such requests will be kept strictly confidential.

be prepared.....

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**Troop Scouter:** Andrew Campbell 084 758 4189 ([advcampbell@mwebbiz.co.za](mailto:advcampbell@mwebbiz.co.za))  
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You will need to bring the following on the camp:

- Your duly completed consent form (attached)
- Your R80,00
- A sleeping bag, small pillow and ground mattress
- Two t-shirts
- Two sets of underwear
- Two sets of socks
- Shorts
- A hat
- Shoes
- Warm clothing (for the evening)
- A campfire blanket (only if you have one)
- A mess-kit (knife, fork, spoon, mug, plate, bowl, washing equipment)
- A towel
- A bathroom bag (soap, sponge, toothpaste and toothbrush, deodorant etc)
- A notebook and pen/pencil
- A torch
- Any personal medication, together with directions on how to use it

Please note that if you are a cub you must please arrive and leave camp in full cub uniform. I suggest that you bring a hanger to put your uniform on whilst you are not using it.

It would be appreciated if you could reply to me by no later than Sunday 14 September so that we can plan the catering of the camp. My telephone number and email address appear at the bottom of the first page of this letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in scouting.

Andrew Campbell

SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION  
GAUTENG AREA  
NORTH RAND DISTRICT  
**CONSENT FORM**

To: The Scouter 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview 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 Link Camp to be held at 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview Scout Hall, Disa Road, Bedfordview from Saturday the 20 September 2008 to Sunday 21 September 2008.

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 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 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)

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DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008