



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

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Ref: Troop 2009/2

## RE: Upcoming Events

Dear Scouts and parents

### Swimming

On Friday 13 and 20 February 2009 the troop will be completing the requirements for the various scout swimming badges. Copies of the requirements for the badges are attached to this letter.

We will meet at the scout hall at 19h00 in full scout uniform on both evenings, and we will finish the evenings at the scout hall at 21h45. Please remember to bring a swimming costume and towel along.

Boys without any swimming badge will be tested on the Swimming Scoutcraft Badge. In addition to a swimming costume and towel, candidates for this badge must please ensure that they bring along socks, shorts, a shirt and a tracksuit. These items will be getting wet.

Scouts who have passed the Swimming Scoutcraft Badge may attempt the Swimmer Interest Badge.

Those who have passed the Swimmer Badge or who will not be swimming must please bring along their green cards. An attempt will be made at advancing these scouts. We are also attempting to get in a tester for the Lifesaver Badge, but this has not yet been finalised.

The Annual Consent Form covers the swimming activity, but scouts who have not yet filled in an annual consent form will regrettably not be allowed to swim.

### Consent Forms

Several scouts have still not filled in an Annual Consent Form. Please note that if you attend scouts and do not have this form you will not be allowed to partake in any scouting activities.

Attached to this letter is a blank annual consent form for those who have lost theirs. Blank forms will also be available at the scout hall and may be filled in when you are dropped at scouts. Please note that only your legal guardian may sign the Annual Consent Form, so if your legal guardian is not dropping you at scouts, please ensure that they have signed the form before you leave for the hall.

### Kontiki Prep

There will be a Kontiki Preparation session at the hall on Sunday 15 February from 12h00 until 17h00. Equipment will be sorted out and marked for Kontiki. As always, the Court of Honour will be looking carefully at those who attend the preparation sessions to determine who will get a place on the raft. Please bring a packed lunch along. If you cannot attend the entire session, pop down for an hour or two, every bit of help is needed!



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**Troop Quartermaster:** Nicholas Westhoff 082 876 3930

### Recruitment Drive

The troop will be conducting a recruitment drive at Bedfordview Primary School during next week. Ricardo Peneda will be organising a static display as one of the last requirements for his Springbok Scout Award, and as such support for this endeavour will be greatly appreciated.

We will be meeting at the scout hall at 14h30 on Monday afternoon to construct the project. There will be a presentation at the Bedfordview Primary School Hall at 07h30 on the Wednesday and the scouts will then meet at 14h30 on the Wednesday afternoon at the school hall to take the project down. Please advise Ricardo if you can assist and, if so, when you will be available to help.

### BP Sunday and Gala

The annual BP Sunday and Northrand District Gala will take place at St Benedict's College on Sunday 22 February 2009. We will be meeting at the Bedfordview Spar Parking lot, cnr Nicol & Skeen, Bedfordview at 10h45 unless it is raining, in which case we will meet at the St Benedict's College School Hall at the same time. Dress is full scout uniform or school uniform if you are not invested.

The BP Sunday celebrations will be followed by the annual Northrand District Gala at 13h00, to be held in the indoor swimming pool at St Benedict's. The gala is scheduled to finish at 15h00. Food and beverage will be on sale at the gala and parents are more than welcome to enjoy the day with us.

Separate consent forms for this event have been attached to the end of this letter. Please bring them with you, duly completed, to BP Sunday.

As is tradition, permission has been obtained for scouts and cubs to wear their scout uniforms to school on Friday 20 February 2009.

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell

## SWIMMING SCOUTCRAFT BADGE



1. Swim 100 metres in any overarm or crawl style.
2. Swim 50 metres in clothes (shirt, shorts and socks as minimum) and undress in the water with the feet off the bottom.
3. Swim 50 metres on the breast and 50 metres on the back (either hands clasped or arms folded in front) and then a further 50 metres any style making 150 metres in all.
4. Take clothes off on shore. Enter water feet first. Carry shirt in teeth or hand. Swim 10 metres. Swing one end of the shirt into the hands of a 'drowning' person. Tow him to the shore.
5. Demonstrate, by means of 'clothing inflation', a method of remaining afloat for three minutes.
6. Execute a reasonable dive into the water from the side of the pool.
7. Dive from the surface of the water and recover with both hands an object from the bottom. The water is not to be more than 2 metres deep.

## SWIMMER INTEREST BADGE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have passed the Swimming Scoutcraft Badge or complete all the requirements for it.
2. Swim 250 metres in any overarm or crawl style.
3. Swim the following using the correct style:
  - a) 50 metres backstroke
  - b) 50 metres breaststroke
  - c) 50 metres butterfly
  - d) 50 metres lifesaving kick.
4. Swim at least one kilometre using any stroke or combination of strokes.
5. Perform the following dives:
  - a) racing dive from the edge of the pool;
  - b) neat dive from a springboard.
6. Satisfy the examiner that you are capable of instructing a non-swimmer in the basic principles of swimming.
7. Explain to the examiner the safety rules and regulations governing swimming in the sea, lakes, dams and rivers.

# 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, staking, 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:	_____

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## CONSENT FORM

To: The Scouter of.....Scout Group

I, (Full names of Legal Guardian)

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of (Address) .....

.....Postal Code .....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\* .....**B.P. Sunday Parade and Swimming Gala**

held at ...**St Benedicts School, Harcus Road, Bedfordview** .....

from .....**22-02-2009**.....to ...**22-02-2009** .....

I hereby appoint and authorise the Scouter in charge to act in my place as Guardian  
with full authority to consent to my ward undergoing surgical and 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 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: .....  
(Legal Guardian)

WITNESS: .....

DATED this ..... day of .....2009