



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

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## RE: Annual Troop Boot Hike

Dear Scouts and parents

The annual troop boot hike will be taking place on the evening of Friday 17 April 2009 in the Greater Bedfordview Area. As always, the event will be a challenge but should also prove to be a great deal of fun.

At the request of numerous scouts, the event will also offer the opportunity to be tested on various items in the scout advancement programme. Patrol Leaders who successfully lead their patrols in completion of all the bases on the hike may have item 4 of their Explorer Badges (the Explorer Incident Hike) signed off.

The hike will also offer Pathfinder and Adventurer scouts the opportunity to be tested on various items, including first aid and pioneering. There will also be large number of points up for grabs, which will be added to your total for the year.

Scouts must meet at the scout hall in full scout uniform at 17h45 on Friday 17 April 2009. Dinner will be provided, as will a light breakfast. Scouts may be collected at 08h30 on Saturday morning. You will be sleeping at the scout hall.

The cost of the evening is R30,00 per person. Each scout must also ensure that he has the following items with him:

- A change of clothes (old clothes which can be damaged are preferable)
- Warm clothing (a jacket, long pants and a beanie are suggested)
- A sleeping bag, pillow and ground mattress
- A duly completed consent form (attached)
- Any personal medication
- Snacks and bribes
- A water bottle
- A basic toiletry kit (soap, deodorant, toothbrush etc)
- A basic mess kit (plate, bowl, mug, cutlery etc)
- A torch with spare batteries
- A small bag to carry everything in

Your sleeping equipment, mess kit and toiletry kit may be left at the scout hall.

Patrol Leaders will be provided with a patrol kit-list upon receipt of their patrol's entry. They should be aware of the following though:

- Patrols need to organise transport to their first base. This transport should be ready to leave the scout hall at roughly 19h00. The base will be in the Greater Bedfordview Area.

be prepared....

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- One of the bases will be the building of a monkey bridge. You will have 45 minutes to build the project, and 10 minutes to take it down. An anchorage point will be provided. Rough plans will be provided upon receipt of your team's entry, but I strongly suggest that you start planning the project if you want to complete it successfully. Remember that for your Explorer you must successfully complete the bases in question.
- Start thinking about a STA kit.
- I suggest you collect the R30,00 from members of your patrol before the hike to avoid non-payment, especially if there are visitors in your patrol.
- You will be cooking your own dinner. Please ensure your cooking equipment is clean and ready to use.

As always, friends who are of scout-going age are welcome to attend this event provided they have completed the relevant consent forms. Remember that this event is a challenge and as such very small patrols may struggle to successfully complete all the tasks, so an extra hand or two could be of great help.

We normally set up roving patrols of parents who drive along the route of the hike to ensure that all is well and so that scouts have got access to help if need be. The job of these parents is not to shadow the scouts, observing their every move, but every 40 minutes or so to do a drive-past to ensure all is OK. If you would like to assist with this, please let me know. The actual hike is scheduled to be over by 01:00.

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell

**ANNUAL TROOP BOOT HIKE ENTRY FORM  
2009**

**PATROL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PL FOR THE EVENING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PL'S EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PL'S CONTACT NUMBERS:** \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (h)

**DETAILS OF PATROL:**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT NUMBER</b>
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Please send in only one form per patrol. The PL should be responsible for sending in this form. If you have more than 6 people in your patrol, please add their names and details below.