



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

DISA ROAD, BEDFORDVIEW

PO BOX 16117  
DOWERGLLEN  
1612

16 April 2010  
Ref: Troop 2010/03

## Re: 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2010

Dear scouts and parents

Welcome back after the Easter break. Hopefully by now you have all got your World Cup tickets and are ready to take on the new term with renewed vigour.

Please take note of the following announcements:

### Parents Function:

On Friday 16 April 2010 the committee has invited all cubs, scouts and parents to join them for a free hamburger and a chin wag. This is a great chance for parents to meet each other and to raise any concerns that they may have with the committee. Scouts will commence at 19h00 and end at 21h30.

Please join us for this informal gathering. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Springbok Award Parade:

On Sunday 18 April 2010 Ricardo Peneda will be presented with his Springbok Certificate by the Chief Scout of South Africa at Gilwell in Florida. Ricardo has given a great deal to the troop and I think it is only fitting that the troop help him celebrate his achievement.

The function will commence at 13h30 and should be over by 15h00. Dress is full uniform and a light tea will be provided. Scouts who wish to attend should advise me by Saturday at 10h00 so that the necessary catering arrangements can be made.

### Camp Scheduled for 23 to 25 April 2010:

A camp is scheduled for next weekend. At present we are looking at two possible options for the format of the camp.

The first proposal is that the camp be run at the Eastleigh Quarry behind the Edenvale Hyperama and will focus on learning about boating, canoeing and other water



**Troop Scouter:**  
**Assistant Troop Scouters:**

Andrew Campbell 084 758 4189 ([advcampbell@mwebbiz.co.za](mailto:advcampbell@mwebbiz.co.za))  
Mark Brown 082 788 0139 ([Mark.brown@mweb.co.za](mailto:Mark.brown@mweb.co.za))

activities. If you enjoy boating and learning about water craft, then this proposal is for you.

The second proposal is an orienteering camp to be run at either Saddle Creek near Eikenhof or at the scout campsite in Delta Park. You will be taught the ins and outs of the popular sport of orienteering and partake in a mini-orienteering exercise. If you enjoy maps, athletics and hiking then this option is for you.

The camp will cost R170,00 per person irrespective of which venue is utilised. In order to make the camp economically viable we need at least 10 scouts on the camp.

The intended cost of the camp is R150,00 per person, and will include all meals except Friday dinner. A decision will be made on Monday evening as to whether or not the camp will be run and if so which option will be run. To this end, you will need to RSVP by 17h00 at the latest if you want to attend. Please do so by returning the reply slip at the end of this letter. A message will go out on Tuesday as to what is happening with the camp. My contact details appear at the foot of this letter.

#### Kim Shield:

The popular Kim Shield competition will be run at a secret venue north of Johannesburg on 15 to 16 May 2010. The entry fee is R50,00 per person which includes camping fees and an event badge but which excludes food and transport. I would imagine that the entire event will cost between R170 and R200 per person.

Entries need to be in by 7 May 2010, and as such if you are keen on attending the event, please let your PL know ASAP. The event will be discussed at the Court of Honour scheduled for this coming Monday, so it would be appreciated if a firm commitment could be made prior to Monday evening. The reply slip also deals with Kim's Shield.

PLs should note that Kim Shield counts as an overnight patrol event for star patrol.

#### General Comments on Scout Events:

I have been asked a number of questions pertaining to scout camps and would like to make a general comment on who can attend camps.

Generally scout camps are open to all scouts or friends of scouts between the ages of 10 ½ and 18. You will be advised if a camp is "closed".

Invested cubs cannot attend scout camps until they have been invested as scouts, even if they are visiting the troop or are over the age of 11. The one exception is a Link Camp. This is due to SASA's rules and regulations.

There is a scout committee who can assist deserving invested scouts who wish to attend camps but cannot afford to do so. Applications for financial aid will be treated confidentially and will be considered by the committee, who will make a call as to whether aid should be extended and, if so, in what amount. The committee may similarly be approached to assist with scout uniforms or annual subs. The current

chairperson is Marie-Louise Giannoccaro, who can be contacted on 082 457 1820. Please remember to motivate your application for financial assistance properly. Please also note that only in exceptional circumstances will the committee assist with 100% of the cost of a camp etc, generally the applicant is expected to similarly “come to the party” to some extent.

#### Cellphones:

The troop has recently had a series of incidents involving cellphones. Please note that cellphones are banned at troop meetings and camps. If you insist on bringing your cellphone on Friday evenings, it must be switched off at all times and stored in a safe place (not on you where it is likely to be damaged.) Failure to adhere to this will result in the confiscation of the cellphone.

Scouts who bring cellphones on camp should switch them off and hand them to the scouter in charge of the camp prior to departure. The scouter will return them at the end of the camp. Cellphones not handed in will be confiscated.

Part of the joy of camping and scouting in general is getting away from it all. You can do without your girlfriend for one weekend and parents should note that most teenagers are very embarrassed by their parents and calls on camp to check how your son is doing generally do not go down well. In addition they interrupt the programme and create an unwelcome distraction on camp. If something serious happens to your son you will be contacted and advised of the situation. No news is good news.

In no way does SASA or its scouters accept any responsibility for damaged, stolen or lost cellphones. Rather be safe and leave them at home than take a risk.

#### World Jamboree:

I am reliably advised that all six applicants from the troop who wish to attend the 2011 World Jamboree have been accepted. A meeting with the parents of the applicants will be held after scouts on Friday 23 April (unless the camp is run, in which case the meeting will be postponed). Congratulations to all the applicants.

#### Group Fun Day:

More information will be provided shortly, but please all pencil the 30<sup>th</sup> of May into your diary. Cubs, scouts, rovers and parents will all be meeting for a day of fun at the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve near Heidelberg.

In addition to being a great deal of fun, this is an opportunity for parents to see what goes on at scouts and to spend some quality time with your family.

#### Communication:

Are you receiving scout newsletters via email? If not, please let Gaynor Du Toit know what your email address is and she can add you to our mailing list. Gaynor's email is [gaynord@za.ibm.com](mailto:gaynord@za.ibm.com). Make sure you know what is going on!

Upcoming Events:

<b>16 April</b>	<b>Informal committee function</b>
<b>18 April</b>	<b>Springbok Parade</b>
<b>19 April</b>	<b>RSVP to Troop Camp</b>
<b>24 – 27 April</b>	<b>Possible Troop Camp</b>
<b>15 – 16 May</b>	<b>Kim Shield</b>
<b>28 May</b>	<b>Cub Night Hike</b>
<b>30 May</b>	<b>Group Fun Day</b>
<b>4 June</b>	<b>Troop Boot Hike – last meeting of the term</b>
<b>16 July</b>	<b>Scout reopens</b>

---

**REPLY SLIP**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full names) **would / would not** like to apply to attend the camp scheduled to be held from 23 to 25 April 2010.

I would prefer the **boating camp / orienteering camp** to be run  
My parents **can / cannot** assist with transport if necessary.

I **would / would not** like to attend Kim Shield scheduled to be held on 15 and 16 May 2010.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home tel: 011 \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it by no later than 17h00 on Monday 19 April 2010.