



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

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## Re: Kontiki 2011

Dear scouts and parents

Next week is the troop will be taking part in Kontiki 2011, along with an estimated 3000 cubs, scouts, guides and rovers from around Gauteng.

### Scouts not attending Kontiki and family who want to visit:

Ten scouts from the troop will be camping / rafting at the event. The remaining seven scouts are welcome to attend as "day visitors", and to this end directions to Kontiki can be found at the end of this letter. ALL visitors will require a Kontiki badge or entry pass (available at the gates at R50,00 while stocks last). Parents, friends and family are also more than welcome to visit and see what it is all about.

There will be no normal scout meeting next week. Scouts who are not taking part in Kontiki are welcome (and indeed encouraged) to come over to Kontiki and to help with the building of the raft on the Friday evening. The gates close at 23h00 on Friday evening and visitors will need to be out of Murray Park by this time.

On Saturday the launch of the raft will take place at 11h00 and thereafter visitors are welcome to take part in the beaver challenge, a series of fun activities run as part of the competition. On Sunday the rafts will come ashore at 11h00 and thereafter will be deconstructed. Visitors helping with the deconstruction are encouraged to bring an old screwdriver as this is invaluable in loosening tight lashings.

Full details of the Kontiki Programme can be found in the Kontiki booklet at [www.kontiki.scouting.org.za](http://www.kontiki.scouting.org.za). Invested cubs and scouts visiting Kontiki should wear full scout uniform when visiting Kontiki.

### Scouts partaking in Kontiki:

Robert has asked that scouts meet at the scout hall as close to 13h30 as possible to assist with the loading of the equipment onto the truck. I am aware that attendance at school places limits as to when you can arrive, but would ask that you make an effort to get there as soon as possible. Pack your bags the night before so that you can go directly to the scout hall after school. Do not forget your scout uniform and consent form!

Robert would appreciate it if you can all give him an estimate as to what time you will be at the hall to ensure that we have enough transport for everyone at a suitable time. All scouts should travel to and from Kontiki in full scout uniform.

We expect to be back at the scout hall at 16h00 on Sunday afternoon. Equipment will have to be unloaded and this is not going to be an easy task given that voter registration will be taking place at the same time.

be prepared....

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The event will cost R110,00 per person and will include transport to the venue and food for the weekend. This **excludes** the R35,00 for your badge which you should pay by no later than 25 February 2011.

We will be running both a raft and a campsite this year. Please ensure that you pack all the equipment set out in the kitlist below. Please also remember your official Kontiki Consent Form, which will be given to you on Friday 25 February 2011. Normal consent forms will regrettably not be accepted. If you lose your consent form you can print out another one from [www.kontiki.scouting.org.za](http://www.kontiki.scouting.org.za).

In years gone past we have experienced problems with scouts not following the rules of Kontiki. If you follow the scout law you should be fine. Please note though that the Kontiki campsite is an alcohol-free zone and your bags and the vehicles which transport you may be searched by members of the SAPS, who will have a presence at the campsite for the entire weekend.

BB guns, cattles and other “weapons of war” are strictly forbidden, as is any form of drugs. Socially unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated.

In the past teams have been disqualified and banned from future Kontikis as a result of scouts not adhering to the scout law and the rules of Kontiki. This troop has never suffered this indignity and I trust that there will be no problems this year.

Kit List:

- Your Kontiki Consent Form
- Sleeping bag, pillow and ground mattress
- A raincoat (more Kontikis than not it pours!)
- Warm clothing (days are generally hot, nights are often cold)
- Full scout uniform and a hanger to put it on. Try to sew your kontiki badge onto your shirt before you arrive.
- Three changes of clothes (shirts, socks, underwear and pants). If you have a troop t-shirt bring it along.
- Sleepwear
- A hat and a water bottle
- A toiletry bag with soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, a comb, insect repellent and sunscreen
- A messkit with a plate, knife, fork, spoon, bowl and mug.
- A swimming costume and towel (there is a swimming pool on site)
- Your green card, a notebook and a pen
- An old set of takkies or sandals that strap onto your feet for wearing around the dam (there may be broken glass in the water)
- A torch
- A waterproof bag to carry everything in (especially useful on the water)
- A plastic bag for litter / laundry
- A small amount of pocket money (optional – but there is a tuckshop on shore)
- An old screwdriver to help dismantle the raft

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Robert on 071 856 6222 / 011 450 2444 or me.

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell

### DIRECTIONS TO KONTIKI (MURRAY PARK, SPRINGS)

From the N12 (heading East), take the R51 Springs / Daveyton off-ramp and travel South in the direction of Springs. Travel through 4 robot intersections and then take the first road to left – into Murray Park. If you pass under the railway bridge you have gone too far.

