



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Re: General News

Dear scouts and parents

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and as such this will be one of the last newsletters before the festive season.

AGM:

A reminder to all that next week will be the Group AGM. The Committee has altered the time of this meeting to 18h30. I am aware that this timing is not suitable for everyone, but if you cannot be at the meeting at 18h30 please come later, it is better to have you late than not at all! The meeting will be followed by an informal braai.

Scouts are asked to be in full scout uniform as a number of awards will be made at the AGM and the Group Photograph will be taken at the conclusion of the AGM.

Visit to the Modderfontein Emergency Centre:

We will be spending the evening of 11 November 2011 at the Modderfontein Emergency Centre, where the cub night hike was run last year. At the Centre we will be learning how to fight fires properly and we will be covering the requirements of the Fire Fighter Badge. This will include putting out fires with fire fighting equipment. The evening will be run by qualified personnel who train fire fighters. The evening obviously involves an element of risk though and for this reason you will need to complete the attached consent form if you want to take part in this evening.



The jet-fuel used for the fires which you will be fighting is fairly expensive and for this reason the evening is going to cost the troop R1 000,00. Due to the cost the evening will only be run if at least ten scouts attend. The cost of the evening will be divided amongst the scouts attending and will not exceed R100,00. Potential scouts are welcome to attend, provided they have a consent form and RSVP timeously. The troop reserves the right to limit the number of scouts attending for safety reasons and applicants will be treated on a first-come-first-served basis. Could all scouts please RSVP to me by no later than Friday 4 November 2011 so that our booking at the Centre can be confirmed. I will confirm the cost of the evening with the scouts who will be attending after the 4th.

We will be meeting at the Centre at 19h00 sharp and you can be collected at 21h45 from the same venue. I would recommend trying to get to the venue before 19h00 as the evening will be a busy one. Scouts should arrive in full scout uniform. Please bring a change of clothing to be worn during the evening, bearing in mind that fighting fires is a hot and dirty business.

To get to the Centre, follow these directions:



be prepared.....

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- Take the N3 North from Bedfordview
- Take the Modderfontein exit and turn right (towards Kempton Park)
- Pass a bike dealership on your left (keep on going straight along Modderfontein Road)
- Just after the bike dealership the road forks, take the left fork (the exit towards Modderfontein)
- Pass straight through the traffic light
- After the speed hump the road forks. Take the right fork (Valley Road). There are signs for the golf course and Thornhill Estate
- Pass straight through the traffic circle at the entrance to Thornhill Estate (ie take the 2nd exit)
- Pass over the stop street (Centenary Road)
- Pass under the Gautrain
- At the traffic circle turn left (ie take the first exit and head north)
- Follow the road (the Gautrain runs parallel on your left) until you see the Emergency Centre on your right. The entrance is a dirt road marked by yellow concrete blocks.
- If you reach the factory gates you have gone too far, double back for a couple of hundred metres.
- Please call me if you get lost. The Emergency Centre is in Ardeer Road if you need to stop for directions.

As mentioned, the requirements of the Fire Fighter Badge will be completed on this evening. The badge requirements can be found at the end of this letter. Although you will receive all the training required for the badge, attending the evening does not guarantee you that you will earn the badge. You will need to convince the examiners that you are worthy of the badge and that you will be a help rather than a hindrance in an emergency involving fire. As such, please look over the requirements before you arrive at the evening.

Fundraiser for Ant Hoines:

A huge thanks to those of you who went to the trouble of selling raffle tickets for the Anthony Murray Hoines Fund. The raffle was drawn at a ladies tea, also in aid of the Fund. Together the tea and the raffle raised some R43 000,00!

The helicopter flip was won by Nikki Chapman, the travel vouchers by Nicole Ritchie, the two night vacation was won by Paula Westhoff, the Honey goodie package by Monique Els, the Mugg and Bean voucher by Renaldo Geldenhys and the Debonaires voucher by Gia.

In other news Bedfordview Rover David Reid has just returned from a trip up Mt Kilimonjaro. He and his fellow climbers managed to get sponsors for the trip and raised a further R25 567,00 for the Fund. Well done Dave!

November

4 Group AGM

December

2 Last meeting of the year

3 White Stripe Dinner

9 – 13 Troop Holiday

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell

FIREFIGHTER INTEREST BADGE

1. List the first steps that should be taken on the outbreak of a fire, or hazardous situation. Show that you know:
 - a) The telephone number of the local Fire Brigade, Police Station, ambulance, etc.
 - b) The different ways of reporting a fire, the procedure to be followed and the information to be given when reporting a fire or hazardous situation to any of the above emergency services.
2. Explain the "triangle of combustion" and how taking away one of the factors will put out the fire. Explain the ways in which fires can spread. Explain the principles of ventilation at the scene of a fire.
3. Draw up a list of the main causes of fires in the home. Explain how to guard against each.
4. Make a fire-safety inspection of your home. Ask your parents to help and then prepare the following:
 - a) List the things that could start a fire. Use a home fire-safety check-list. Get one of your parents/guardians to sign this.
 - b) List how much and where there is any petrol, cleaning fluid, paint thinners, or other inflammables.
 - c) List which materials in 4.b. were stored unsafely. Explain what you did to correct this.
 - d) List the things in your home that could be used to put out fires.
 - e) Plan for the evacuation of your home.
5. Explain how to set about the evacuation of a building that is on fire.
6. Describe five different classes of fire and know the different types of extinguishing media that may be used on each.
7. Explain how to use the following common types of extinguishers:
 - a) carbon dioxide;
 - b) dry powder;
 - c) foam;
 - d) water-type.
8. Explain:
 - a) How to assist in preventing panic.
 - b) What action to take to minimise injury to yourself when caught in a closely-packed crowd (eg when in a cinema and a fire alarm is sounded).
9. Discuss the hazards and the correct storage of inflammable liquids and gasses in the home. List the extra precautions to take if such liquids and gasses are known to be present in a house which is on fire.
10. Do the following:
 - a) Explain how to set up camp so that it is safe from fire.
 - b) Describe the fire equipment you need before lighting a fire in camp or in the veld.
 - c) Explain how veld and forest fires start. Explain what is done to prevent them. Tell how you can help.
 - d) Explain what to do if fire breaks out on a camping or hiking trip.
 - e) Explain how a veld fire can be fought, particularly with improvised equipment.
 - f) Demonstrate the fireman's drag and fireman's lift.
11. Discuss the dangers of smoke asphyxiation and show how to move through a smoke filled building.
12. Demonstrate the following:
 - a) How to carry out a search through a smoke-filled building.
 - b) How to save a person whose clothes are on fire.
 - c) How to improvise and how to use a line to lower persons.

