



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

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## Re: General News

Dear scouts and parents

### Congratulations:

Congratulations to Tristan Quigley on achieving his Swimmers Badge and to William Booysen on obtaining his Firefighter Badge.

Several scouts were also honoured at the recent AGM. Ryan Borrett, Dylan Campbell, Douglas Grossett, Robert Jones, Daniel Louw, Keegan Reynolds, Ross Robertson, Robin Serafino and Dean Theron all received recognition for having attendance of 75% or better. Dean Theron had the best attendance for the year, Robin Serafino was the most improved scout for the year and Douglas Grossett was named scout of the year. Wildebeest Patrol won the inter-patrol competition for 2010/2011.

Congratulations to all of you.



**The Group Photograph taken at the 2011 AGM**

be prepared....

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### Firefighter Badge:

At the recent trip to the SAEC Centre training for most of the requirements for the Firefighter Badge was completed, and I hope to be able to hand out 20 firefighter badges in the near future.



**A firey adventure at the SAEC Centre**

Scouts who want to be tested on the badge can approach me before or after scouts. Please note that item 4 of the badge

needs to be completed at home (the creation of a fire-safety list for your home). Bring your lists to scouts when you want to be tested on the badge, I cannot test the badge without your lists. I have again attached the requirements of the firefighter badge so that you can ensure that you are 100% up to speed when you are tested.

### Northrand District Cooking Competition:

The NRD Cooking Competition, which was postponed earlier this year, will be run on Friday 2 December at the 1<sup>st</sup> Kengray Scout Hall in Highland Road, Kensington from 17h30 to 21h00. The competition will focus on Mexican Cooking and should be a great deal of fun.

Please chat to your PL about whether or not you would like to take part in the competition. If your patrol decides not to enter, but you would like to take part, maybe you can join up with another patrol. You should chat to your PL by no later than Friday 25 November 2011 so that your patrol can properly plan the event. Your PL has all the information necessary for your patrol to enter the competition. The cost of the evening will depend on what meal your patrol cooks, so keep in contact with your PL for more information.

Our trophy cabinet is looking rather empty and it would be nice to teach the rest of the District a thing or two about cooking, so please check your diaries!

### Troop Holiday:

The troop holiday will take place from 9 – 13 December 2012. Due to the unavailability of the BP Island Campsite and the prohibitive cost of travelling to Durban, the camp will not be taking place in Durban and will instead happen on the Vaal River, just below the barrage.

So what can you expect on the holiday? The biggest attraction is the fact that the campsite is right on the river and has several boats on site, allowing for a myriad of water activities. There are phoeppie slides into the river and a spring at the campsite makes for easy mud wrestling. Those with fishing rods can try their hand at pulling in

the big one and can then use the dutch ovens on site to turn their catch into a scrumptious meal. The river at the campsite is wide and shallow, so there is no danger of speed boats and the water is ideal for the activities listed above.

There is also good hiking on the site and there is an old Boer War fort within walking distance for those who enjoy a bit of history. I am also attempting to arrange tubing down the river. This has yet to be confirmed but will be a highlight of the camp if the guide confirms his availability. There is also a large amount of pioneering equipment on site, so if you want to build your own swing into the river or a jetty this can be easilly done.

The cost of the camp is R750,00 per person. This covers all your food, transport, accomodation costs and activities for the camp. In order to allow for the purchase of food and equipment I would request that payment for the camp be made by 2 December 2011.

If you have friends who are potential members of the troop they are welcome to attend, provided that they are prepared to accept the Scout Law as the law of the camp and their parents are prepared to sign the necessary consent forms.

Invested scouts who would like to attend the camp but who are experiencing financial difficulties are, as always, more than welcome to apply to the committe for financial assistance.

Consent forms, a kit list and final timing of the camp will be provided to those who have paid for the camp (or made arrangements with the committee) by 4 December 2011.

### Christmas Holidays and the 2012 Year Planner:

The last troop meeting for the year will take place on 2 December 2011. There is a troop holiday which will be run during the holidays, details of which are set out in this letter. The first troop meeting of 2012 will be on Friday 20 January.

At present the dates for the 2012 District events have not yet been finalised, and accordingly the troop 2012 year planner is not yet ready. Once the District dates have been finalised the troop planner will be emailed to all of you.



**Dylan and Ryan prepare to do battle**

The scouters would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loves ones a happy Christmas and a blessed 2012.

Upcoming Dates:

**December**

- 2 Last meeting of the year  
NRD Cooking Competition
- 3 White Stripe Dinner
- 9 – 13 Troop Holiday

**January**

- 20 First meeting of 2012

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 tire 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.

