



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Ref: Troop 2012/02

Re: Skeurkrans Hike and Other News

Dear scouts and parents

Welcome:

A very warm welcome to Byron Date Line, Martin Kleer and Ryan Borrett who have all been invested since the beginning of the year. We trust that you will have many happy years with us.

Skeurkrans Hike:

Due to the postponement of Kontiki the Troop Hike scheduled for the end of the month will be moved forward to this coming weekend (16 – 18 March 2012). We will be hiking the Skeurkrans Hiking Trail in the Waterberg, close to Naboomspruit.

The hike is a base trail route, which means that you will not be carrying all your sleeping equipment with you and that the hike is slightly easier than trail camps. It is ideal for scouts who want to do their Pathfinder hikes or who want to hike just for the pleasure of hiking.

The hiking fees are over R200 per person for the weekend. As such we will be charging R275,00 for the hike, which will cover the hiking fees and the petrol to get to the hike itself. Food is not included in the cost and you will be responsible for organising your own food for the weekend.



Craig at the recent Canoe Polo

We will be paying the hiking trail owners on Tuesday and as such if you want to attend the hike you will need to have paid for the hike by Monday afternoon. Payments can be made directly to the Group Committee account. Details of the account are:



Troop Scouter:
Assistant Troop Scouters:

Andrew Campbell 084 758 4189 (advcampbell@mwebbiz.co.za)
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Name: First Bedfordview Scout Group
Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Eastgate
Branch code: **018505**
Account number: **02 264 6221**
Ref: Your name + Skeurkrans Hike

Please send me proof of payment to advcampbell@mwebbiz.co.za so that I can have confirmation as to who is attending. Transport is limited as is space on the hike so attendance on the hike will be on a “first come first served” basis. A consent form will be sent out once your attendance on the hike has been confirmed.

The hike is open to all scouts and if you have male friends of scout-going age they are also welcome to attend, on the understanding the preference to attend the hike will be given to members of the troop.

More information on the hike is available on the Jacana Trails website.

I would bring the following items on the hike:

- A sleepingbag and small pillow (mattresses are provided at the base camp)
- A hat and suncream
- A mess-kit to eat your food with
- A bathroom kit (soap, toothbrush, deodorant etc)
- Strong shoes for hiking in
- Strops for the evening
- An A-6 notebook and pencil (if you intend logging the hike)
- Full scout uniform (for travelling in)
- 2 x shorts, 3 x shirts, underwear and socks
- A swimming costume and small towel (there are apparently waterfalls and rivers on the trail)
- A plastic bank bag for specimens
- Any personal medication
- Your consent form
- Equipment to cook your food (eg gas cooker, matches, billy-can)
- A hiking bag to carry your equipment and food whilst on the hike
- Some plastic bags for litter, laundry etc.
- A small first-aid kit
- Some warm clothing for the evening (we will be in the Waterberg mountains)
- A torch with batteries
- A 2 litre water bottle

Space on the vehicles is limited so please try and pack your equipment in one hiking bag. You will be able to leave most of your equipment at the base camp. There are braai facilities at the base camp, as well as full ablutions.

We will be meeting at the scout hall at 16h30 on the Friday afternoon **IN FULL SCOUT UNIFORM** and will be returning at approximately 16h00 on the Sunday.

Assistant Troop Scouter Needed:

A reminder that Mark Brown will be leaving for Australia at the end of the month and as such we are looking for a parent, family friend, ex-scout or other suitable person to join the troop as an assistant troop scouter.

Prospective applicants are more than welcome to contact me to find out a bit more about the position and what it entails. It is hard work, but it is also incredibly rewarding and allows you access to a range of activities which most people only dream about.

Kontiki:

The annual Kontiki event will now be taking place on the weekend of 25 – 27 May 2012. A new date for the District Boot Hike, which was to take place on that weekend, will be provided shortly.

There will be a list on the troop notice board. Will those who will be attending Kontiki please put your name on this list so we can plan for the event.



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Tristan, Keegan, Connor and Michael at a recent troop meeting with some friends!

Kim Shield:

The Annual Kim Shield Competition is coming up in April. Patrols from around Gauteng take part in this incident hike. With about 15 to 20 bases to complete, this event is a firm favourite with scouts and is a great chance to meet other scouts from around Johannesburg.

If you are interested in taking part in Kim Shield, please chat to your PL so he can enter your patrol. The entry fee is R60 per per

Upcoming Dates:

March

16 – 18 Scheurkrans Hike

April

6 – 9 Troop closed
21 – 22 Kim Shield
27 – 30 Troop closed

May

4 – 6 Patrol Activities
25 – 27 Kontiki

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell
