



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

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## Re: General News

Dear scouts and parents

### Kontiki Feedback:

For the first time in decades Kontiki took place at Arrowe Park in Benoni, rather than at Murray Park in Springs. The troop braved the winter chill to have a great time at this year's Kontiki event.

The troop was a hive of activity as various people pulled together to make everything happen in time. Douglas, Byron and William ran a successful beaver challenge without any assistance from the PLs, which was so popular that it ran out of supplies and had to shut early.

After weeks of burning the midnight oil Kontiki PL Robin Serafino was rewarded with the sight of the shoreline slowly receding as the raft pulled away on Saturday morning. Martin Kleer completed his swimming scoutcraft badge at the eleventh hour to book a well-deserved place on the raft. A huge thanks to Ryan, Jason, Robert and Ashton for pulling through to build the raft, even though they were not on the raft itself.



**William, Byron and Douglas teach cubs about runes**

Thanks must also go to those scouts who pulled through to the various prep sessions to help plan the raft. Your help was invaluable.

### District Campfire Feedback:

The District campfire, which was postponed earlier in the year due to inclement weather, was run last week at our scout hall. An estimated 200 cubs, scouts, rovers, guides, parents and friends of the group attended an evening of song and camaraderie around a blazing campfire.



Troop Scouter:

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Congratulations to the various PLs who led songs and helped make the evening a huge success. Thanks must also go to everyone who attended the event and helped to make for a great atmosphere. Finally, a huge thanks must also go out to the committee who attended to the catering for the evening. Over R1 000,00 was raised towards group funds as a result of food sales. The committee has just spent some R18 000,00 on repairing the worst damaged windows in the hall, so this is a welcome boost to our depleted finances.

#### Isengard Tower:

The Outdoor Expo will be taking place at the corner of Maxwell and Woodmead Drives in Kyalami this weekend.

In addition to finding out about the latest developments in camping and hiking, those of you who are interested in man-sized pioneering may want to pay it a visit just to have a gander at Project Isengard, a massive tower put together by scouts from around Gauteng over the past weekend.



#### Badge Testing:

A number of scouts are very close to earning various badges, but I never seem to have time to test the various requirements on a Friday! To assist those who want something tested, I will be down at the hall at 15h30 until 17h00 this Sunday. Depending on the response to this badge testing session, other badge-testing sessions may be arranged.

Uniform is not required, but I would suggest that you bring whatever you need to have your badge tested. If possible please warn me about your desire to be tested so that if necessary I can get an expert down to test you.

#### Northrand District Cycle Rally:

Are you man enough to take on the rest of the district on 17 June 2012 with the Northrand District Cycle Rally? Teams of up to four scouts will be meeting at the Quarry in Herman Road, Meadowbrook from 12h15. The event will be finished by 16h00.

Teams can comprise of senior scouts (15 and over) or juniors (14 and younger), cubs or adults (parents, rovers etc). The entry fee is R30 per team member and there are prizes available. Food will also be on sale.

Entry forms with more information are being distributed with this email.

A final request is for one or two parents to volunteer to assist the organisers. An event like this takes quite a bit of manpower, be it acting as a marshal, helping cook food or keeping score!

#### Fundraiser for Anthony Hoines:

There will be a fundraiser for Rover and former Bedfordview Scout at the Barnyard Theatre on 23 June 2012. If you enjoy the show "The Final Countdown, travelling through six decades of rock 'n roll" then you may want to consider booking your ticket at R145 pp from

Shelly Hoines (083 300 3193). The evening should be a great deal of fun and will raise money for a good cause.

Ant was left paralysed after a helicopter accident in Iran last year. All proceeds will go to the AMH Trust, which was set up to look after Ant's basic needs.

Walk the Talk:

Thanks to all of you who entered the 702 Walk the Talk under the troop's banner. According to my records the following people entered under the troop's banner:

Ian, Michael, Stuart and Susan Omand, Martin Kleer, Cathly Elston, Douglas and Lesley Grossett and Andrew Campbell. If you entered under your own name we will see you at the start line!

Backwoodsman / Survival Camp:

Several scouts have requested that this camp move a week or so due to the Walk the Talk and other commitments. The camp is a hard one where you can be tested on either the Scoutcraft Survival Badge or the Backwoodman Badge. These badges are required for Springbok.

One this camp you will be cold, hungry and tired, but if successful you will earn the right to wear a badge you can be proud of. If you are keen on attending the camp, please let me know by next week Friday so that a date suitable to all scouts can be obtained.

Upcoming Dates:

**June**

- 10 Badge testing session at hall
- 17 Northrand District Cycle Challenge
- 29 Troop Closed – no scouts

**July**

- 1- 6 Gauteng Province Winter Camp
- 6 Troop Closed – no scouts
- 20 – 22 Troop Survival Camp
- 22 Walk The Talk

**August**

- 4 Boot Hike
- 17 – 19 Troop Hike

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell



**The Kontiki raft sets sail**