



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Re: General News

Dear scouts and parents

AIRSHOW & DEFENCE EXHIBITION
22-23 September 2012

AFB Waterkloof, Centurion
City of Tshwane, South Africa

Gates opens at
6:00 am – 17:00 pm

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Entrance Ticket:
Adult R50
Children under 12 and Pensioners R40
R10 discount for prepaid entrance ticket

www.aadexpo.co.za

Waterkloof Air Show:

The Annual AAD Air Show will be taking place at Waterkloof Airforce Base in Pretoria and the troop will be visiting it on 22 September 2012. The cost of entry is R50 if you are over 12 or R40 if you are under 12. There is a discount available if you get pre-paid tickets via computicket. More information on the event is available at <http://www.aadexpo.co.za>.

This is a fun day which the entire family can attend but we would ask all scouts to wear full scout uniform as part of a publicity campaign organised by Gauteng Province. If you are intending to attend please let me know so we can arrange a central point to meet up. I have space for a few scouts in my car if your parents are not going to be attending and you cannot get to Pretoria by yourself, these places will be available on a “first come first served” basis. There is also a shuttle to the show from the Centurion Gautrain Station if you prefer to travel in luxury.

I would recommend bringing a fold-up chair, a hat (troop caps are still on sale), sun cream, some binoculars and a camera if you have one. There is food on sale but you may want to bring a packed lunch and something to drink. In addition to static displays there will be plenty of flying to watch. You will really enjoy the show if you enjoy watching Rooivalk

Helicopters open up on a target with their cannon, listening to the roar of a Gripen fighter as it passes low over the runway or the sight of the graceful Silver Falcons.

be prepared....

Troop Scouter:

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Troop Competition Camp:

As a warm-up to the District Competition Camp the troop will be running its very own compo camp on 23 and 24 September 2012 at Gilbanken Camping Grounds.

We will be meeting at the hall at 08h00 on 23 September 2012 and should be back in Bedfordview at about 17h00 on 24 September 2012. The cost of the camp is R200 per person, inclusive of camping fees, food and activities on the camp. Breakfast on the Sunday and dinner on the Monday are not included in the fee.

This is a very important camp and I would request that all scouts make an effort to attend. In addition to some important team-building exercises on the camp this is a great opportunity to attend to a lack of skills in the troop, and scouts who do not attend are really going to miss out. Please RSVP by Monday 17 September at which point further information will be given out.

District Competition Camp:

The annual District Competition Camp will be taking place at Gilbanken from 5 – 7 October 2012. Rumour has it that strange alien creatures have been seen in the vicinity and the patrol will have to deal with this problem in addition to taking on the rest of the district in a weekend of gruelling competition.



Robin Serafino will be the PL in charge of our patrol and will be taking a group of eight scouts on the camp. The Court of Honour has selected a team based primarily on pioneering ability. Unfortunately it is impossible to bring the entire troop on this event. Robin should be contacting those scouts selected to be on the team over the next couple of days.

If you are not selected for the competition team, do not despair, there will be another competition next year and hopefully you will have had a chance to hone your skills in the meantime and will be able to do the troop proud.

The troop wishes Robin and his team all the best and trusts that you will do us all proud. Let's show the rest of the district how camping should be done!

JOTA / JOTI Weekend:

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) is an annual Jamboree where scouts around the world get onto ham radios and the internet and communicate and interact with other scouts from all over the place. In addition, interactive activities such as LAN games and other activities are normally run between scout troops.

This year we will be joining the 1st Kengray Scout Group in taking part in JOTA / JOTI. Although final details are not yet available, please pencil this weekend into your calendar.

Feedback on Past Events:

Several cubs, scouts and parents took part in the 702 Walk the Talk this year, joining thousands of people from all walks of life in getting fit. Unseasonably warm weather made for a very pleasant day out, and (unlike some other participants) all members of 1st Bedfordview successfully completed the course and were awarded well-deserved medals.

In addition to losing a couple of extra kilograms, the walk raised some funds for the troop and I must thank everyone who took part for making the event a success.



Martin and Craig on the 8km course

A number of you have asked where I was for three weeks during August. I was playing pipes with the De La Salle Scout Pipe Band from Waterford, Ireland at the Festival Interceltique in Lorient, France.

Apparently in the past there were several scout bands in South Africa, the last one seems to be the 1st Florida Lake Sea Scouts Brass Band. A number of you play musical instruments and can look at the musician's badge. Wouldn't it be great if our troop also had its very own band?

Upcoming Dates:

September

22 Waterkloof Air Show
23 – 24 Troop Compo Camp

October

5 – 7 Northrand District Compo Camp
20 – 21 JOTA / JOTI Weekend

November

2 Group AGM
30 Northrand District Cooking Compo

December

10 – 22 National Senior Scout Adventure

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell



All members of the De La Salle band are also invested members of Scouts Ireland