



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Re: General News

Dear scouts and parents

Report-back on Compo Camp:

Five members intrepid explorers took on the rest of the district at the annual Competition Camp held at Gilbanken recently. Although illness robbed the patrol of their patrol leader, the younger members of the patrol successfully raised a gateway, a flagpole and a table and even managed a gadget or two in the form of the unique "flying axe".

The troop managed a third place behind Eastleigh and Hellenic, but vowed to restore the troop' pride at the next competition.

JOTA / JOTI Weekend:

Details on the annual JOTA/JOTI weekend are attached in a separate letter from the 1st Kengray Scout Group. Please note that unlike Kengray we will be having a normal scout meeting on the Friday evening. Scouts are encouraged to make their way to JOTA/JOTI after the scout meeting finishes at 21h30. In addition to games and LAN's, participants will be able to communicate with scouts from around the world.



AGM:

1st Bedfordview at the Compo Camp

The Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group will be taking place on Friday 2 November 2012 at 19h00. All members of the troop are expected to attend this event in full uniform.

Members of the group in full uniform will receive a free meal and food will be on sale for parents and friends of the group who are not in uniform. The meeting will take about 45 minutes. It is very important that your parents attend as a new committee needs to be elected and subs for 2013 will also be set. Awards for the scout of the year, most improved scout and the patrol of the year will also be made.

be prepared....

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After the AGM there will be a car rally for those who are interested. Full details will be sent out closer to the event.

Upcoming Programmes:

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is almost upon us. Here is a rough outline of the programmes for the rest of the year. Scouts hoping to work on their Pathfinders are in particular encouraged to make as many meetings as possible.

October 19 – A knotty question. Learn all about the adventurer knots and use them in an unexpected way that will leave you on the edge of your seats. There will also be an investiture on this date, please all make a special effort with your uniforms.

October 26 – James Bond 007. If pyrotechnics and spies are your thing, then this programme is definitely for you. See if you are up to the challenge of saving the world!



Craig whips up something in the kitchen

November 2 – Group AGM and car rally. Take to the streets of Bedfordview with your folks and see if you can complete the course in the shortest time – whilst getting all the questions right.

November 9 – The armoury. Learn about weapons of the ages with experts in each field. From bows and arrows to more conventional modern arms this is a programme not to be missed.

November 16 – Lost in translation – the cartographers of old led lives of adventure – exploring unknown lands, facing danger at every turn and making contact with new peoples. Are you up to the challenge and ready with your mapping skills?

November 23 – Ice skating. There is nothing better in the middle of summer than a trip to the local ice rink. Prices and further details will follow.

November 30 – District Cooking Competition held at 1st Edenvale Scout Hall

Attendance at Troop Meetings:

Although school holidays and exams at this time of year always make planning programmes difficult, there have been several programmes recently where far fewer scouts than expected attended. This makes it almost impossible to run programmes properly.

Scouts are reminded that you are expected to attend 75% of troop meetings. If you cannot make a meeting for whatever reason, it is expected that you will timeously contact your PL and advise him of your absence. If you cannot get hold of your PL, please let your second and me know. A scout is courteous and it seems that many of us have forgotten this part of our law.

Upcoming Dates:

October

20 – 21 JOTA / JOTI Weekend

November

2 Group AGM

30 Northrand District Cooking Compo

December

10 – 22 National Senior Scout Adventure

April

27 – 29 Kontiki

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell