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Re: First Term of 2013

Dear scouts and parents

A warm welcome back after a long and well deserved summer break.

During the holidays some members of the troop were busy visiting Cape Town and taking part in the National Senior Scout Adventure held in the Cederberg Mountains. In addition to hiking in some of the most beautiful scenery in South Africa, our scouts managed to parasail, ride on a 4 x 4 adventure trail, swing on the high trapeze, take part in a couple of paintball matches, sprint on an orienteering course and make a delicious pizza from scratch. If you are older than 15 in December 2014 you will also be able to take part in the Senior Scout Adventure, so chat to the PLs about their awesome adventures.



Dean and Robin catch a break from hiking

Consent Forms and Annual Subs:

Yes, it is that time of year again when we need you to submit your Annual Consent Forms. These were emailed to you at the beginning of the year, if you did not get one (and the year planner) please let me know. These forms have to be in by the end of January 2013.

Invoices will be sent out shortly for your 2013 subs. Please pay your subs promptly after receipt as we need to pay capitation to SAHQ.

Pathfinder Camp (1 – 3 February)

The first camp of the year will be taking place at Arrowe Park in Benoni and is basically designed to help get younger members of the troop their Pathfinders.



be prepared....

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Although it is impossible to complete ALL the requirements (the camp is only a weekend long and one requirement is that you camp five nights as a scout, for



instance), by the end of the camp you should have received sufficient training to allow you to finish your Pathfinder within the next three months.

Scouts who already have their Pathfinders are welcome to attend the camp as part of the camp staff. As many of the other advancement items require that you train Pathfinder skills, you will also have a good opportunity to advance on this camp.

Harnessing a donkey at Gold Rush

The cost of this camp will be R200 per person and will cover all food, camping fees etc. Scouts attending as staff will only pay R150 per person.

If you are interested in attending please let me know by no later than Saturday 26 January 2013. Further information will then be sent to you.

Link Camp (23 – 24 February)

There are several cubs about to move up to the troop and a camp will be held for them covering all the requirements for membership of the troop. If you have friends who want to join the troop this is an ideal opportunity for them to complete all the membership requirements too in the shortest possible time. This camp will take place at the scout hall and will cost R100 per person attending. If you have friends who want to attend, please let me know by no later than Friday 8 February 2013. Further information will then be sent out.

Kontiki (12 – 14 April)

Kontiki will be taking place in April this year at Arrowe Park. The scouters will be taking a more active role in the planning of Kontiki this year to help avoid the difficulties that we experienced in 2012.

Planning for Kontiki has already commenced and I would like to challenge the troop to do well enough to earn an invitation to the Chairman's Challenge. In order to do this we need to know who will be attending Kontiki well in advance. If you can only attend for part of the time, please let me know as well.

I would estimate a cost of R200 per person for the weekend, which will include food, camping fees and a Kontiki badge. It would assist our planning if we could know who will be attending Kontiki. This will allow us to set achievable objectives for the weekend and to allow for the smooth running of the event.

To this end I would ask everyone to RSVP for Kontiki by no later than Friday 1 March 2012. If you could do so sooner that would be great.

Four troop programmes have already been dedicated to Kontiki Prep, so please make sure you attend these. If you have friends who want to join Kontiki, this is a great opportunity for them to learn the skills necessary to put a decent raft on the dam.

Upcoming Events:

January

- 18 Troop Dinner (Scout Hall)
25 “Wild West” Troop Programme (Scout Hall)

February

- 1 – 3 Pathfinder Camp (Arrowe Park) – Do you want your Pathfinder badge?

- 8 Swimming Programme (venue and details TBA) – Earn your swimmer’s badge!
15 District Gala (Venue and details TBA)
22 Kontiki Programme - pioneering (Scout Hall)
23 – 24 Link Camp (Scout Hall) – Cover the requirements to join the troop
24 BP Sunday (Edenglen Primary School. Further details TBA)

March

- 1 Kontiki Programme – raft base (Scout Hall)
8 Kontiki Programme – decorations (Scout Hall)
9 – 10 Kim Shield (Cradle of Humankind)
15 Kontiki Programme – campsites (Scout hall)
22 Scouts Closed
29 Scouts Closed

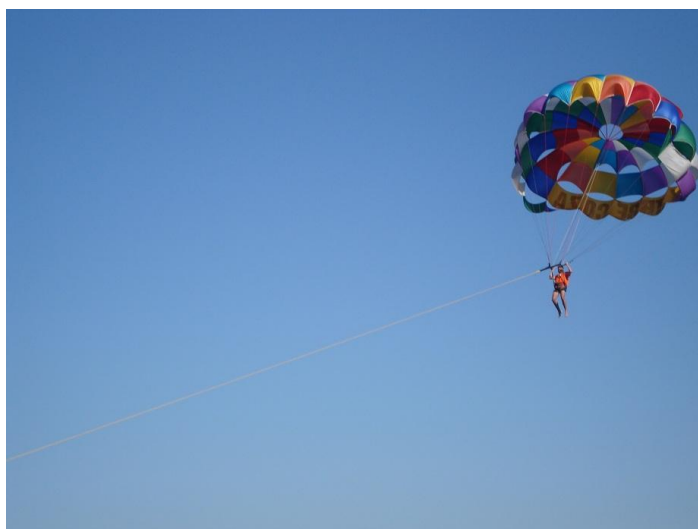
April

- 12 – 14 Kontiki (Arrowe Park)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish you all the best for 2013, may it be prosperous, full of fun and fond memories!

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell



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