



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Re: Troop News

Dear scouts and parents

Congratulations:

Many of our scouts have been working very hard. Douglas Grossett has earned his swimmers badge and his firefighter's badge and Michael Westhoff, Craig Ransom, Keanan Nunn, Matthew Leishman, Kyle Subrumuny, Gordon Grossett, James Bartlett and Enrico Giuricich earned their scoutcraft swimming badges. Dean Theron and Robin Serafino also completed their Backwoodsman Badges.

A warm welcome to Michael Westhoff who was invested during March. We wish you many happy years with the troop and a successful path to Springbok!



Report-back

Sable Patrol atop their tower built earlier this year

The year got off to a big bang with the annual gala on 22 February 2013. Our scouts braved the cold weather and managed to win several races. At the end of the day our aquatically minded brother scouts from Eastleigh managed to walk away with the trophy, but we will hopefully be able to teach them a thing or two about swimming next year!

A very successful link camp was held at the scout hall on 22 and 23 February. During the next couple of weeks about seven new scouts will be invested into the troop. More scouts means more fun! Those recruits who attended the camp will be a huge asset to their patrols, having learnt about axemanship, camping and basic pioneering in addition to the most important thing about scouts – the Promise and Law.

be prepared....

Troop Scouter:

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The troop also attended BP Sunday, hosted this year by Harmelia Garden Air Scouts. At our suggestion the trophy for the best troop in the District will be reintroduced next year, so there is a real incentive to do well in District Competitions for the rest of the year.

Several of the more senior members of the troop also completed a first aid course hosted at our hall. We hope to see you with your First Aid Badges on your shoulders soon guys!

Kontiki (12 – 14 April)

Preparations for Kontiki are well under way and on behalf of the Court of Honour I would like to extend a massive thanks to those scouts (and parents) who have been



schlepping out to the scout hall on Sundays to make sure that we have a raft we can be proud of. I would particularly like to thank those scouts who have attended prep sessions even though they will not be attending Kontiki.

At present the following scouts have indicated that they will be attending Kontiki as part of the Bedfordview team:

Robert planning the raft at a Kontiki Prep session

Douglas Grossett, Byron Date-Line, Kyle Subrumuny, Craig Ransom, Robin Serafino, Robert Jones, Dean Theron, Martin Kleer, Keanan Nunn and Matthew Leishman. If you intend attending Kontiki and your name is not on the list please let me know that you will be attending as a matter of urgency.

A letter providing final details for Kontiki should be sent out over the next couple of days. The cost for Kontiki will be R220 per scout. This can be paid into the Committee Account under the reference: “Kontiki + scout’s name”. The bank details are:

1st Bedfordview Scout Group
Standard Bank
Eastgate, branch # 018505
Account number: 022646221

It would be appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible as food and other consumables need to be purchased for Kontiki.

Please note that there will be a Kontiki Prep Session on Sunday 7 April 2013 from 11h00 until 15h00. There will be no normal scout programme on Friday 12 April, instead scouts will take place at Kontiki (Arrowe Park Campsite, Ebenezer Road, Benoni).

Kontiki is a great opportunity for parents and siblings to see what scouting as the event is open to visitors. Entry to the event is R50 per person, which includes an event badge. (The entry fee is included in the R220 for those scouts who are attending Kontiki as part of the team.)

If you would like to order additional badges, please advise me by no later than Tuesday 9 April 2013. Payment for the badges can be made into the committee account with the reference: "Additional badges + your surname".



Gordon, James, Enrico & Michael - the Link Camp

District Competition Camp:

The District Compo Camp will be held at Arrowe Park from 10 to 12 May this year. Last year we managed a third place and I would like to see the troop returning the trophy to its rightful home this year. The theme for this year's camp is "Spud" and the camp promises to be just as full of fun and memories as the books by John Van De Ruit.

The PLs will be carefully scrutinising the troop over the next couple of weeks to see who will receive the honour of being selected to represent the troop at the Compo Camp. Please advise me by no later than Friday 12 April 2013 whether you will be available for selection so the PLs know who to focus on.

Details on the camp will be provided by the PL in charge closer to the time.

Troop Hike:

A provisional booking has been made for the Rooikrans Hiking Trail near Loskop Dam on the weekend of 24 to 26 May 2013.

We will be staying at a well-equipped base camp and will do two day hikes totalling about 26km. Access to the trail is through the Loskop Dam Nature Reserve and a variety of small game species have been recorded in the area. The area offers spectacular bushveld views and should be a couple of degrees warmer than Joburg.

The hike is ideal for those who want to complete either their Pathfinder or Adventurer hikes or for anyone who simply enjoys getting out and enjoying the great out-doors.

The trail is run by Jacana trails and further information on the trail, including photographs, is available at <http://www.jacanacollection.co.za/details.aspx?prid=248>.

Space on the hike is limited and spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are keen on attending the hike, please send me an email advising of your interest. Friends who might be keen on joining scouts are also welcome to tag along.



Mayhem at the District Gala! But which lane do I use?

Jacana is confirming our booking as well as the price of the hike. I estimate the cost of using the trail to be approximately R220 per person. This does not include food or transport. As with all scout events, members of the troop who cannot afford the hike are welcome to approach the committee for financial assistance. Such requests will be treated confidentially.

Once the booking and prices have been confirmed further information will be made available.

Upcoming Events:

April

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| 5 | First Aid Programme and Investiture (Scout Hall) |
| 7 | Kontiki Prep (Hall) |
| 12 – 14 | Kontiki (Arrowe Park) – no normal scout programme |
| 19 | Campfire madness programme (Scout Hall) |
| 26 | Lazer Quest programme (Greenstone) |

May

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| 3 | First Aid and Compo Camp programme (Scout Hall) |
| 10 – 12 | Northrand District Competition Camp (Arrowe Park) – no normal scout programme |
| 17 | Orienteering programme (Marister, Benoni) |
| 24 – 26 | Troop Hike (Loskop Dam) – no normal scout programme |
| 31 | Rock climbing programme (Hurleyvale) |

June

7	Northrand District First Aid Competition (venue t.b.a.)
8/9	Rock climbing excursion (Strubensvalley, Roodepoort)
14	Troop Boot Hike (venue t.b.a)
21	Northrand District Campfire (Edenvale Scout Hall)
28	Scouts closed
28 – 30	Weston PLTU

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell