

1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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8 April 2013 Ref: Troop 2013/03

Re: Kontiki

Dear scouts and parents

Kontiki is happening this coming weekend and here are the final details:

VENUE:

Kontiki will be taking place at the Arrowe Park Camping Ground in Ebenezer Road, BENONI. The nearest offramp is the Atlas Road offramp from the N12 and the campsite abuts onto Homestead Lake. We are team 26 on campsite 54 in sub-camp "B", so we should be reasonably easy to find. More information on Kontiki, including a map of Arrowe Park with the campsites, can be found at <u>www.kontiki.scouting.org.za</u> (look under "resources")

The venue will probably be hot during the day but cold at night, please make sure that you have suitable clothing (see the recommended kit list below). Although highly unlikely, there is a possibility of rain. Remember your scout motto and "Be Prepared".

CONSENT FORMS:

No scout is allowed to attend Kontiki without a duly completed consent form (attached). This applies to people attending Kontiki as scouts but who are not yet invested as scouts. Please note that this is not the normal consent form. Only the attached Kontiki consent form is suitable for Kontiki.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

We will be meeting at the scout hall on Friday 12 April 2013 at 14h00. Please wear "civvies" as we will be packing the truck, but make sure that your scout uniform is readily accessible as we will be travelling in full scout uniform. If you cannot meet at 14h00 please let us know so we can try to make alternative travel arrangements.

Scouts who are not part of the Kontiki team but who still want to help out on the Friday night are welcome to meet at the hall at 15h00 and travel with us, or you can make your own way there. If you want to travel with us, please let us know so we can ensure that there is sufficient transport. You will need to arrange your own transport back home (the gates close at 22h00). Anyone wanting to visit Kontiki will need to make their own travel arrangements.

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Troop Scouter:

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The Kontiki team will be arriving back at the scout hall on Sunday 14 April 2013. Scouts can be collected at the hall from 16h00.

ENTRY INTO KONTIKI:

Please note that there is an entry fee of R50,00 to get into Kontiki. This includes an event badge (your event badge is your ticket into Kontiki – the badge is proof of payment of the entry fee). You can pay the entry fee at the gate but there is no guarantee that there will still be stock of badges and you may get a voucher instead which can later be redeemed for a badge at scout shop.

Members of the Kontiki Team should note that your entry fee and badge are included in the R220 fee for the weekend. Your badge will be given to you on Friday else you can contact Robert if you would like your badge earlier. People visiting Kontiki (including scouts visiting who are not on the Kontiki team) will need to pay the R50 entry fee separately.

If you are going to be visiting and would like the troop to organise a badge for you, please let Andrew know by Tuesday at the latest. Payment for the badge can be made into the Committee Account.

KONTIKI TEAM:

Please note that the Kontiki team presently comprises of the following:

Robert Jones (PL)	Douglas Grossett
Dean Theron	Byron Date-Line
Robin Serafino	Kyle Subrumuny
Craig Ransom	Matthew Leishman
Martin Kleer	Michael Westhoff
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If this information is incorrect please let Andrew know as a matter of urgency. We need to purchase food over the next couple of days and want to ensure that we have sufficient food and that we also do not over-cater for scouts who we think are attending but who are in fact not attending. A final decision as to who will form part of the raft team and who will form part of the land team will be taken at Kontiki.

FOOD:

The R220 fee for members of the Kontiki team covers all your food for Saturday and Sunday. **IT DOES NOT INCLUDE FOOD FOR FRIDAY EVENING**. We would recommend either bringing a packed dinner alternatively brining money to purchase food.

There is a tuck shop at Kontiki which sells snacks, cooldrinks as well as more substantial meals.

People visiting Kontiki (ie not part of the Kontiki team) will be responsible for their own food.

VISITORS TO KONTIKI:

Kontiki is open to family and friends who would like to see what goes on at a scout camp. Regrettably you cannot camp at Kontiki. You will need a Kontiki badge to get into the event (see "Entry into Kontiki" above). You can obviously visit Kontiki at your own leisure but please take note of the following times which may be of interest:

<u>Friday</u>

- 12h00 Gates to Kontiki open.
- 16h00 eta for the Bedfordview Team
- 22h00 Gates to Kontiki close.

Saturday

- 06h00 Gates to Kontiki open
- 10h30 Opening Parade
- 11h00 Launching of Rafts (if your son is on the raft team he will be out of contact until Sunday at 11h00 after this). If you arrive before the launch you can see the rafts close-up before the launch.
- 11h30 Beaver Challenge begins this is a fun activity for kids visiting Kontiki. Go around and complete the challenges to win a special badge
- 17h00 Beaver Challenge ends
- 22h00 Gates to Kontiki close

Sunday

- 06h00 Gates to Kontiki open
- 11h00 Rafts come ashore we can always use help with this!
- 13h00 Scout's Own
- 13h30 Prize Giving
- 14h30 Estimated time of departure from Kontiki
- 16h00 Scouts may be collected at the scout hall

Many parents like to wear something that identifies them with the group when visiting Kontiki. If you would like to purchase a Bedfordview cap please contact Andrew. Caps cost R80,00 per cap.

BANKING DETAILS:

Many thanks to those members of the Kontiki Team who have already made payment (R220) for Kontiki into the Committee Bank Account. If you still need to make payment (either for Kontiki or for extra badges), please do so by Wednesday. Please let Andrew know when you have made payment. (Ref: "Kontiki + your surname")

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SUGGESTED KIT LIST:

- Consent form (attached)
- Sleeping bag
- Small pillow
- Ground mattress (small) if you get really cold bring some old newspaper to put under your mattress.
- Plastic shopping bags (for laundry etc)
- Bedfordview golf shirt and cap
- Full scout uniform (including your green card) with a hanger
- 1 x shorts
- 2 x t-shirts (in addition to your Bedfordview golf shirt)
- 3 x underwear
- Warm clothing (it will be cold I recommend something with a hood or a beanie)
- Socks
- Strops (for wearing around camp)
- Old shoes (that can get wet when pushing the raft into the dam)
- Takkies or similar shoes
- 1 x mess-kit (plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork, spoon, washing equipment in a bag)
- 1 x toiletry bag (soap, sponge, deodorant, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste etc)
- 1 x towel
- 1 x torch with batteries (I would recommend a head-lamp if you have one)
- Pocket money (there is a tuck-shop)
- Sun screen
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre)
- Any personal medication
- 1 x rain jacket
- 1 x old screwdriver (to help undo wet ropes after kontiki)

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

Yours in scouting

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