

1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Re: Troop News

Dear scouts and parents

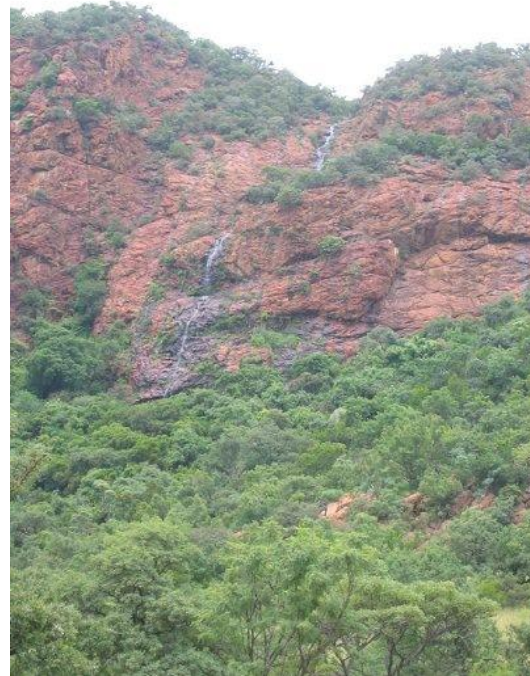
Troop News:

A very warm welcome to Christopher Woods, Michael Westhoff, James Bartlett, Enrico Giuricich and Kyle Subramunny who have been invested since the last newsletter. On a sadder note, the troop wishes Robert Jones all the best as he continues his scouting journey with the rover crew. He will be sorely missed!

A number of scouts attended the astronomy evening with the St Benedict's pack. In addition to learning about whisper dishes, the universe and watching NASA shoot out lasers to track satellites the scouts did a bit of star gazing and sent water rockets zooming into space.

The troop did very well at the recent First Aid Competition, with Kudu coming 10th, Sable 8th and Springbok 4th in the District. Well done!

A very successful troop hike was also held near Loskop Dam in May. In addition to having a great time on the hike, a number of scouts also completed their Pathfinder logs and are one step closer to achieving their Pathfinder badge. A reminder to those who still need to fix-up their logs to please do so by no later than 2 August 2013.



The red cliffs of the Rooikrans trail

A huge thanks must also go out to everyone who supported the Bingo Evening last week and especially to Sue Omand and the Committee for putting the evening together. Over R7 500,00 was raised for the troop which will make allow some much-needed maintenance at the hall (details of maintenance on the patrol dens are set out below.)



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Finally, congratulations to Douglas Grossett on achieving his Silver Recruiter's Badge.

702 Walk the Talk



The 702 Walk the Talk will be taking place this Sunday. Race packs for those who have entered through the troop will be available on Friday evening. If you cannot make scouts on Friday please make arrangements with me to collect your pack. Scouts who have entered on their own should make arrangements to pick up their own packs.

I have packs for Kleer x 3, Leishman x 4 and Omand x 3.

Scouts taking part in the walk are asked to either wear their camp uniform with scarf alternatively full scout uniform.

Dads and Lads Weekend

The demands of a modern lifestyle are many and it is often families which suffer. Why not spend some quality time with your old man on this year's Dads and Lads event which will be taking place on Rosedale Farm just outside Van Reenen?

Teach your dad how to make an aerial runway and spend some time hiking in the majestic Drakensberg. If your dad cannot make it why not ask your grandpa, uncle or godfather to join you for a weekend of fun and adventure, or just come along by yourself (or with a friend) for the fun?

The cost of the camp is estimated at R150 per person which will include all food for the weekend except Friday dinner. The cost may vary depending on the assistance we receive for transport, ideally we need some dads with a petrol allowance to join us for the weekend!

Further information will be provided during next week but for now I would ask that those who want to attend let me know by no later than 17h00 on Monday 29 July 2013.

Patrol Dens:

The patrol dens are about 30 years old and have taken quite a beating over the years to the point that they are no longer a source of pride for the troop.

This is all set to change over the next couple of months. Holes will be patched, doors replaced, windows repaired, lights recommissioned and walls painted.

This is quite a bit of work and we are going to need all the help we can get. The first work session will take place on Sunday 11 August at 10h00 to 14h00 (braai fires will be provided for those who would like to enjoy a wors roll or two for lunch).

We are looking for donations of white paint and for parents to get stuck in with the scouts to help make the dens something special. Scouts may also want to have a look at the Handyman badge if you are going to be lending a hand. Let Stephen Westhoff know if you would like to attempt this badge.

Rock Climbing:

The testing for the Scoutcraft Climbing Badge will take place on 7 September 2013. Full details will be sent out in due course but please keep the date open. If the date is completely unsuitable but you would still like to be tested please let me know so that I can try to organise a second session if there is a demand for it.



Survival Camp

A friend of mine who used to be a scouter with Jan Smuts and who is currently a Captain in the RAF will be out in South Africa in September and has offered to run a survival camp for the troop and Jan Smuts on the long weekend of 21 – 24 September.

The RAF survival training is first class and I would imagine that this would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get your survival skills up to scratch. Although I have no details at this stage except for the date, please let me know if you would be interested in such a camp on the reply form below.

Parking

Residents have noted with concern that cubs and scouts often enter Disa Road without looking when they alight from their vehicles, posing a safety risk. Please pay attention to this, the last thing we want is an accident involving one of our members! The field behind the scout hall is available for parking and for dropping off cubs and scouts and this obviously offers a much safer alternative to parking on the pavement.

Troop Song:

In the last newsletter the words to the troop song were set out. Many scouts find the tune difficult to master though. If you visit <http://www.sairish.co.za> and go to the “sounds” section you can listen to “Killaloe”, the tune of the troop song. The words are set out again below for your ease of reference.

“THE BOYS FROM BEDFORDVIEW” (sung to the tune of Killaloe)

We are the boy scouts
From 1st Bedfordview
We work, we play, we keep our Law
And our Promise too
For we are the boy scouts
From 1st Bedfordview
And we’re gonna show you how its done
I tell you now the truth

We whistle while we work
 And we always keep a smile
 We always help out others
 And we go the extra mile
 'Cause we're loyal and we're true
 In everything we do
 We're gonna show you how its done
 The Boys from Bedfordview!

(Chorus) x2
 We will do our best. We will
 do our best.
 And our best is better than any
 of the rest.
 While the others struggle and
 run round in a muddle
 We take a bow, the crowds
 will shout!
 HEY!
 The Boys from Bedfordview



The Hartebeeshoek Radio Telescope

Upcoming Events:

July

28 702 Walk The Talk

August:

2 – 4 Dads and Lads
 9 Scouts closed for Women's Day
 11 Patrol Den Work Session

September:

13 – 15 Northrand District Pioneering Competition
 21 – 24 Survival Camp

October:

4 Northrand District Canoe Polo Competition
 5 – 6 Troop Camp
 19 – 20 JOTA / JOTI

November

1 Group AGM
 29 Northrand District Cooking Competition (last meeting of the year)

December

6 – 8 Troop Camp

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell

REPLY SLIP

Name of scout: _____

I will be attending the Dads and Lads Camp.	Y/N
Details of anyone else joining you on the Dads and Lads: _____	
I will be attending the work session for the patrol dens on 11 August	Y/N
I want to attend a rock climbing testing session on 7 September	Y/N
I would prefer the rock climbing to be run on 8 September	Y/N
I want to be tested on my climbing badge but cannot attend 7 September	Y/N
I am interested in the Survival Camp of 21 – 24 September	Y/N