



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Dear scouts and parents

News:

The troop has been extremely busy since the last troop newsletter. A very warm welcome firstly to Simon Kleer, Michael Goncalves and Phakamani Msimang who were invested a few weeks ago. We wish you well on your journey along the scouting trail.

Congratulations go out to Darren Lowery, Matthew Holfeld, Matthew Wyche, Christopher Woods, Liam Zackey, Kyle Murray, Ray Braun, Michael Goncalves and Byron Date-Line who completed their Scoutcraft Swimming Badges, as well as to Keanan Nunn and Matthew Leishman who completed their Swimmer Interest Badges.

A very successful link camp was run in February, with 11 prospective scouts attending. It is always great to see the troop growing.

The troop took part in the annual BP Sunday celebrations and had a great time with the activities organised after the formal service. Bobbing for apples, racing with chariots and a tug 'o war saw the perfect end to the day.



Chariot races at BP Sunday

Kudu patrol took part in the District Boot Hike at Delta Park in February and achieved a 7th place out of the 14 patrols which entered. The Patrol also held a Survival Training Camp at the Edenvale Quarry recently as well as a patrol meeting on Valentine's Day. It is great to see a patrol as active as Kudu.

Last Friday the District Gala was held at Edenvale High School where the troop managed a 4th. Well done to everyone who took part and a massive congratulations on a 2nd place in the coveted Sabotage Race.



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Farewell to Richard Chudoba:

The older scouts may remember Richard Chudoba who passed away unexpectedly on 25 February 2014 in his sleep. He was 26 at the time.



Richard joined the 1st Bedfordview Troop from the 1st Sunnyridge Troop when he was twelve and never looked back. A real stalwart of the troop Richard took part in troop activities with great gusto and was well liked by his fellow Sable Patrol members.

When Richard turned 18 he decided that he was not finished with scouting and joined the 1st Bedfordview Rover Crew. He also completed a six month apprenticeship with the St Benedict's Troop before being invested as an Assistant Troop Scouter at 1st Bedfordview. In 1997 Richard represented the troop at the Centenary Jamboree in England as part of the International Service Team.

Work commitments dictated that Richard could no longer remain in Johannesburg and about six years ago he moved to Richard's Bay in KwaZulu-Natal. Despite the long distances Richard made a point of visiting the rover crew whenever he was in Johannesburg and was always willing to help a hand.

A couple of years ago I was pleasantly surprised to be asked to provide a reference for Richard Chudoba who wanted to help run the 1st Richard's Bay Sea Scout Troop. Though he had very little sea scout experience Richard took to his new troop like a duck to water and was an indispensable part of scouting in northern KZN.

Work commitments again intervened and Richard was moved to Kathu in the Northern Cape. When he told me the news one of his first questions was whether I knew how he could get involved in scouting in the Northern Cape. Regrettably he passed on before he could contribute further to scouting.

Richard was a large lad, but always maintained that a small body would not be able to hold so much personality.

In remembering Richard I will always think of the little train who thought he could. Richard never gave up, no matter what the adversity that he faced. I remember him failing his Scoutcraft Survival badge one camp. The next week Richard had made arrangements to complete the portions of the badge that he had failed and shortly afterwards proudly sported the badge on his sleeve. Nothing could get him down when he had set his mind on something and in this respect he was a real example of how to live the eighth scout law.

Richard was also extremely generous with his time. It is not often that scouts carry on as Assistant Troop Scouters when they turn 18. It is even rarer to find scouts who continue to render service to the movement even when they move far away.

A photograph of Richard has been framed in the rover den so that he will always remain at home, part of the Bedfordview family.

Farewell and good scouting.

Scouts on 21 March 2014

As indicated on the year planner, there will be no regular scout programme due this coming Friday due to the public holiday. I will be at the hall from 14h00 until 17h00 though for those scouts who would like to have badge items tested. A number of scouts have almost completed a number of badges and this is the perfect opportunity to finish them off.



Pioneering at the Link Camp

No uniform is required, but if you are popping down please let me know. Please also let me know what items you want tested so I can ensure that I have the proper equipment to test you.

Programme of 28 March 2014

There is a very full programme on 28 March 2014 and I would encourage as many of you as possible to get down to the hall.

Firstly, there will be an investiture at 19h00 sharp. Please make a special effort with your uniform. Then we will be joined by 1st Harmelia Gardens Air Scouts in a friendly pioneering competition. I can think of nothing worse than being bested at pioneering by AIR SCOUTS, so please come ready to build!

World Jamboree 2015:

Every four years scouts from around the globe congregate at the World Scout Jamboree. The next Jamboree will be held in Japan in July and August 2015 and the troop would like to make sure that it is well represented at this prestigious event. At the last Jamboree in Sweden the troop managed to send four scouts and two scouters and it would be great to do better at the 2015 Jamboree. Scouts born between 27 July 1997 and 28 July 2001 are of the right age to attend the Jamboree as youth participants. Scouts, scouters and rovers born before 27 July 1997 are eligible to attend the Jamboree as part of the adult support staff. If you are born after 28 July 2001 you are regrettably too young for this Jamboree, but look out for the 2019 Jamboree to be held in the USA.



Entries for the 2015 Jamboree close on 31 May 2014 and as such there is not much time left to decide whether or not you would like to apply to be part of the contingent.

I have arranged for one of the contingent managers, Gerard Evans, to visit the troop on 28 March 2014 after scouts (at 21h45) to give a brief presentation on the Jamboree.

This presentation is open to scouts, parents, rovers and scouters who are interested in the Jamboree and who would like to know more about the Jamboree. Attending the presentation is on a “no obligation” basis, it is strictly an opportunity to find out about the Jamboree and does not mean that you have committed to attend.

If you have already decided that you want to attend, or if you would like more information, please visit <http://www.scouting.org.za/events/2015/worldjamboree/>. Places on the Jamboree are limited so the sooner you get your entry in the more likely you are to get a place on the Jamboree.

Kim Shield:

Due to the inclement weather and the fact that most of the bases were inaccessible, Kim Shield has been postponed to 13 and 14 September 2014. Please pencil this into your diary. Depending on the interest shown by the troop in entering Kim Shield the White Stripe Camp currently scheduled for that weekend may move.



Kontiki 2014



Kontiki is just around the corner and will be taking place at Arrowe Park on the weekend of 16 – 18 May 2014. This year Kontiki will be going green, so if you have any ideas on how to turn our raft into a recycler’s paradise please jot these down. There will be a general meeting open to all scouts and parents on 28 March 2014 from 18h00 to 19h00 at the scout hall to discuss Kontiki and to put any ideas that you may have forward.

In order to plan Kontiki properly it is important that we have exact numbers of attendees by no later than 4 April 2014. In order to secure your place on Kontiki please confirm your attendance by this date. The cost of Kontiki is R200,00 per scout, which will include your Kontiki Badge and entrance fee as well as food and accommodation for the weekend. If there are parents or siblings who want to visit Kontiki please note that you

will require Kontiki badges at R50 per badge at the gate, alternatively you can order badges at R40 per person through the troop before 4 April 2014. If you want to purchase badges through the troop, please pay your R40 into the troop account when you pay your son’s Kontiki fees and RSVP with the number of extra badges you require when you RSVP for your son.

The troop banking details are:

1st Bedfordview Scout Group
Standard Bank
Eastgate branch # 018505
Account number: 022646221
Ref: Kontiki + your son's surname

Winter Warmer Drive:

The District is running a drive to collect old jerseys and similar items for the underprivileged this winter. If you have any old, warm clothes please bring them to scouts before the end of May 2014. Harmelia has issued a challenge to other troops in the District to beat their goal of 100 warm items, let's see if we can beat them!



Upcoming Events at a Glance:

**Dean Theron was presented with his
PLTU Badge at the Gala.**

March

- 21 Scouts closed for Human Rights Day – Badge Testing by prior arrangement
- 28 Kontiki Meeting
World Jamboree Presentation

April

- 11 – 13 Troop Camp
- 18 Scouts closed for Easter

May

- 2 Scouts closed for Worker's Day
- 16 – 18 Kontiki
- 24 LDC
- 30 Cub Night Hike
- 31 Closing Date for Jamboree Applications

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

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell