



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Dear scouts and parents

Final Information on Kon Tiki:

My thanks to everyone who has submitted their reply forms for Kon Tiki 2015. This letter contains the final information for Kon Tiki, including a kit-list. If you have any queries after reading this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.



Packing:

We will be meeting at 17h00 on Thursday 14 May 2015 in order to pack the truck and trailer. We will then unload this equipment at Arrowe Park on the same evening. This will obviously make our life much easier on the actual weekend and means we can hopefully avoid a massive queue at the gate to offload.

I would encourage as many of you as possible to assist with the packing on Thursday, even if you are not involved in the actual Kon Tiki weekend. Many hands make for light work. Uniform is NOT required for the packing session on the Thursday evening.

Consent Forms:

As mentioned in an email sent out last week, every scout who attends Kon Tiki requires a consent form. These forms are handed in to the organisers at the beginning of Kon Tiki and as such we need all consent forms by Friday afternoon, including forms for scouts who are going to be day visitors. My thanks to those of you who have already submitted your consent forms. If you have not submitted your consent form please make sure that you do so before we leave for Kon Tiki on Friday afternoon. If you are not meeting us at the hall on Friday an ideal time to drop off your form will be on Thursday evening when we pack.



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Badges:

You will not be able to enter Kon Tiki without a badge. Most of you have collected your badges last Friday evening, please do not forget them! The best is to probably sew your badge on your uniform so that you cannot misplace it. Badges should be sewn on your shirt above your right breast pocket (the one with the Gauteng Badge).

Those scouts who do not yet have their badges can collect them at the packing session on Thursday. Alternatively they will be available at the hall on Friday afternoon.

Badges are available at the gate at a cost of R50 per badge for those who require additional badges but have forgotten to order them. Alternatively you can purchase badges at scout shop (011 440 6490) at R40 per badge on Wednesday or Thursday.

Friday 15 May 2015:

We will be meeting at the scout hall at 14h30 on Friday afternoon. We will be travelling **in full scout uniform** so please arrive in your uniform (do not forget your badge). I would recommend that you make sure your bag is packed by Thursday evening at the latest so that you will not experience any delays in getting to hall.



We will obviously need to pack your bags into vehicles and anticipate leaving the scout hall at 15h00 on Friday afternoon. If you are running late on Friday please let me know or else we will assume that your parents are taking you directly to Kon Tiki and will not wait for you. I can be contacted on 084 758 4189.

Day visitors are encouraged to pop through on Friday evening to help build the raft and set up the campsite. If a day visitor needs a lift to Kontiki on Friday afternoon please let me know. Kon Tiki is taking place Arrowe Park, 5 Ebenezer Road, Benoni (just off the Atlas Road turnoff from the N12) A useful map can be found at <http://kontiki.scouts.co.za/Venue> for those who have not been to Arrowe Park before. We are team number 14 and can be found in sub-camp B (close to the cub den). Do not forget your scout uniform and badge. I would also recommend bringing clothes that you can change into for the evening to keep your uniform clean, preferably your camp uniform. You can leave your uniform in the campsite until your parents are ready to collect you.

We will be providing a boerewors roll for all scouts attending on the Friday evening, including day visitors. If you are a day visitor but will not be coming through on Friday please let me know for catering purposes. The gates of Kon Tiki close at 23h00 so your parents will need to collect you before then if you are a day visitor.

Saturday 16 May 2015:

The gates of Kon Tiki open at 06h00 and close at 22h00 on Saturday. Day visitors please note that you will not be provided with food on Saturday, so please either bring a packed lunch else money to buy food at the tuckshop.

The rafts will be launched at 11h00 on Saturday morning and this is always the highlight of the day. The beaver challenge will then be taking place from 11h00 to

15h00 for those who are interested in taking part. A cooking challenge will also be taking place from 14h30 to 17h30.



At the moment we are finalising which activities we will be taking part in. If you are a day visitor who wants to either lend a hand with running a beaver challenge base OR getting involved with the cooking compo please contact Dave Nunn on 082 453 8607.

Day visitors should arrive in full scout uniform. Please bring along a bag with clothes to change into (preferably camp uniform). You can leave your uniform in our campsite while you are taking part in the activities. I would also recommend that day visitors bring the following: a hat, sunscreen, a packed lunch / money and a water bottle.

Parents, cubs and friends are obviously welcome to visit during Saturday. Please remember to bring along a badge though or you can purchase a badge or a day pass at the gate.

Sunday 17 May 2015:

The gates open at 06h00 on Sunday. At 11h00 the rafts come off of the water and I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend Kon Tiki at this time to help with the dismantling of the raft. An old screwdriver is a very useful tool to bring along for this.

The closing ceremony and prize-giving will commence at 13h30 on the Sunday. We hope to leave Arrowe Park between 14h30 at 15h00. Scouts should be ready to be collected at the scout hall at approximately 16h00 on Sunday afternoon.

I would recommend that day visitors bring the same equipment as set out for the Saturday day visitors on Sunday.

Cost:

The cost of Kon Tiki is as follows:

Day Visitors:

R45,00 (Badge but no food except a wors roll on Friday evening)

Extra Badges:

R45,00 per badge

Scouts sleeping at Kon Tiki (Overnight visitor)

R250,00 per person (Badge, camping fees and food for the weekend)

Please make payment of your fees to the group bank account before Friday, the details of which are:

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

There is a tuckshop operating for the duration of Kon Tiki. Your son(s) will be provided with more than enough food for the weekend but if you feel the need you may give him some tuck money. Items on sale typically include hamburgers, wors rolls, bacon and egg rolls, sweets and cooldrinks.

Medical:

There is a first aid tent manned by paramedics at Kon Tiki in the event of an emergency. Please make sure that you clearly mark any medical issues we need to be aware of on your consent form, and make sure that your son has any personal medication that he requires.

If you have any dietary requirements please let me know by no later than Wednesday.

Forbidden Items:

This is a scout event and alcohol (even for adults), illegal substances and weapons are strictly forbidden. The SAPS will be on site to enforce this rule.



The normal ban on cellphones and similar electronic devices at scout events will be relaxed for the patrol leaders so that the organisers can communicate with you concerning events during the weekend. PLs should please ensure that their cellphones are fully charged as you will not be able to charge them at Kon Tiki. The scouters on site will have cellphones with them in the event that a scout needs to contact home in an emergency.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Hope to see you all on Friday.

Yours in scouting

Andrew Campbell

KIT LIST (for scouts who are sleeping overnight at Kon Tiki)

- 1 x sleeping bag
- 1 x pillow
- 1 x ground mattress (easily portable)
- 1 x towel
- Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, deodorant, sponge/facecloth, comb etc)
- 1 x swimming costume
- 2 x underwear
- 3 x shirts (one of these should be your troop golf shirt if you have)
- 2 x socks
- 1 x shorts
- 1 x long pants
- 1 x warm top (it gets cold)
- 1 x sleepwear (warm)
- 1 x closed shoes
- 1 x strops or similar. If you own water shoes bring these along. Getting a raft in and out of the water can be wet work. Sandals are preferable to strops as they do not come off in the water and offer more protection to your feet
- 1 x hat
- 1 x sunscreen
- 1 x beanie (optional)
- 1 x torch with batteries
- 1 x raincoat (stranger things have happened)
- Mess kit (plate, bowl, spoon, fork, knife, mug, drying towel etc)
- 1 x 1 litre water bottle or similar (for use during the day)
- Personal medication
- Consent form (essential)
- Scout uniform with a hanger to keep it on
- Sunscreen
- Your green card (invested scouts only)
- 1 x old screwdriver
- 1 x charged cellphone (**PLs only**)
- 1 x Kon Tiki Badge (preferably sewn onto your uniform)